

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Angleton

The City of Angleton, Texas City Council conducted its Regular Monthly Meeting at 6 p.m., Tuesday, July 14, 2009, with the following in attendance:

J. Patrick Henry	Mayor
Rudy Santos	Mayor Pro Tem
Jason Perez	Councilman
Gregg Dykes	Councilman
John Wright	Absent
Randy Rhyne	Absent

OTHERS PRESENT:

Greg Smith	City Manager
Herbert L. Prouty	Interim City Attorney
Shelly Deisher	City Secretary
Herb Smith	City Engineer
Susie Hernandez	Financial Director
David Ashburn	Chief of Police
Chris Saddler	Parks Department
Patti Worfe	Economic Development Director
Robert Heinemeyer	Public Works Director
Robert Owens	Director

And those listed on the guest registry.

1. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR HENRY. 6:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Moment of Silent Reflection/Prayer.
4. **Citizens wishing to address council:** None.
5. **Requests to address Council other than citizenry.** None.
6. **Consent items:** Minutes from June 23, 2009 meeting.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Santos to approve June 23, 2009 meeting minutes,
Second by Councilman Dykes

Motion passes with 4 for; 0 against.

ACTION ITEMS:

7. Discussion and possible action on approval of Resolution No. 2009-R-7A, a resolution of the City of Angleton, Texas authorizing the submission of a Criminal Justice Division Grant application to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, for the purchase of certain electronic equipment for the Police Department.

Greg Smith: This resolution is required to be passed for us to apply for Grant. Went to HGAC yesterday to make presentation. Chief Ashburn, Susie Hernandez, Chris Saddler and I went to presentation. They have 9.3 million dollars and 12 or 13 million dollars in request. We had a real good presentation. Applied for surveillance security system for Freedom and Bates Parks, live scan fingerprint ID for PD and nine laptops for CID division. Staff is recommending approval.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Santos to approve Resolution No. 2009-R-7A;
Second by Councilman Perez.

Mayor Pro Tem Santos: Other people making presentations with a wide spectrum of requests?

Greg Smith: Yes. Some communities requested vehicles. Some communities requested courtroom security; one school district was requesting quarter million dollars for computer forensic software.

Motion passes with 4 for; 0 against.

8. Discussion and possible action on approval of Resolution No. 2009-R-7B, a resolution to suspend effective date and provide authority to join with other cities in acting on rate request with regard to the filing by CenterPoint Gas.

Herb Prouty: CenterPoint filed a request to increase rates by \$2 million. The Gulf Coast Area and coalition have joined

together. If CenterPoint's request was granted, it would be about a 68 cent increase per bill. Consultants who have been hired do not have time to study the increase. We did add Section 10 because if you pass the resolution, we have to give notice to CenterPoint about rate suspension and effective date.

Motion by Councilman Perez to approve Resolution No. 2009-R-7B;

Second by Councilman Dykes.

Motion passes with 4 for; 0 against.

9. Discussion and possible action on renovation of the old City Council chambers.

Greg Smith: In the past, we have had some discussions of what to do with the old Council Chambers. Thought process is to move our building/code enforcement offices into that area. They have two offices and they are out of room. We have one inspector who does not have a desk. Take old council room, install two rooms and have a lobby area. They will use front doors of City Hall. There will be a glass partition wall that will be built. They do not want built-ins...would rather have desks, which is different than the design picture. Current mayor's office would become the plan/review room. The three outside employees would have cubicles. Sample shown of what cubicle looks like. When they come in to do paperwork, this would give them an area to work. Gives us room for expansion for one more person. High estimate of \$50,000, including cubicles. We are about \$18,550 for construction and air conditioning. \$4,500 for cubicles. Could come in as low as \$35,000. Staff is requesting that you give us authorization to proceed. Have about \$75,000 left from the new City Hall renovation. Would use these funds for this project. Baker & Lawson drawing up better guidelines for construction to get most competitive bids.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Santos to approve the renovation of the old City Council chambers for building/code enforcement offices;

Second by Councilman Perez.

Councilman Perez: E-shaped thing...like an X...when you walk in, did you mention something or did I miss something?

Greg Smith: Not having built-ins. Also moved over building official door to the side.

Councilman Perez: So that will be like a window they will walk up to?

Greg Smith: Yes, sir, like municipal court.

Councilman Perez: Estimated time for completion?

Greg Smith: Probably within two months.

Motion passes with 4 for; 0 against.

10. Update on tourism.

Patti Worfe: During budget workshops starting talking about tourism. I was concerned about my large department taking on the task. I asked Kay to come tonight. We had the softball tournament this past weekend. I have been working with Kay and their group at Bay Star. They have been fabulous. They came up with great ideas and walked us through the process. Hotels were full all weekend. Restaurants were full. Huge success. We have a new map. It has Angleton on one side and flip side has a county map. We have listed all points of interest, grocery stores, schools, municipal locations, courthouse, DPS office, museum and SF Austin statue. On back side of the map, there are the county attractions. All hotels will have these. We will frame a copy and each hotel will have it hanging in their lobby. Other piece that goes hand in hand is the map pads. Come in pads of 50. We will leave these with hotels. There is a potential to leave these in a lot of places. Most parks are listed on the back and restaurants with their phone numbers.

Wanted to do something for each of the softball players. Kay came up with concept of doing team bags. Every team got a bag. We hosted coaches' luncheon and coaches had to be there. They were so excited about the bags. Were very grateful. Had maps, 15 player bags and each player bag had small map, coupon book that Baystar printed that had coupons from local area restaurants with rec center pass and printed a softball with logo on it. We didn't want to change the logo, but we did want it to be a little different. Logo said the same, but

it says stay in the heart of the fun. Next big project will be true brochure that will go with map...to outline why people should come here and want to be here. Hotels are very happy because we were trying to promote their business. Next couple of weeks we will make sure that Chamber and Museum have maps.

Mayor: Who else worked at the tournament?

Patti Worfe: True team effort. Parks people had information and first aid booth.

Greg Smith: We have ordered 300 maps that are not folded which can be framed. We will let businesses buy the current map at cost. We are obviously going to save some for the schools. This is the first part of the tourism updates.

11. City Staff Comments/Questions

12. Council Information

Mayor Patrick Henry- Fun at the Summer Jamboree at Astros game

Mayor Pro Tem Rudy Santos – nothing.

Councilman Jason Perez – Attend opening ceremonies at Softball game, as far away as Midland. Kuddos to employees working. Took delivery of brand new ambulance on the street.

Councilman Gregg Dykes – Kuddos to hard work on the employees. Overlay work is good around town.

Councilman John Wright – absent.

Councilman Randy Rhyne – absent.

13. Council adjourned into executive session at 6:47 p.m.

No action out of executive session.

Adjourn 7:14 p.m.

J. Patrick Henry, Mayor

Shelly Deisher, City Secretary