

See line 480 for Agenda Item on Flag Donation Program

1 The City Council of the City of Seabrook met in regular session on Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 7:00
2 p.m. in Seabrook City Hall, 1700 First Street, Seabrook, Texas, with a teleconference session
3 available to attendees not wishing to attend the meeting in person, to discuss, consider and if
4 appropriate, take action on the items listed below.

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6 **THOSE PRESENT WERE:**

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| 7 THOM KOLUPSKI | MAYOR |
| 8 ED KLEIN | COUNCIL PLACE NO. 1 |
| 9 ROB HEFNER | COUNCIL PLACE NO. 2 |
| 10 JEFF LARSON | COUNCIL PLACE NO. 3 |
| 11 MICHAEL GIANGROSSO | COUNCIL PLACE NO. 4 |
| 12 BUDDY HAMMANN | COUNCIL PLACE NO. 5 |
| 13 JOE MACHOL | COUNCIL PLACE NO. 6 |
| 14 GAYLE COOK | CITY MANAGER |
| 15 SEAN LANDIS | DEPUTY CITY MANAGER |
| 16 STEVE WEATHERED | CITY ATTORNEY |
| 17 ROBIN LENIO | CITY SECRETARY |

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19 Mayor Kolupski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the audience in the United States
20 and Texas Pledges of Allegiance.

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22 **1. PRESENTATIONS**

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24 **1.1** Presentation of a Proclamation to recognize June 5-13, 2021 as National Fishing and Boating
25 Week. *Thom Kolupski, Mayor*

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27 Mayor Kolupski read the proclamation aloud and proclaimed the week of June 5-13, 2021
28 as National Fishing and Boating Week.

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30 **1.2** Presentation of a Proclamation to John Chisler in recognition of his many years of service to
31 the City of Seabrook. *Thom Kolupski, Mayor and Yesenia Garza, Director of Human Resources*

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33 Mayor Kolupski read the proclamation aloud, presented the proclamation to Mr. Chisler,
34 and proclaimed June 1, 2021 as John Chisler Day in the City of Seabrook.

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36 **1.3** Recognition of Seabrook Police Department Sergeant Will Haskett by Federal Bureau of
37 Investigation Special Agent Glenn Gregory. *Thom Kolupski, Mayor and Sean Wright, Chief of*
38 *Police*

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40 Sean Wright, Chief of Police, introduced Federal Bureau of Investigation Special Agent
41 Glenn Gregory. Special Agent Gregory, who was joined by Texas Ranger Brandon Bess, detailed
42 a joint investigation in which Sergeant Haskett was involved, and commended Sergeant Haskett
43 on being an outstanding law enforcement officer. Sergeant Haskett was presented with a certificate

44 of recognition from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and he thanked everyone involved in the
45 case, which he remarked was a joint effort. Ranger Bess thanked Sergeant Haskett for his work,
46 and said that the Seabrook Police Department did an outstanding job in preserving the evidence
47 for a decades old case.

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49 **2. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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51 Pam Silverthorn, 2028 Lakeside Drive, spoke about noise issues. She lives approximately
52 2000 feet from The Yard/Barge complex, and last weekend the noise was so loud that she could
53 hear every word spoken by the band even when she was inside her house. Ms. Silverthorn is aware
54 that the City has conducted a noise study, and she thanked the City for its efforts.

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56 Joshua Perrella, 650 N. Flamingo Drive, has lived at his home for seven years and is the
57 vice-president for Seascape I and II. While he empathizes with other residents who complain about
58 the noise from the bars, he encouraged people to keep everything in perspective; as long as the
59 businesses are following the ordinances that already exist, the City should not set the precedence
60 that it will target individual businesses for being loud. If it does, the homeowner's association that
61 he represents would likely demand that the City go after the refineries for their noise output. Mr.
62 Perrella would like to see evidence that the people who can hear loud noise inside their homes
63 actually do. In the meantime, he encouraged the City to support its businesses as much as possible.

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65 Shelby Sumrall, who did not provide her address, is a manager at Cabo, one of the bars that
66 is being discussed for being loud. She has worked there for about four years, and wanted to know
67 what she could do to avoid complaints. Cabo gets several calls a day complaining of loud noise,
68 and it would like to be a good neighbor. The decibel readings that have been taken following
69 complaints have generally shown the bar to be in compliance.

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71 Dawn Davis, 2013 Ocean View Drive, noted that noise from a bar is different from noise
72 from a moving object such as an airplane or a police car's siren. Mrs. Davis said that the noise
73 problem is from The Barge, and not from Cabo. She has lived in her current house for 28 years,
74 and her home is her main investment. The noise is affecting her health; it is loud, pervasive,
75 harming her, and giving her anxiety. She gets decibel level readings of around 89, and neither she
76 nor her neighbors are able to go outside and enjoy their yards and their pools. The noise goes on
77 for four or five days a week, and the lifestyles of residents in the area have been destroyed. She
78 urged the City to find a solution to it, be it through a noise barrier or other means.

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80 Elisa McNally, 2124 E. Willow Dell Drive, thanked the Council and City Manager for
81 being so responsive to her complaints about loud noise from The Barge. Ms. McNally loves
82 Seabrook and the Seabrook community, but is concerned about the noise and the wellbeing of the
83 community.

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85 Joseph McCollum, 2730 Larrabee Street, thanked Council for allowing him to speak about
86 his concerns. Mr. McCollum and his wife have resided at their house for 25 years. He said that the
87 volume of the sound from The Barge is incredible; it is so loud that it drives him indoors and has

88 changed his lifestyle because he has to avoid the loud noise. It is inappropriate for The Barge to
89 be that loud.

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91 Jordan Applebe, 1206 Cambridge Court, has been a musician since he was a teenager, and
92 has played music in Seabrook for about a decade. While he respects the concerns that his fellow
93 residents have expressed tonight about loud music, Cabo and especially The Barge, have been
94 doing something that had not been previously done in Seabrook – bringing in highly talented
95 musicians. One of the things that Mr. Applebe likes the most about Seabrook is how neighborly
96 people are, and the City also needs to be neighborly by not overlegislating and thereby not
97 hampering local businesses’ ability to contribute to the local economy. Those businesses also
98 partake in philanthropic activities such as sponsoring pet adoption events, which they could no
99 longer afford to do if the City hampers their ability to do business.

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101 Robert J. Lamy, 1830 Lakeside Drive, said that he also has concerns about the loud music
102 that is coming from The Barge. This past Sunday night the music was phenomenally loud. As a
103 business owner in Kemah, Mr. Lamy said that he is aware that cities must hold businesses
104 accountable for loud noise. He does not see where The Barge ever had permission to set up their
105 sound stage or to play music that loudly. The loud noise is unfair, and something needs to be done
106 to correct it; the owner of The Barge would not accept it next to their house. His next-door neighbor
107 has already moved to get away from the loud music, and he is considering doing the same thing.

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109 Jeff Wickham, 4101 NASA Road 1, supports The Barge, even though he understands
110 others’ concerns. Perhaps The Barge could consider moving its stage so that the noise goes a
111 different direction. Mr. Wickham used to live near the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion in The
112 Woodlands, so he understands what it is like living near an outdoor live music venue. The Barge
113 is one of the reasons why he chose to live in Seabrook, and likes having such a venue so close to
114 his home where he can take his friends and family.

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116 Douglas Strebel, 2439 Lakewood Pointe, has already addressed Council several times
117 regarding his concerns about loud music. He would like to present a summary of his
118 recommendations for addressing the issue so that the community and businesses can thrive. He
119 would like to see no outdoor live or electronically amplified music after sunset with the exception
120 of Friday and Saturday when it must stop at 10:00 p.m. Sound volume should not exceed 65
121 decibels in the daytime, 55 decibels in the evening (5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.), or 45 decibels in the
122 daytime. He would also like to see the readings use the C standard, and not the A standard, so as
123 to better read bass music. Event venues or one-time events should be required regularly to obtain
124 a conditional use permit to help mitigate the risk for repeat noise offenders. The current noise
125 regulations simply do not work. Mr. Strebel would like it to be statutorily defined that noise to be
126 presumed to be unreasonable and a nuisance if it is plainly audible from another property. Noise
127 complaints should be placed into a public portal so that they are available to the public without
128 people needing to submit a Public Information Request.

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130 Amy Strebel, 2439 Lakewood Pointe, said that she is again speaking about the ongoing
131 issue of noise coming from Cabo, The Barge, and The Yard. It is a daily issue about which she has
132 complained multiple times. Between the three businesses, the music goes until 2:00 a.m. six to

133 seven days a week. The noise rattles her windows and she can no longer listen to her television at
134 a reasonable volume or have friends over. Loud noise affects her health by preventing her from
135 falling asleep at a reasonable hour. She asked that Council amend the noise ordinance to use the C
136 wave instead and to require that noise readings be measured from a more accurate location. She
137 asked that all outdoor music be required to stop at sunset during the week and at 10:00 p.m. on
138 Fridays and Saturdays, and that subjective findings be allowed. Fines should be increased, and the
139 police should issue citations while on scene.

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141 Ed VanBlarcom, 2433 La Rochelle Court, is a former live sound worker who has worked
142 with many famous bands in the past. He described the different kind of speaker cabinets available
143 – some that are long-throw and some that are short-throw. The City should look at what type of
144 speakers the businesses have. Mr. VanBlarcom is a lover of music, and believes that changes to
145 the type of speaker boxes might help alleviate some of the problem. The traffic on East NASA
146 Parkway 1 for vehicles turning into and out of these businesses is also a big problem, and the road
147 markings should be adjusted to better control and protect traffic in that area. He would like to know
148 what wave measure the City uses for sound readings – use of the slow response measurement is
149 far better than the fast response for this purpose.

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151 Judy Getty, 2041 Lakeside Drive, is all for business and a lifelong fan of rock and roll. She
152 lives about half of a mile away from the music venues, and can no longer have her grandchildren
153 come over four nights a week because of how inappropriate the music is. The businesses have had
154 really good bands there, but they each function as concert venues and are blasting residential areas
155 with the noise. There are a lot of children nearby who are affected by the noise. This issue needs
156 to be heard; people can no longer enjoy their patios, and can hear every word of music until the
157 early morning hours. On Sunday before Memorial Day, the music was so loud that it was hurting
158 her eardrums. The businesses bring in money, but the noise is unreasonable for the peace of
159 Seabrook residents. They need to quiet down or use different speakers so that people can enjoy
160 their homes; concert venues do not belong in town.

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162 Andy Billip, 2437 Lakewood Pointe, thanked the other speakers for expressing their
163 concerns about loud music. He asked the Council what it thinks the City can do to address this
164 issue. There are a lot of people expressing the same complaint, and the statute defines what
165 constitutes unreasonable noise. Action must be taken when people are suffering anxiety, losing
166 sleep, or considering moving out of town to avoid the loud music. Calls to the police department
167 at 1:00 a.m. or 2:00 a.m. take thirty to forty minutes to be addressed, and they have the music
168 turned down before even speaking to the complainant. Businesses can be successful while still
169 being respectful. Council needs to step up and correct the problem.

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171 Jesse Jones, 1421 Todville Road, spoke regarding Item 5.5, the Carothers Coastal Garden
172 main structure. He was upset to see the item on the agenda because the City purchased that asset
173 in 2008 for the ridiculous price of \$1.8 million, and then spent \$500,000 making it accessible for
174 people with disabilities. The house cost the taxpayers about \$500,000 and has been left to
175 deteriorate for years. The Community House across the street from City Hall is almost 100 years
176 old but has served the city well. Mr. Jones said that the insurance estimates are far more expensive
177 than what the work would cost. He asked that the Council either vote to table the item or vote to

178 rebuild it. The Carothers Task Force II has been working hard on plans for the property, and can
179 be an asset to Council going forward with this issue.

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181 Sally Antrobus, 526 Surf Oaks Drive, spoke in her personal capacity and not as a member
182 of the Open Space and Trails Committee. The Carothers property gets a great deal of use, about
183 50 people per day, and she sees it as an extension of the trails system. Many of the users arrive on
184 foot, so the large parking lot is not needed. Many visitors are repeat visitors who relish the quiet
185 and peace that the property affords. The City should view the freeze damage as an opportunity –
186 in rebuilding, improvements can be made to a property that is such a source of pride for the
187 community.

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189 Debra Harper, 506 Baywood Drive, welcomed Michael Giangrosso back to Council, and
190 thanked Council for its hard work. Most of Ms. Harper’s neighbors voted in favor of the purchase
191 of the Carothers property, and the few complaints that they had about loud music from the property
192 have been addressed. As a member of the Open Space and Trails Committee, she has put a lot of
193 time into the property. She is disappointed that the property has been left to deteriorate, and that
194 she found out about the possible disposition of the property accidentally by viewing today’s
195 agenda.

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197 Jimmy Hughes, 2435 Lakewood Pointe, has lived at that address since 2007 when the
198 nearby businesses (Cabo, The Yard, The Barge) had live music indoors. The businesses thrived
199 before they added outdoor music, and the relationship between the businesses and the residents
200 was acceptable. Now that they have outdoor music, the relationship between the businesses and
201 residents is intolerable.

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203 John Byers, 1123 Tangle Briar Drive, recently moved to Seabrook. One of the big draws
204 for both him and his wife was the large number of small businesses in the area. The real estate
205 market in Seabrook and the surrounding area is very hot at the moment, and shows no sign of
206 slowing down. He noted that the businesses who have been criticized for loud music and those
207 who spoke in favor of those businesses both spoke about wanting to be good neighbors, whereas
208 those who spoke against the businesses asked for legislation and laws to control the businesses’
209 behavior.

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211 Jeff Schafer, General Manager at The Barge, said that he has previously spoken to most of
212 the people in this room. The Barge and its owners want to come up with a solution as much as
213 anyone else does. The owners have put a lot into the business while avoiding the problems that
214 Kemah has with similar businesses. He apologized for everything that has happened that has resulted
215 in The Barge’s neighbors’ complaints, such as loud music, and promised that The Barge is willing
216 to work with the City to come up with a solution.

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218 Pete Braccio, no address given, asked that Item 5.5 be moved to Item 5.2, as the Carothers
219 item is otherwise buried in the agenda. He said that he is familiar with noise concerns from The
220 Barge, and that the City had a fairly good noise ordinance on the books that he has heard has been
221 slowly eroded since he was a member of Council. People’s homes are their biggest investment,
222 and Seabrook has ordinances on the books to protect them. 85 decibels is very loud.

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Ms. Moore, no address given, has frequented The Barge and has sat very close to the stage on many occasions. The Barge is indeed close to residential neighborhoods, but it is nice to have a local venue for live music that is not as tourist-centered as is the case in Kemah. The City should research the White Oak concert venue in Houston – it is also an outdoor music venue that is in the middle of a neighborhood. With a capacity of 3,000 to 3,500 people, they have managed to make it work for years. Ms. Moore hopes that The Barge, the cool little venue on the lake, can be kept while also addressing the needs of its neighbors. As far as the Carothers building, she would like to see the property rebuilt and not torn down.

3. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS - INTERVIEW CANDIDATES AND APPOINTMENTS

3.1 Interview candidates for a position on the Seabrook Open Space and Trails Committee. *City Council*

Council interviewed Nehemiah Jackson, who has lived in Seabrook for four to five years. Mr. Jackson is a member of the Carothers Task Force, and has a background in architecture, engineering, and space planning.

Council interviewed Myrron Willie, who grew up in the area and has recently moved back after serving in the military in several capacities. Mr. Willie also owned a property preservation company and is a pastor. He first came to City Hall because he wanted to improve the condition of the City’s basketball court, which has a slippery surface. He said that he is so passionate about improving the City that he had offered to pay for the surface improvements himself.

3.2 Consider and take all appropriate action on the appointment of a member to the Seabrook Open Space and Trails Committee. *City Council*

Motion was made by Councilmember Hammann and seconded by Councilmember Klein

To appoint Nehemiah Jackson to the Seabrook Open Space and Trails Committee.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Approve the minutes of the May 11, 2021 special City Council meeting. *Alun Thomas, Deputy City Secretary*

4.2 Approve the minutes of the May 24, 2021 special City Council meeting. *Alun Thomas, Deputy City Secretary*

266 **4.3** Consider and take all appropriate action on a one-year extension of a contract for Project
267 2018-02 between the City of Seabrook and Ceres Environmental Services, Inc.
268 for **Primary** Disaster Debris Removal Services. *Kevin Padgett, Director of Public Works*
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270 **4.4** Consider and take all appropriate action on a one-year extension of a contract for Project
271 2018-02 between the City of Seabrook and Custom Tree Care, Inc. for **Secondary** Disaster Debris
272 Removal Services. *Kevin Padgett, Director of Public Works*
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274 **4.5** Consider and take all appropriate action on a one-year extension of a contract for Project
275 2018-02 between the City of Seabrook and DRC Emergency Services, LLC for **Tertiary** Disaster
276 Debris Removal Services. *Kevin Padgett, Director of Public Works*
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278 **4.6** Consider and take all appropriate action on a one-year extension of a contract for Project
279 2018-02 between the City of Seabrook and TFR Enterprises, Inc. for **Quaternary** Disaster Debris
280 Removal Services. *Kevin Padgett, Director of Public Works*
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282 **4.7** Consider and take all appropriate action on a one-year extension of a contract for Project
283 2018-02 between the City of Seabrook and True North Emergency Management, LLC for Debris
284 Monitoring Services. *Kevin Padgett, Director of Public Works*
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286 **4.8** Approve the ratification of the City Manager's appointment of Glenn Royal to the Civil
287 Service Commission for a term ending June 2024. *Gayle Cook, City Manager*
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289 *Motion was made by Councilmember Hammann and seconded by Councilmember Machol*
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291 *To approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. .*
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293 *MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT*
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295 **5. NEW BUSINESS**

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297 At the request made by former Councilmember Braccio during public comments, Mayor
298 Kolupski moved Item 5.5 to before Item 5.1.
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300 **5.5** Consider and take all appropriate action on the Carothers Coastal Garden main structure and
301 associated insurance claim from winter storm damage. *Gayle Cook, City Manager*
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303 City Manager Gayle Cook, informed Council that following discussions with the City's
304 insurance provider, staff has two approaches for Council to consider tonight. The first approach is
305 to remediate the mold and raze the structure and not rebuild (\$236,027.25 with depreciation,
306 remediation, demolition, and deductible), and the second is to rebuild (\$593,217.25 with mold
307 remediation, internal demolition, build back, deduct depreciation and elevate the structure). Some
308 items are not covered in the rebuild cost, such as rerouting the plumbing and correcting any damage
309 to the stucco that results from elevating the building.
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311 Council discussed the role of the existing Carothers Task Force II on this topic, with the
312 consensus of Council being that the Task Force should review the options and present Council
313 with its recommendation for how best to proceed.

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315 *Motion was made by Councilmember Hammann and seconded by Councilmember Machol*

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317 *To table Item 5.5.*

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319 **MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

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321 **5.1** Consider and take all appropriate action on the presentation of the Study of Live Music Sound
322 Levels along 2400-2700 NASA Parkway by SLR International and review city's noise ordinance,
323 noise complaints, and possible modifications to the code. *Gayle Cook, City Manager and Nick*
324 *Block, Senior Engineer, SLR*

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326 City Manager, Gayle Cook, introduced Nick Block, Senior Engineer at SLR International
327 Corporation, and presented the item to Council, as shown in Attachment A. Mr. Block noted that
328 the City of Houston's noise ordinance, which is included as a part of Attachment A, sets far lower
329 limits for loud music than the City of Seabrook's noise ordinance does. The City of Seabrook's
330 noise limit, he commented, is very high, and he suggested updating it to match the levels specified
331 in the City of Houston's ordinance.

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333 Council discussed the noise readings from Attachment A, which largely are under the limits
334 included in the City of Houston's ordinance, and yet are very clearly a nuisance to many people in
335 the city. Mr. Block believes that reorienting the loudspeakers at the businesses could result in a
336 noise level reduction of up to ten decibels. In response to questions from Council, Mr. Block said
337 that he believes that the music was being played at a quieter level than is typical for a venue of that
338 type; that the noise readings that he took show levels that are not violations of the City's noise
339 ordinance; and that the "C" weighting for noise readings is not an appropriate measure for
340 environmental noise measurement, as the "A" weighting is better suited to mimic how the human
341 ear hears sound. He does not believe that low frequency sound is that much of a problem, especially
342 at The Barge. Council discussed the profanity that is often used during the live events over the
343 speakers, remarking that it is a source of many complaints.

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345 In response to a question from Council, Ms. Cook confirmed that the owners of The Barge,
346 who were not present at the meeting, were aware of this evening's discussion well in advance of
347 the meeting. Jeff Schafer, General Manager at The Barge, spoke with Council about the
348 suggestions to reduce noise complaints. He noted that the volume at which music is played varies
349 based on many factors, including how many people are in attendance – sometimes there are 150-
350 200 people, but last Sunday, for example, The Barge had over 1,100 people attend an Aaron
351 Watson concert.

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353 Mayor Kolupski said that he is not a supporter of adding legislation on top of more
354 legislation as a way to solve problems. He suggested that before Council considers any changes,
355 the businesses be allowed to make some of the suggested changes made today in the meeting and

356 in SLR's report to reduce the level of noise output. He said that the businesses should get a couple
357 more weeks to improve – noting that two weeks of loud noise is still a lot – before Council revisits
358 the matter.

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360 *Motion was made by Councilmember Hammann and seconded by Councilmember Machol*

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362 *To take no action on Item 5.1 and that the Item be added to the next regular Council agenda.*

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364 *MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT*

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366 **5.2** Consider and take all appropriate action on Resolution 2021-09, "Texas Outlaw Challenge
367 2021 No Wake Zone". *LeaAnn Petersen, Director of Community & Visitor Relations*

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369 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEABROOK, TEXAS,
370 SUPPORTING A NO WAKE ZONE IN AND AROUND THE SEABROOK CLEAR LAKE
371 AREA ON JUNE 25, 2021 DURING THE TEXAS OUTLAW CHALLENGE.

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373 *Motion was made by Councilmember Giangrosso and seconded by Councilmember Machol*

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375 *To approve Resolution 2021-09, "Texas Outlaw Challenge 2021 No Wake Zone"*

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377 *MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT*

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379 **5.3** Consider and take all appropriate action on Ordinance 2021-10, "Changing the Normal Start
380 Time for Regular Meetings of the City Council to 6:00 p.m." *Joe Machol, Council Position 6*

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382 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF SEABROOK CHAPTER 2,
383 "ADMINISTRATION", ARTICLE II, "CITY COUNCIL", DIVISION 2, "MEETINGS",
384 SECTION 2-46 "MEETINGS", BY AMENDING SUBSECTION (a), "REGULAR MEETINGS"
385 TO PROVIDE FOR REGULAR MEETING DATES OF THE CITY COUNCIL, WITH
386 COMMENCEMENT TO ORDINARILY BEGIN AT 6:00 P.M.; REPEALING ALL
387 ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT
388 HERewith; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE
389 DATE.

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391 Council discussed the benefits and drawbacks of the proposed change, noting that staff
392 currently has to stay two hours past their regular workday just for the meeting to begin, but that
393 citizens also need time to get from their jobs to the Council meeting before it starts.

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395 *Motion was made by Councilmember Machol and seconded by Councilmember Klein*

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397 *To approve the first reading of Ordinance 2021-10, "Changing the Normal Start Time for Regular*
398 *Meetings of the City Council to 6:00 p.m."*

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400 *MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT*

401 **5.4** Consider and discuss the City's 60th Birthday events and activities including the installation
402 of banners throughout the city advertising the event, appointments to the 60th Birthday Advisory
403 Committee, and the approval of the event budget in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 from the
404 City's FY21-22 Hotel Occupancy Fund. *Joe Machol, Councilmember Position 6,*
405 *and LeaAnn Petersen, Director of Community & Visitor Relations*

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407 LeaAnn Petersen, Director of Community & Visitor Relations presented the Item to
408 Council, as shown in Attachment B, and Council briefly discussed the presentation.

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410 *Motion was made by Councilmember Klein and seconded by Councilmember Larson*

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412 *To nominate Councilmember Giangrosso as the Council's representative to the 60th Birthday*
413 *Advisory Committee.*

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415 **MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

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417 Council directed that staff determine the remainder of the 60th Birthday Advisory
418 Committee members.

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420 *Motion was made by Councilmember Giangrosso and seconded by Councilmember Hammann*

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422 *To approve the event budget in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 from the City's FY21-22 Hotel*
423 *Occupancy Fund, finding that such expenditure would enhance and promote tourism.*

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425 **MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

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427 **5.6** Consider and take all appropriate action on the planting of a live oak tree in honor of Laura
428 Davis' time spent as a member of Council, and the planting of a bald cypress tree in honor of
429 Natalie Picha's time spent as a member of Council. *Joe Machol, Councilmember Position 6*

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431 Councilmember Machol presented his proposal, and said that he felt that it is appropriate
432 to honor the outgoing councilmembers with trees. Council discussed whether they would set a
433 precedent if they planted the trees, and if they did, whether it would be insulting to previous
434 members of Council, who did not have trees planted in their honor. Given the cost and space
435 requirements for trees, Council discussed instead honoring outgoing members with U.S. flags that
436 would be used for display in the City during holidays.

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438 *Motion was made by Councilmember Hammann and seconded by Councilmember Larson*

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440 *To honor Laura Davis and Natalie Picha through the purchase of American flags instead of trees.*

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442 **MOTION TO HONOR LAURA DAVIS AND NATALIE PICHA THROUGH THE PURCHASE OF**
443 **AMERICAN FLAGS INSTEAD OF TREES FAILED BY A 4-3 VOTE AS FOLLOWS:**

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445 *Klein – nay*

446 *Hefner – yea*
447 *Larson – nay*
448 *Mayor – nay*
449 *Giangrosso – nay*
450 *Hammann – yea*
451 *Machol – yea*

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453 **5.7** Consider and take all appropriate action on the reappointment of Miles Whittington, David
454 Salinsky, and Kathleen McCumber, as the Alternate Judges of the Seabrook Municipal Court of
455 Record, each for a four year term to expire on June 7, 2025, and, as applicable, a waiver of the
456 residency requirement for each as allowed under Section 9.02 of the City Charter. *City Council*

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458 *Motion was made by Councilmember Hammann and seconded by Councilmember Giangrosso*

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460 *To reappoint Miles Whittington, David Salinsky, and Kathleen McCumber, as the Alternate Judges*
461 *of the Seabrook Municipal Court of Record, each for a four year term to expire on June 7, 2025,*
462 *and, as applicable, a waiver of the residency requirement for each as allowed under Section 9.02*
463 *of the City Charter*

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465 **MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

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467 **5.8** Consider and take all appropriate action on the approval of employing the services of special
468 counsel, Olson & Olson, LLP, for code enforcement and related services and authorizing the City
469 Manager to sign any documents applicable. *Gayle Cook, City Manager*

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471 *Motion was made by Councilmember Hammann and seconded by Councilmember Giangrosso*

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473 *To approve employing the services of special counsel, Olson & Olson, LLP, for code enforcement*
474 *and related services and authorizing the City Manager to sign any documents applicable*

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476 **MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

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478 **6. DISCUSSION**

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480 **6.1** Discuss, consider, and if appropriate, take action on the formation of an American Flag
481 Donation Program. *Joe Machol, Councilmember Position 6, and Gayle Cook, City Manager*

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483 Councilmember Machol presented and described his proposed flag donation program,
484 remarking that the flags would last a long time, given that they would only be displayed four to
485 five times a year. Council discussed the cost to the City for installing the flags, the availability of
486 outside organizations to install flags, and whether future improvements to Main Street might
487 require the flagpole holders to be moved. City Manager, Gayle Cook, said that if the City would
488 have to monitor an outside contractor installing flags, then it would be just as cost effective for the
489 City to perform the installation itself. She confirmed with Council that the proposal at hand is for
490 the creation of a \$100-per-flag donation program, which would include the cost of the flagpole

491 and holder. Council discussed the need to know the upfront and recurring annual costs for the
492 display and removal, four times per year, of the flags, and directed staff to calculate and then
493 present the cost estimate to Council.

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495 *Motion was made by Councilmember Hammann and seconded by Councilmember Larson*

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497 *To extend the meeting until 10:15 p.m.*

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499 **MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

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501 **7. ROUTINE BUSINESS**

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503 **7.1** Update and report on various items that require no action, including SH 146 Expansion
504 Project, City of Seabrook CIP Projects, City of Seabrook Strategic Plan, City of Seabrook Grant
505 Administration, and 2021 State Legislative Session. *Gayle Cook, City Manager and Robin Lenio,*
506 *City Secretary*

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508 City Manager, Gayle Cook, gave a report to City Council on the SH 146 Expansion Project,
509 City of Seabrook CIP Projects, City of Seabrook Strategic Plan, City of Seabrook Grant
510 Administration, and the 2021 State Legislative Session, as shown in Attachment C.

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512 **7.2** Establish future meeting dates and agenda items. *City Council*

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514 The next regular City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 15, 2021, in person,
515 at 7:00p.m. City Council will also hold a strategic planning meeting on June 25, 2021.

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517 Upon motion duly made and seconded, Mayor Kolupski adjourned the meeting at 10:09 p.m.

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519 Approved this 15th day of June, 2021.

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525 *Robin Lenio*

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528 Robin Lenio, TRMC
529 City Secretary

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Capital Improvement Projects

PINE GULLY WASTEWATER PLANT \$35,946,438

HMGP Grant - FEMA and TDEM have met on Seabrook's application and will issue an update in June 2021

SH 146 CITY UTILITY RELOCATES \$3,694,358

Due to SH 1456 expansion city infrastructure was required to relocate out of state right of way

SMART METERS \$3,000,000

Certificates of Obligation were issued in 2020 to replace all the water meters with new technology and real time tracking to customers. Staff is working with consulting team on data integration and equipment orders.

SEASCAPE AND BAYBROOK SUBDIVISION \$2,238,000

Two drainage improvement projects in partnership with a grant from Harris County. Staff has received plans and in review.

Grants Update

Texas Parks and Wildlife Grant (TPWG) 4,500 linear feet of decomposed granite and two bridge crossings over Pine Gully for a hike and bike trail. *Pending Summer Announcements from Texas Parks and Wildlife*

Livable Centers Program (HGAC) – *Next Stakeholder Meeting July 13, 2021*
Website www.oldseabrookdistrict.com

Harris County – Partnership Grants Hike and Bike Trail Approved on Meyer from SH 146 to N. Meyer *Pending Engineering Kick-Off*

Port of Houston – Community Grant Submitted for Seabrook Wildlife Trail Head Improvements *Pending awards of Full Application submittals*

Thank You

QUESTIONS
