

1 The City Council of the City of Seabrook and the Seabrook Open Space and Trails Committee met
2 in special joint session on Monday, July 18, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in Seabrook Public Works Training
3 Room, 1100 Red Bluff Road, Seabrook, Texas to discuss, consider and if appropriate, take action
4 on the items listed below.

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6 THOSE PRESENT WERE:

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8 **CITY COUNCIL**

9 THOM KOLUPSKI	MAYOR
10 JACKIE RASCO	COUNCIL PLACE NO. 1
11 ROB HEFNER	COUNCIL PLACE NO. 2
12 TOM TOLLETT	COUNCIL PLACE NO. 3
13 MIKE GIANGROSS – ex. abs.	COUNCIL PLACE NO. 4
14 BUDDY HAMMANN	MAYOR PRO TEM
15	COUNCIL PLACE NO. 5
16 JOE MACHOL	COUNCIL PLACE NO. 6

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18 **OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS COMMITTEE**

19 SALLY ANTROBUS	CHAIR
20 DAVID POPKEN	VICE CHAIR
21 JOHN COGGESHALL	MEMBER
22 MONICA COMEAUX	MEMBER
23 DEBRA HARPER	MEMBER
24 NEHEMIAH JACKSON	MEMBER
25 JESSE JONES	MEMBER
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27 GAYLE COOK	CITY MANAGER
28 SEAN LANDIS	DEPUTY CITY MANAGER
29 ROBIN LENIO	CITY SECRETARY
30 KEVIN PADGETT	DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
31 BRIAN CRAIG	CITY ENGINEER & ASST. DIR. PW
32 NATALIE STEPHENS	PUBLIC WORKS ADMIN COORD

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34 Mayor Kolupksi called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. and established a quorum of members of
35 all both bodies.

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37 **1. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - NONE**

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39 **2. WORKSHOP**

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41 **2.1** Conduct a Joint Workshop with City Council and Open Space and Trails to discuss strategic
42 priorities with particular focus on the draft FY 23 Capital Improvements Plan, Open Space & Parks
43 Master Plan 2020, and Open Space & Parks Work Plan, and if necessary, consider and take all
44 appropriate action on items discussed during this workshop. *City Council and Open Space and*
45 *Trails Committee*

46 Members of City Council and Open Space and Trails Committee discussed the installation
47 of a fence at Carothers Coastal Gardens between the City property and the adjacent residential
48 properties. There was discussion regarding a fence with plants growing to obscure the fence or a
49 natural barrier of thorn plants to discourage walking through from one property to the next. Staff
50 is in the process of gathering fence estimates to bring to Council for further discussion and action.

51 For continued development of the Carothers Coastal Gardens, as proposed by the Carothers
52 Task Force II, there was discussion on whether a new 501(c)(3) should be created or use the current
53 Community Garden 501(c)(3). The benefits of a City partnership with a non-profit include future
54 funding opportunities and possibly more competitive contractor/vendor rates. After much
55 discussion it was agreed that Rhonda Thompson and Jesse Jones would draft a Memorandum of
56 Understanding between the City and the Community Garden 501(c)(3) with details for ownership
57 / responsibilities for each phase of the Carothers development, including the continuation of the
58 Community Garden, for staff input and Council approval.

59 A brief discussion on current CIP Projects resulted in a recommendation by Open Space
60 Member, John Coggeshall, to move SW1 (New Sidewalk Main to El Mar) and SW2 (New trails
61 from OSV Subdivision to Main Street) up in priority on the five year CIP Plan.

62 The Open Space and Trails Committee discussed with Council that the Committee is
63 recommending that a parking lot NOT be built near Pine Gully Bridge so that greenery in that area
64 is not removed for the additional parking near the Pine Gully Trail entrance. Mayor Kolupski
65 stated that the City is pursuing Harris County in widening the bridge, which may help with the
66 parking issue.

67 For new project, the Open Space and Trails Committee would like to see prairie replanting
68 near the Robinson Lift Station after the lift station project is completed. Seeding for prairie as well
69 as volunteers planting may be found by partnering with Evenly Meador Library garden volunteers.

70 The acquisition of a portion of the land for sale near Hester Garden was recommended so
71 additional parking could be added to Hester Garden. Gayle Cook, City Manager, noted that the
72 property owner confirmed that the price is nonnegotiable and will not sell portions of the property.

73 Finally, it was recommended that covered structures be installed along sunny trails, with
74 back to back benches along Robinson and the gully. Rotary is looking for Seabrook community
75 projects to support, and the trail structures might be a good fit.

76 *Mayor Kolupski asked the Open Space and Trails Committee to prioritize their current*
77 *projects, so that Council has an opportunity to make determinations on priority on the CIP and*
78 *funding.*

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80 Upon motion duly made and seconded, Mayor Kolupski adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.
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82 CITY COUNCIL

OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS COMMITTEE

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89 Thomas G. Kolupski
90 Mayor

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Sally Antrobus
Chair

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96 Robin Lenio, TRMC
97 City Secretary

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Natalie Stephens
Public Works Administrative Coordinator

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