

**CITY OF PORT ARANSAS, TEXAS**

**MINUTES**

**PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION  
and  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR JOINT MEETING  
Thursday, February 19, 2015 @ 5:00 pm  
Port Aransas City Hall, 710 W. Avenue A  
Port Aransas, Texas 78373**

On this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015 the Planning & Zoning Commission and the Port Aransas City Council, convened in a Joint Workshop Session at 5:00 p.m., at the regular meeting place in City Hall, and notice of meeting giving time, place, date and subject was posted as described in V.T.C.A., Government Code § 551.041.

**PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION**

**PRESENT**

Co-Chairman Mike Garlough  
Commissioner Randy D’Herde  
Commissioner Nick Lorette  
Commissioner Wendy Moore

**ABSENT**

Chairman Becky Corder  
Commissioner Bruce Clark  
Commissioner Chuck Crawford

**CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor Keith McMullin  
Mayor Pro-Tem Steven Lanoux, Place 6  
Council Member Rick Pratt, Place 1  
Council Member Beverly Bolner, Place 2  
Council Member Glenda Balentine, Place 3  
Council Member Charles Bujan, Place 4  
Council Member Edwin Myers, Place 5

**CITY COUNCIL MEMBER(S) ABSENT**

N/A

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

City Manager David Parsons  
City Secretary Irma Parker  
Finance Director Darla Honea  
Police Chief Scott Burroughs  
Planning & Development Director Rick Adams  
EMS Director Tim McIntosh  
Planning Assistant Nicole Boyers

**STAFF MEMBERS ABSENT**

City Attorney Michael Morris  
Parks & Recreation Director David Hyde  
Airport Manager Randy Hanson  
Gas Superintendent Mitch Ortiz  
Public Works Director Johnny White

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

- ❖ **Mayor McMullin to Call City Council to Order and Declare a Quorum is present.** Mayor McMullin called the Joint Workshop Meeting to Order and declared the City Council was in Quorum.

- ❖ **Planning & Zoning Commission Chair to Call Commission to Order and Declare a Quorum is present.** Co-Chairman Garlough called the Planning & Zoning Commission to Order and declared a Quorum was present.

2. **Presentation and general discussion of study, “Guidance for Sustainable Stormwater Drainage on the Texas Coast”, and accompanying sample model ordinance both prepared by the Center for Research in Water Resources, University of Texas at Austin and funded by the U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Coastal Impact Assistance Program.**

***Presentation:*** Michael Barrett, Ph.D., P.E and Danica Adams, MSCRP, MSSD, Center for Research in Water Resources, University of Texas at Austin. At the December 18<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting, Mayor Pro-Tem Lanoux with support from Council Member Bujan expressed interest in a discussion of Stormwater Management practices as it pertains to new and existing development. The purpose of establishing a stormwater management program requirements and controls is to protect and safeguard the general health, safety, and welfare of the public residing in watersheds within the corporate city limits. This was also an item of interest at the 2014 Goals Workshop. The Center for Research in Water Resources, University of Texas at Austin with funding by the U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Coastal Impact Assistance Program have presented their findings in the “*Guidance for Sustainable Stormwater Drainage on the Texas Coast*” which was presented to the City Council. The study may be found at [www.txcoastalbmp.org](http://www.txcoastalbmp.org) and was presented at a recent workshop presented by both Mayor Pro-Tem Lanoux and Council Member Bujan. A sample ordinance is also made a part of this presentation and discussion. Study highlights include:

- ❖ An introduction of the impacts of new development on the environment with a focus on aquatic impacts, the basics of storm water runoff and factors that impact the proper functioning of aquatic systems. The goal is to provide a basic understanding of the processes and provide motivation for adopting guidance to ensure that new developments include sustainable drainage systems.
- ❖ A description of practices that local residents can adopt to reduce the impact of stormwater runoff from their own properties. It includes a variety of topics including management of domesticated animal waste, use of herbicides and insecticides, maintenance of septic systems, and other topics.
- ❖ Descriptions of site design for new development geared towards the developers, planners, and engineers. Topics included preservation of natural features, conservation design, and various practices to reduce the impacts of storm water runoff from new development.
- ❖ Technical information primarily focusing on the civil engineers involved in the design of drainage systems for new development appropriate for the Texas Coastal Zone. Many new guidance documents (e.g., those adopted by Aransas and Harris Counties) are specifically focused on what has been termed Low Impact Development (LID).
- ❖ Examples of the implementation of a variety of residential, commercial, and office developments now occurring in the Coastal Zone that already includes a sustainable drainage system, although conveyance and flood control may have been the primary design considerations.

Short question and answer period followed. Council Member Bolner asked for explanation on how bad the contamination was in Port Aransas. Dr. Barrett reported that inland areas were worse but Port Aransas is in good condition primarily due to our location along the coastline of Texas. Commission Member Nick Lorette expressed his philosophical misgivings of the 'in lieu of' options presented from experiences he had as a builder in Austin. In addition he stated that the city was looking into affordable housing and adoption of these regulations would increase the cost to the builder which in turn would filter down to the purchaser/consumer. Council Member Pratt inquired if phosphorous and nitrate contamination was addressed in this study. Dr. Barrett stated that it was not. **Council Directive:** None.

**3. ADJOURN JOINT WORKSHOP MEETING**

Upon a motion duly made and seconded the meeting was adjourned at 5:59 pm.

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Bruce Clark, Acting Chairman

**ATTEST:**

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Irma G. Parker, City Secretary