

**CITY OF INGLESIDE ON THE BAY**  
**CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP**  
**December 4, 2007**

- I. City Council Workshop was called to order by Mayor Foster at 7:00 p.m.
- II. Silent prayer was observed.
- III. Mayor Foster led the Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Roll Call: Present were Mayor Foster, Alderman Gillespie, Garbutt, Ehmann, Morgan and Watson
- V. Mayor Foster called the Closed Session at 7:01 p.m.

City Council will convene in closed session pursuant to Section 51.071, Government Code to consult with the City Attorney with regard to pending litigation, to wit: Cause No. S-07-5888-CV-C, *City of Ingleside on the Bay v. City of Ingleside*, In the 343<sup>rd</sup> District Court, San Patricio County, Texas; and SOAH Docket No. 582-07-3642, TCEQ Docket No. 2007-0949-UCR, *Ingleside on the Bay v. City of Ingleside*.

- VI. Mayor Foster opened the Regular Workshop at 7:35 p.m.
- VII. Citizen Participation **Please limit Presentations to two to three (2-3) minutes**  
Jess Lawrence thanked Council for serving. The Grants committee is continuing to look for grants. He stated his opinion that the City should pay for travel and seminar expenses. He went on to go over job descriptions and goals from the Handbook for Mayors and Council members.  
Wayne Jewell thanked the road crew for filling pot holes and Dick Ehmann for the ditch mowing. He offered to volunteer to trim the areas around stop signs to make them more visible.  
April Gillespie stated the Light up the Bay judging will be held during December 15 through 22<sup>nd</sup>, prizes to be awarded on December 29 at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall. A workday is scheduled for the park on December 15<sup>th</sup>. The Renaissance Faire is this week end.  
Charlotte Lawrence stated her displeasure and disappointment that the grant for Solid Waste was not approved by Council and that the parking ordinance was not approved. A lot of time was spend on the ordinance just to have no action taken is objectionable.

**VIII. Old Business: Discussion**

Item A: Discuss and Ordinance for Abandoned Vehicles and Watercraft  
Alderman Gillespie went over and clarified the changes he made to the draft ordinance. Outboard was added to the wording.

Item B: Discuss traffic and street signs through-out the City  
Alderman Ehmann went over the survey and map she presented to Council. Suggestions and additions were made. Comments from the citizens were received.

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Item C: Discuss procedures and documentation for expenditures budgeted or not  
Mayor Foster went over the ideas discussed at earlier meetings. Discussion occurred concerning past procedures, the need for consistent procedures and major expenditures in an emergency. Hal George stated the state laws were unhelpful, a budget manual is available from the State Comptroller and suggested the City's auditor may have suggestions to help set the procedures.

**IX. New Business: Discussion**

Item A: Discuss Bayshore Erosion Project

Alderman Garbutt gave an update of the erosion problems on Bayshore, the Drainage District is willing to help repair the erosion problems that cause drainage problems and volunteers will help repair the road. Donations are a possibility to help. Discussion of other possible problems and how to correct them occurred.

Item B: Discuss Joint Workshop with Ingleside City Council

Mayor Foster explained a meeting will be held with the City of Ingleside. Do decisions will be made or any action taken at the meeting it is a workshop.

Item C: Discuss Abandoned Building Ordinance

No discussion was held on this item.

Item D: Discuss requirements for single family lots as to storage building only

Mayor Foster explained why this could be a problem in the future. Discussion occurred concerning if this should be addressed by ordinance and what other cities do.

Item E: Long Term City Goals, 1 year, 3 year and 5 year

Mayor Foster asked council to submit their ideas on what the policy should be for the City's future. Citizens comments and ideas will also be welcome.

Item F: Park Grant progress report

April Gillespie handed out information concerning a grant program for small communities. A resolution will be needed to continue with any grants applied for.

**X.** Mayor Foster adjourned the workshop at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted & attested:

Approved:

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Diane Hosea  
City Secretary

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Cynthia B. Foster  
Mayor