

**CITY OF INGLESIDE ON THE BAY
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP AND COUNCIL MEETING
February 5, 2008**

- 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.** Citizen Participation
Rhoda Poenisch stated with the election soon she would like to see everyone get along. She is proud of all the members of council; they are doing a great job.
- VI.** Old Business: Discussion:

Item A: Discuss amendment to Ordinance 1994-05 Establishing Construction Set Back Building Site Restrictions and Height Restrictions on all New Construction

Discussion occurred concerning open stairs and balconies within the side set backs, filling low lots and FEMA requirements. It was agreed more information was needed before Ordinance 1994-05 could be amended or changed.

- VII.** New Business: Discussion:

Item A: Discuss Ordinance 1995-03 Zoning Ordinance

1. Requirements for single family lots as to storage building, garages, sheds, etc. only with out existing house or approved plans for house with time limit to begin construction and/or rear set backs

Discussion occurred covering Planning and Zoning's research, information gathered, what is already in place through out the city and comments received from citizens. Discussion continued as to whether the ordinance needed to be changed or amended.

2. Duplexes

Discussion occurred concerning past problems and clarifying what is allowed and what needs to be corrected.

3. Short Term Rentals

Discussion occurred concerning a short term rental definition and the need to state clearly what is allowed and what is not allowed. Zoning is not changed because of any building that takes place.

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Item B: Discuss requirements of TCEQ pertaining to water system

Mayor Foster went over the report received from the TCEQ and the corrections already made. One item concerned the contract with Ingleside, which is being worked on by the City Attorney. The Water Department is required to test daily for chlorine residuals instead of twice a week. That will increase the budget for mileage and possibly salary. Suggestions were made to meet the requirements needed to include the cost of hiring a part time employee or coming to an agreement with the City of Ingleside to take samples.

Item C: Discuss sewer rate increase from the City of Ingleside

Alderman Gillespie made the suggestion to set up a workshop with the City of Ingleside to discuss the sewer rates. Discussion continued to clarify letters sent and received between the two cities. It was agreed to request a workshop with the City of Ingleside.

Item D: Discuss budgeting information and process

Alderman Gillespie stated his reason for this item and the questions he has been asked by citizens. The Treasurer stated her findings from previous financial records and stated the City's day to day funds are sufficient however, the long term funds needed to be looked at closer. Mayor Foster clarified that the day to day business funds are ok; the long term funds are what is in question. Discussion of budget issues, items on reports and how the monies are allocated was held. The Treasurer gave a brief explanation of the numbers on the financial reports, of past audits and where the amounts of monies were spent and received from over the past years. Discussion continued on where cities could get more money and other methods of income.

VIII. Reports from Council concerning Long Term Goals and Expired Permitting information

Mayor Foster asked each council member to take an area of concern and work on them.

IX. Close Workshop

Mayor Foster closed the workshop at 8:56 p.m.

X. Open City Council Meeting

Mayor Foster opened the Council Meeting at 8:56 p.m.

Business: Discussion and Possible Action

Item A: Discussion and Possible Action concerning Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2006-02 Providing for a rate schedule

Discussion occurred concerning the rate schedule, meter charges and number of meters billed. The Ordinance was amended to reflect all active meters would be subject to the minimum monthly charge. Alderman Gillespie made the motion to pass Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2006-02 Providing for a rate schedule as amended. Alderman Morgan seconded the motion. The motion passed with Aldermen Gillespie, Garbutt, Morgan and Watson voting in favor of the motion and Alderman Ehmman voting against the motion.

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XI. Mayor Foster adjourned the workshop at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted & attested:

Approved:

Diane Hosea
City Secretary

Cynthia B. Foster
Mayor