

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF BRAZORIA

CITY OF BRAZORIA

The City of Brazoria convened in Workshop December 5, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. with the following to-witt:

Gail Logsdon	Councilwoman Position #2
Gary Kersh	Mayor Pro-Tem
Roger Shugart	Councilman Position #4
Susan Parker	Councilwoman Position #5

City Personnel Present:

Teresa Borders	City Manager
Sheila Williams	City Secretary
Dawnne Moore	Acting Police Chief
David Jordan	Public Works Director

A. CALL TO ORDER WORKSHOP.

Mayor Pro-Tem Kersh called the Workshop to order at 6:00 p.m. He asked Councilman Shugart to give the invocation and Mayor Pro-Tem Kersh led the pledges to the State and American Flags.

B. DISCUSSION OF SALVAGE YARD AND MOTOR STORAGE BUSINESSES FOR ORDINANCE #17-015.

Mayor Pro-Tem Kersh explained he wanted to open it up to everybody. We are not trying to shut anyone down. We are trying to make the City of Brazoria better. This has been brought up to us by the citizens about things not being kept neat. We are here to listen and get your ideas to make things better. Councilwoman Parker said she would like to define where we have repair businesses and salvage yards. Mayor Pro-Tem Kersh explained where each repair shop and salvage yard are in town. David Jordan said by definition we do not have any salvage yards in the city. Mayor Pro-Tem Kersh said he was the only storage yard in the city limits. He explained he is regulated by TxDot. Without the businesses we are in big trouble because they pay taxes. I am a firm believer we don't want to shut a business down. Councilwoman Logsdon said we have so much new traffic in town. She calls it the low hanging fruit are those things that are easy to tidy up. Councilwoman Parker said she has lived here all her life but she doesn't know who owns a business.

Bubba Davis asked about the distance from property line to church. City Manager Borders explained the ordinance is a sample from another city. She doesn't know why those things are in there. We can mark that stuff out. Concrete floors that are in there is a lot of expense. This is just a starting point.

Edith Ray said across from Buc-ees is a shade tree mechanic as they use to call them. There are days that there may not be a car there and then days where they are lined up along the road. That is a part of the problem also. She said he is a good guy. Councilman Shugart said the Police Dept. should check into that. Detective Moore said they would look into it. David Jordan said in the street is police dept. and in street right-of-way would be code enforcement. It would be a joint effort. Rusty Krueger owner of Brazoria Collision asked about putting a storage box behind business. David Jordan explained the shipping containers have to have a permit to be installed and an 8ft. fence around them. He explained if it is temporary or permanent what the ordinance says you have to do. Mayor Pro-Tem explained how Jeff Dutcher did his fencing around his business.

Councilwoman Parker asked about the section that has 7 vehicles. City Manager Borders explained that motor vehicle repair places can only have 7 vehicles at any given time. She read that part of the ordinance to the citizens. Cindy Krueger said what happens when we open on Monday morning and we have all these people with their vehicles in front of our business. It is hard to tell them sorry come back in two weeks. Bubba Davis said limiting our business something the city wants to do. On January 1st I could have 15 cars in front waiting

on a state inspection. Councilwoman Parker asked where all the businesses are that was in attendance. Each one explained where their business is located. Bubba Davis also explained he is a firm believer the nicer the car you are working on the nicer the car you get to work on. He also explained how the cars that are abandoned are taken care of. Councilman Shugart said that #7 inoperable vehicle needs to be done away with. Ruby Jordan complimented the business behind Red Top on how good his business is looking. Rusty Krueger of Brazoria Collision said he wants to fence his business in at the back. Cindy Krueger said the neighborhood behind them wanted them to not fence because they use them to fight taxes. Mayor Pro-Tem said you can't block a business in front by a fence. He explained how he is regulated by TxDot on his storage lot. He also explained how the towing works. He is only with his business doing police call. Cindy Krueger makes them put a deposit up before a car is fixed.

Bubba Davis asked about the open car license tags. Councilwoman Parker asked about how many cars can be in a car lot at one time. She doesn't think they should park them along the road. Bubba Davis said the City is changing their tactics and so are we. We are all here to work together. Councilman Shugart thanked each one coming tonight. Section 15, #9 shows about paying for a permit. He wanted to know how they felt. Code enforcement can shut down any little item on the inspection side. Bubba Davis said he would rather pay taxes than a permit fee. Councilman Shugart said the council knows how important it is to have the property tax and sales tax money. Mayor Pro-Tem Kersh said to read and get with the City Manager of anything you want to add or delete.

Mayor Pro-Tem said if you put up a fence put a wooden fence to hide things. Councilwoman Parker asked what's the outcome of this ordinance. City Manager said we are going to do more tweaking. If there is anything you want to add let her know and we will bring back in January. David Jordan said the public works is working with the businesses to get rid of stuff.

C. DISCUSSION AND MAKE CHANGES TO MOBILE HOME PARKS ORDINANCE.

City Manager Borders explained she gave them a few ordinances from other towns. She also gave them the top sheet that highlights a few things from other towns. David Jordan explained where all the mobile home parks are located in town. Councilwoman Logsdon said she was driving around one day and there are a bunch tucked in places that didn't know about. Edith Ray asked if the old ones are grandfathered in. David Jordan said yes. Mayor Pro-Tem Kersh said he would like to see us make it for future. City Manager Borders said once it is sold they would have to update to new ordinance. Edith Ray said the dumpsters in front look trashy. Frank Quinty asked why each mobile home park has dumpsters. He also asked who enforces the tie downs. City Manager Borders said code enforcement does. Mayor Pro-Tem explained the ordinance now requires all neighbors to sign to allow a mobile home and it has to be skirted. Councilwoman Parker asked how with being grandfathered it would affect the existing trailer park in town. City Manager Borders explained they have been working to get rid of some trailers. Mayor Pro-Tem said we can tweak this and after so much time get a fine. Councilwoman Parker said we need to have all uniformed with nice fencing, nice sign and nice road. Mayor Pro-Tem said he doesn't mind putting a fence up. Bubba Davis said he had problems with garage sale signs that are put up at his business and they don't come back and get them. Mayor Pro-Tem said get your ideas together and get with Teresa Borders what you want. Frank Quinty said if they move a trailer home out then they can move one back in. David Jordan explained no they have to get a permit on private property. In a mobile home park they don't have to get signatures but need to be in compliance before services are turned on. Councilwoman Logsdon asked about how many mobile homes are moved out and in. David Jordan explained they are not moved in and out as much anymore because the cost is 2/3 higher now. Councilwoman Parker said she read that when a storm is coming they are required to move them out. Mayor Pro-Tem Kersh explained you can't move a mobile home out like that but RV's can but county says they have to leave and if they don't then they can't leave. Councilwoman Parker said she would like to see separated mobile homes and moving houses.

D. DISCUSSION OF WORKSHOP BEFORE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.

Mayor Pro-Tem Kersh explained he would like to see at 5:30 have a workshop of what is going on in the regular meeting for people to talk about since I shut it down during council meeting since it didn't work in the past. He knows we talked about it before but no one signed up. It is an idea. If it doesn't work then we will go back to normal. Councilwoman Logsdon said it would eliminate people saying you just vote and we don't know about it. Edith Ray wanted to know where the agenda is posted. Mayor Pro-Tem Kersh said it can be posted at library. He asked Ashley Henneberg to post at library. Councilwoman Parker asked if the documents could be

posted online also. City Manager Borders explained we have been having problems posting the documents. She also wants it publicized real well for next week meeting. She feels we would have a lot more people here. That is what she wants to see is more interaction with the public. Mayor Pro-Tem Kersh said that is why we want to do the workshop because it is more open to public talking. We only need to try this and see if it works. Councilwoman Logsdon said she appreciates everyone coming. Councilwoman Parker said thank you very much.

E. ADJOURN WORKSHOP.

Mayor Pro-Tem Kersh adjourned workshop at 7:09 p.m.

Gary Kersh, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:

Sheila Williams, City Secretary