

AGENDA
CITY OF WHARTON
Regular City Council Meeting, City Hall
7:00 p.m., Monday, March 23, 2009

1. **Call to Order – Opening Devotion – Pledge of Allegiance.**
2. **Roll Call and Excused Absences.**
3. **Public Comments.**
4. **Wharton Moment.**
5. **Proclamation:** Reading of the Mayoral Proclamation proclaiming April 2009 as Fair Housing Month.
6. **Review & Consider:** Request by Ms. Hanna Montgomery to address the City Council regarding cell phone usage.
7. **Review & Consider:** City of Wharton Financial Report for the month of February 2009.
8. **Review & Consider:** Request by Rev. Polly D. Standing, Pastor of First United Methodist Church, on behalf of Mr. Landon Sneed of Boy Scout Troop 499, for the following:
 - A. An over 50% variance to place a free standing sign between the two entrance driveways off of Pioneer Avenue.
 - B. Waiver of the fees.
9. **Review & Consider:** Request by East Wharton County Habitat for Humanity for the following:
 - A. An over 50% variance to construct an ADA accessible ramp 2' 8" from the interior side property line located at 701 Jefferson Street, Wharton, Block 57, Lot 14.
 - B. Waiver of the fees.
10. **Review & Consider:** City of Wharton Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2008 by Harrison, Waldrop & Uherek, L.L.P.

11. **Executive Session:** City Council may adjourn into an Executive Session in accordance with Section 551.074 of the Government Code, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas. Final action, decision or vote, if any with regard to any matter considered in Executive Session shall be made in Open Meeting:
- A. **Discussion:** The evaluation of City Manager and Finance Director regarding the City's financial matters.
12. **Return to Open Session:** Action on items discussed in Executive Session:
- A. **Review & Consider:** The evaluation of City Manager and Finance Director regarding the City's financial matters.
13. **Review & Consider:** Request by Mr. Greg Baines, Executive Director of Just Do It Now for City of Wharton assistance by waiving the water and sewer cost at the Dawson Community Resource Center, 1619 Martin Luther King.
14. **Review & Consider:** **Resolution:** A resolution of the Wharton City Council approving a Medical Services Director Contract and authorizing the Mayor of the City of Wharton to execute the agreement.
15. **Review & Consider:** Request by Mr. Ron Sanders, Executive Director of the Wharton Chamber of Commerce to submit the following Texas Department of Agriculture, GO Texan Grant Applications:
- A. **Resolution:** A resolution of the City of Wharton, Texas, designating an Official(s) as being responsible for the applicant in dealing with the Texas Department of Transportation ("TDA"), for the purpose of Participating in TDA'S GO Texan Rural Community Bootstrap Bucks Program (the "Program") and Certifying that the applicant is eligible to receive program Assistance for the City-Wide Garage Sale.
- B. **Resolution:** A resolution of the City of Wharton, Texas, designating an Official(s) as

being responsible for the applicant in dealing with the Texas Department of Transportation (“TDA”), for the purpose of Participating in TDA’S GO Texan Rural Community Bootstrap Bucks Program (the “Program”) and Certifying that the applicant is eligible to receive program Assistance for the Wharton County Freedom Fest.

- 16. Review & Consider:** City Council approval of the application for a City of Wharton Ambulance Provider Permit submitted by Blue Cross EMS.
- 17. Review & Consider:** Update on City of Wharton Projects.
- 18. Review & Consider:** Boards, Commissions and Committee Reports:
- A. Wharton Economic Development Corporation meetings held March 4, 2009, March 6, 2009, March 12, 2009, March 16, 2009.
 - B. City Council Finance Committee meeting held March 10, 2009 and March 23, 2009.
 - C. Beautification Commission meeting held March 11, 2009.
 - D. City Council Public Safety Committee meeting held March 23, 2009.
- 19. City Manager’s Reports:**
- A. City Secretary/Personnel.
 - B. Code Enforcement.
 - C. Community Services Department/
Civic Center.
 - D. E.M.S. Department.
 - E. Engineer/Planning Department.
 - F. Facilities Maintenance Department.
 - G. Fire Department Incidents/Inspections.
 - H. Legal Department.
 - I. Municipal Court.
 - J. Police Department.
 - K. Public Works Department.
 - L. Water/Sewer Department.
 - M. Weedy Lots/Sign Ordinance.
 - N. Wharton Municipal Pool.
 - O. Wharton Regional Airport.
- 20. Review & Consider:** **Resolution:** A resolution by the City of Wharton, Texas, authorizing the City to participate in the proceeding to allow CenterPoint Energy to recover costs associated with Hurricane Ike; authorizing the City to participate in a coalition of cities known as the Texas Coast Utilities Coalition (“TCUC”);

authorizing the hiring of counsel and experts through TCUC; requiring the reimbursement of costs; determining that the meeting complied with the Texas Open Meetings Act; making such other findings and provisions related to the subject; and declaring an effective date.

21. Adjournment.