

**MINUTES
OF
CITY OF WHARTON
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 7, 2009**

Mayor David W. Samuelson declared a Special Meeting duly open for the transaction of business at 12:02 P.M. Mayor David W. Samuelson led the opening devotion and then led the pledge of allegiance.

Councilmembers present were: Mayor David W. Samuelson, Councilmembers V. L. Wiley, Jr., Lewis Fortenberry, Jr., Ken Freese, Don Mueller, Domingo Montalvo, Jr. and Jeff Gubbels.

Councilmember absent was: None.

Staff members present were: City Manager Andres Garza, Jr., Finance Director Joyce Vasut, City Secretary Lisa Olmeda, and City Attorney Paul Webb.

Visitors present were: David Schroeder, Executive Director with WEDC, and Barry Halvorson with Wharton Journal Spectator.

The third item on the agenda was Public Comments. No comments were given. No action was taken.

The fourth item on the agenda was review and consider submittal of applications to Governor's Division of Emergency Management, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Disaster Relief Program, DR-1791, Hurricane Ike and authorizing the Mayor of the City of Wharton to execute all documents related to said applications:

- a. Resolution:** A resolution of the Wharton City Council approving the submission of an application to the Governor's Division of Emergency Management, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Disaster Relief Program, DR-1791, Hurricane Ike for the elevation of three (3) Pump Station in the City of Wharton to one (1) foot above base flood elevation. City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. presented the information on the proposed application to be submitted to the Texas Department of Emergency Management HMBP DR-1791 for the project. He also presented a spread sheet with the projected costs and the required City 25% match amount. He stated that the project would allow mitigation of the pump stations that were below base flood elevation. After some discussion, Councilmember Domingo Montalvo, Jr. made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2009-26, which read as follows:

**CITY OF WHARTON
RESOLUTION NO. 2009-26**

A RESOLUTION OF THE WHARTON CITY COUNCIL APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE GOVERNOR'S DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM, DISASTER RELIEF PROGRAM, DR-1791, HURRICANE IKE FOR THE ELEVATION OF THREE (3) PUMP STATION IN THE CITY OF WHARTON TO ONE (1) FOOT ABOVE BASE FLOOD ELEVATION.

WHEREAS, on September 19, 2008, the Division of Emergency Management Office of the Governor issued a notice of funding available under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Disaster Relief DR-1791 – Hurricane Ike; and

WHEREAS, The Wharton City Council felt it is in the best interest of the City of Wharton to conduct certain hazard mitigation projects to protect the citizens of Wharton during disaster events; and

WHEREAS, on January 9, 2009, the City of Wharton, Texas, issued Notice's of Intent and Hazard Mitigation Team Reports for eligibility determination by the State of Texas for certain projects to be conducted in the City of Wharton; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2009, the Wharton City Council adopted Resolution No. 2009-18 authorizing the submission of additional projects under DR-1791 and ratifying the submission of the Notices of Intent submitted January 9, 2009; and

WHEREAS, The State of Texas extended the deadline to April 10, 2009 for applications to be submitted under DR-1791; and

WHEREAS, The Wharton City Council wishes to submit an application for funding under DR-1791 for the following City of Wharton project:

Elevation of three (3) Pump Station in the City of Wharton to one (1) foot above base flood elevation.

WHEREAS, The Wharton City Council wishes to authorize the Mayor of the City of Wharton to execute all documents related to said application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wharton City Council hereby approves the following:

Section I. That the Wharton City Council hereby approves the submission of the afore-mentioned projects for funding under the Division of Emergency Management Office of the Governor Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Disaster Relief DR-1791 Hurricane Ike.

Section II. That the Wharton City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor of the City of Wharton to execute all documents related to said application.

Section III. That this resolution shall be effective immediately upon the date of its passage.

Passed, Approved and Adopted this 7th day of April 2009.

CITY OF WHARTON

By: _____
DAVID W. SAMUELSON, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
LISA OLMEDA, City Secretary

Councilmember V. L. Wiley, Jr. seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

b. Resolution: A resolution of the Wharton City Council approving the submission of an application to the Governor's Division of Emergency Management, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Disaster Relief Program, DR-1791, Hurricane Ike for the Drainage Improvement Projects that include the construction of new drainage ditches, extend storm sewers. City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. presented the information on the proposed application to be submitted to the Texas Department of Emergency Management HMBP DR-1791 for the project. He also presented a spread sheet with the projected costs and the required City 25% match amount. He stated that since was also part of the flood reduction project. He stated that several areas could be rerouted to alleviate drainage issues. After some discussion, Councilmember Jeff Gubbels made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2009-27, which read as follows:

**CITY OF WHARTON
RESOLUTION NO. 2009-27**

A RESOLUTION OF THE WHARTON CITY COUNCIL APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE GOVERNOR'S DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM, DISASTER RELIEF PROGRAM, DR-1791, HURRICANE IKE FOR THE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS THAT INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW DRAINAGE DITCHES, EXTEND STORM SEWERS.

WHEREAS, on September 19, 2008, the Division of Emergency Management Office of the Governor issued a notice of funding available under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Disaster Relief DR-1791 – Hurricane Ike; and

WHEREAS, The Wharton City Council felt it is in the best interest of the City of Wharton to conduct certain hazard mitigation projects to protect the citizens of Wharton during disaster events; and

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WHEREAS, The State of Texas extended the deadline to April 10, 2009 for applications to be submitted under DR-1791; and

WHEREAS, The Wharton City Council wishes to submit an application for funding under DR-1791 for the following City of Wharton projects:

Drainage Improvement Projects that include the construction of new drainage ditches, extend storm sewers.

WHEREAS, The Wharton City Council wishes to authorize the Mayor of the City of Wharton to execute all documents related to said application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wharton City Council hereby approves the following:

Section I. That the Wharton City Council hereby approves the submission of the afore-mentioned projects for funding under the Division of Emergency Management Office of the Governor Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Disaster Relief DR-1791 Hurricane Ike.

Section II. That the Wharton City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor of the City of Wharton to execute all documents related to said application.

Section III. That this resolution shall be effective immediately upon the date of its passage.

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CITY OF WHARTON

By: _____
DAVID W. SAMUELSON, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
LISA OLMEDA, City Secretary

Councilmember Don Mueller seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

c. Resolution: A resolution of the Wharton City Council approving the submission of an application to the Governor's Division of Emergency Management, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Disaster Relief Program, DR-1791, Hurricane Ike for installation of quick disconnect switchgears and generators at critical facilities in the City of Wharton. City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. presented the information on the proposed application to be submitted to the Texas Department of Emergency Management HMBP DR-1791 for the project. He also presented a spread sheet with the projected costs and the required City 25% match amount. He stated that it would provide auxiliary power to specific areas throughout the City. After some discussion, Councilmember Domingo Montalvo, Jr. made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2009-28, which read as follows:

CITY OF WHARTON

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-28

A RESOLUTION OF THE WHARTON CITY COUNCIL APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE GOVERNOR'S DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM, DISASTER RELIEF PROGRAM, DR-1791, HURRICANE IKE FOR INSTALLATION OF QUICK DISCONNECT SWITCHGEARS AND GENERATORS AT CRITICAL FACILITIES IN THE CITY OF WHARTON.

WHEREAS, on September 19, 2008, the Division of Emergency Management Office of the Governor issued a notice of funding available under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Disaster Relief DR-1791 – Hurricane Ike; and

WHEREAS, The Wharton City Council felt it is in the best interest of the City of Wharton to conduct certain hazard mitigation projects to protect the citizens of Wharton during disaster events; and

WHEREAS, on January 9, 2009, the City of Wharton, Texas, issued Notice's of Intent and Hazard Mitigation Team Reports for eligibility determination by the State of Texas for certain projects to be conducted in the City of Wharton; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2009, the Wharton City Council adopted Resolution No. 2009-18 authorizing the submission of additional projects under DR-1791 and ratifying the submission of the Notices of Intent submitted January 9, 2009; and

WHEREAS, The State of Texas extended the deadline to April 10, 2009 for applications to be submitted under DR-1791; and

WHEREAS, The Wharton City Council wishes to submit an application for funding under DR-1791 for the following City of Wharton projects:

Installation of quick disconnect switchgears and generators at critical facilities in the City of Wharton.

WHEREAS, The Wharton City Council wishes to authorize the Mayor of the City of Wharton to execute all documents related to said application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wharton City Council hereby approves the following:

Section I. That the Wharton City Council hereby approves the submission of the afore-mentioned projects for funding under the Division of Emergency Management Office of the Governor Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Disaster Relief DR-1791 Hurricane Ike.

Section II. That the Wharton City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor of the City of Wharton to execute all documents related to said application.

Section III. That this resolution shall be effective immediately upon the date of its passage.

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CITY OF WHARTON

By: _____
DAVID W. SAMUELSON, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
LISA OLMEDA, City Secretary

Councilmember Lewis Fortenberry, Jr. seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

d. Resolution: A resolution of the Wharton City Council approving the submission of an application to the Governor's Division of Emergency Management, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Disaster Relief Program, DR-1791, Hurricane Ike for installation of stainless steel hurricane screen barriers on all windows and door openings at the City of Wharton City Hall and Police Department/Municipal Court/EOC facilities. City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. presented the information on the proposed application to be submitted to the Texas Department of Emergency Management HMBP DR-1791 for the project. He also presented a spread sheet with the projected costs and the required City 25% match amount. He stated that the barriers would be hurricane strength thus providing projectiles from not going through the windows. He stated that the barriers would also be used a

sunshield reducing the electricity used. After some discussion, Councilmember Domingo Montalvo, Jr. made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2009-29, which read as follows:

**CITY OF WHARTON
RESOLUTION NO. 2009-29**

A RESOLUTION OF THE WHARTON CITY COUNCIL APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE GOVERNOR'S DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM, DISASTER RELIEF PROGRAM, DR-1791, HURRICANE IKE FOR INSTALLATION OF STAINLESS STEEL HURRICANE SCREEN BARRIERS ON ALL WINDOWS AND DOOR OPENINGS AT THE CITY OF WHARTON CITY HALL AND POLICE DEPARTMENT/EOC FACILITIES.

WHEREAS, on September 19, 2008, the Division of Emergency Management Office of the Governor issued a notice of funding available under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Disaster Relief DR-1791 – Hurricane Ike; and

WHEREAS, The Wharton City Council felt it is in the best interest of the City of Wharton to conduct certain hazard mitigation projects to protect the citizens of Wharton during disaster events; and

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WHEREAS, on March 9, 2009, the Wharton City Council adopted Resolution No. 2009-18 authorizing the submission of additional projects under DR-1791 and ratifying the submission of the Notices of Intent submitted January 9, 2009; and

WHEREAS, The State of Texas extended the deadline to April 10, 2009 for applications to be submitted under DR-1791; and

WHEREAS, The Wharton City Council wishes to submit an application for funding under DR-1791 for the following City of Wharton projects:

Installation of stainless steel hurricane screen barriers on all windows and door openings at the City of Wharton City Hall and Police Department/EOC facilities.

WHEREAS, The Wharton City Council wishes to authorize the Mayor of the City of Wharton to execute all documents related to said application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wharton City Council hereby approves the following:

Section I. That the Wharton City Council hereby approves the submission of the afore-mentioned projects for funding under the Division of Emergency Management Office of the Governor Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Disaster Relief DR-1791 Hurricane Ike.

Section II. That the Wharton City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor of the City of Wharton to execute all documents related to said application.

Section III. That this resolution shall be effective immediately upon the date of its passage.

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CITY OF WHARTON

By: _____
DAVID W. SAMUELSON, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
LISA OLMEDA, City Secretary

Councilmember V. L. Wiley, Jr. seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The fifth item on the agenda was adjournment. After some discussion, Councilmember Don Mueller made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Lewis Fortenberry, Jr. seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS

By: _____
DAVID W. SAMUELSON
Mayor

ATTEST:

LISA OLMEDA
City Secretary