

**MEETING AGENDA  
ORANGE CITY COUNCIL  
Orange Public Library Auditorium  
220 N. Fifth Street  
Orange, Texas**

**April 14, 2015  
9:00 A.M.**

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| <b>1. CALL TO ORDER</b>   |    | Mayor                |
| <b>2. INVOCATION and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</b>   |    | Council Member Mello |
| <b>3. MOTION</b>  |    |                      |
| a) Motion finding that the advance posting and notice requirements of Article 8.1200 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Orange, Texas have been met in relation to all minutes and pending ordinances and resolutions on this agenda and that the reading of such items be confined to the captions as are agreed upon by the ordinances and resolutions.   | 1  | Mayor/Council        |
| <b>4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>   |    |                      |
| a) March 24, 2015 City Council Meeting  | 3  | Mayor/Council        |
| <b>5. CITIZEN COMMENTS</b>  |    |                      |
| <i>At this time comments will be taken from the audience on any subject matter, whether or not that item is on the agenda. All comments are limited to a maximum three minutes for each speaker. Your comments are appreciated. As the Texas Open Meetings Act does not allow the Council to respond to items not listed on the agenda, your comments will be duly noted by the Council and forwarded to the appropriate department for prompt consideration.</i> |    |                      |
| <b>6. RESOLUTIONS</b>   |    |                      |
| a) Consider a resolution authorizing the extension of the City's agreement with Wells Fargo Bank to provide banking services through May 31, 2018.  | 10 | Staff: English       |
| b) Consider a resolution of the City Council of the City of Orange, Texas waiving interest on mowing and demolition liens placed on property located at 811 Border Street.  | 13 | Staff: Knauf         |

- c) Consider a resolution of the City Council of the City of Orange, Texas awarding the bid and contract for mowing of vacant properties that violate city codes and ordinances to SouthEast Texas Lawn and Maintenance.

18 Staff: Knauf

**7. REPORTS**

- a) City Council Report

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

STATE OF TEXAS }  
COUNTY OF ORANGE }

March 24, 2015

**BE IT REMEMBERED THAT** a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Orange, Orange County, Texas, was held in the Library Auditorium on Tuesday, March 24, 2015.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jimmy Sims	Mayor
Theresa Beauchamp	Mayor Pro Tem
Tommy Ferguson	Council Member
Essie Bellfield	Council Member
Mary McKenna	Council Member
Bill Mello	Council Member
Larry Spears Jr.	Council Member

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dr. Shawn Oubre	City Manager
Jay Trahan	Assistant City Manager, Director of Economic Development
Rhonda Haskins	City Secretary
Patricia Anderson	Deputy City Secretary
Lane Martin	Chief of Police
John Bilbo	Fire Marshal
Jim Wolf	Director of Public Works
Kelvin Knauf	Director of Planning and C o m m u n i t y Development
Gail English	Director of Finance
Sandy Wilson	Grants Planner
Kelly Griffin	Police Evidence & ID Tech
Chris Smith	City Attorney

**STAFF MEMBERS ABSENT:** Brenna Manasco Library Director

Mayor Sims called the meeting to order at 5:43 P.M.

Council Member McKenna led the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MOTION FINDING THAT THE ADVANCE POSTING AND NOTICE REQUIREMENTS OF ARTICLE 8.1200 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ORANGE, TEXAS HAVE BEEN MET IN RELATION TO ALL MINUTES AND PENDING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS ON THIS AGENDA AND THAT THE READING OF SUCH ITEMS BE CONFINED TO THE CAPTION OF THE ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS.**

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Council Member Bellfield moved to approve the motion. Second to the motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Beauchamp which carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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Council Member Spears moved to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2015 Special Call Meeting of the City Council. Second to the motion was made by Council Member Bellfield which carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Beauchamp moved to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2015 Regular Meeting of the City Council. Second to the motion was made by Council Member Ferguson which carried unanimously.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

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Dr. Wayne Guidry, 2128 Eddleman Road, advised there is an education bill before the Texas Legislature, Senate Bill 6. He spoke against the bill and encouraged citizens to contact Senator Nichols office.

Ruby Richard, 1303 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, asked Council to reconsider the location of the basketball courts located on Turrett Road.

Susie Murray, 1315 1<sup>st</sup> Street, objects to the location of the basketball courts located on Turrett Road.

Don Insell, 96 W. Cypress, advised that vehicles parked on his property during the BASS Masters Elite Series and ruttup his property. He talked to Orange Police and they advised him it was okay for citizens to park on his property. He does not agree with what the Police told him and wants to know what his rights are as a property owner.

**PROCLAMATION**

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A proclamation observing Gift of Life Tobacco Control Coalition of Southeast Texas "Lock Up" Tobacco Day was accepted by representatives from the Gift of Life.

A proclamation observing Fair Housing Month was accepted by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

A proclamation observing Gate City Guild #42 Senior Citizen Agape Love Day was accepted by members of the new Masonic group.

Item 12 a) was moved to this position on the agenda.

**MOTION ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2014, RECEIPT OF THE FEDERAL SINGLE AUDIT REPORTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2014 AND**

RECEIPT OF THE FINAL COMMUNICATION WITH GOVERNANCE FROM CHARLES E. REED AND ASSOCIATES, P.C., AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 3.14 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF ORANGE, TEXAS.

Charles E. Reed, Charles E. Reed and Associates, P.C., read the following paragraph titled Opinions on page 15 of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ended September 30, 2014; In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Orange, Texas, as of September 30, 2014, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund, the Texas Department of Transportation Grant Fund, and the Texas General Land Office Grant Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Mr. Reed advised he is issuing an unqualified or clean audit opinion. He advised the City is in good shape and thanked the Finance Department.

Dr. Oubre thanked Ms. English, Ms. Jackson and Charles E. Reed and Associates for doing a great job on the audit. The City is successful because of decisions made by Council and Staff.

Council Member Mello moved to approve the motion. Second to the motion was made by Council Member Bellfield which carried unanimously.

## **PRESENTATION**

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PRESENTATION BY JIM GILLEY OF U.S. CAPITAL ADVISORS LLC, FINANCIAL ADVISORS TO THE CITY, AS TO THE PROPOSED CITY OF ORANGE, TEXAS GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2015 (THE "BONDS") FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING CERTAIN OUTSTANDING TAX-EXEMPT DEBT OBLIGATIONS OF THE CITY (THE "REFUNDED OBLIGATIONS").

Jim Gilley, U.S. Capital Advisors LLC, advised the bonds are currently at a 4% interest rate. They can be refinanced at an interest rate of 1.25% - 1.30%. Bids will be solicited from financial institutions. The City will save between \$10,000.00 and \$15,000.00 per year. The bonds will be paid off in 2019.

Mayor Sims read items 8a through 10c on the agenda all at one time.

## **DISCUSSION/ACTION**

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CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH §1207.007, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, AS AMENDED TO DELEGATE TO A DESIGNATED PRICING OFFICER (THE "PRICING OFFICER") THE AUTHORITY TO DETERMINE THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF THE BONDS TO BE ISSUED AND NEGOTIATE THE TERMS OF THE SALE THEREOF, AND TO

SELECT THE SPECIFIC MATURITIES, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, OF THE REFUNDED OBLIGATIONS TO BE REFUNDED TO (1) AUTHORIZE BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000,000, (2) ACHIEVE A PRESENT VALUE DEBT SERVICE SAVINGS OF TWO (2%) OR GREATER TO BE INCLUDED IN A PRICING CERTIFICATE (THE "PRICING CERTIFICATE") TO BE EXECUTED BY THE PRICING OFFICER AND (3) HAVE A MAXIMUM MATURITY FOR THE BONDS WHICH SHALL NOT EXCEED AUGUST 1, 2019.

Guy Goodson, Germer, PLLC, advised this will lower the debt service and allow the Mayor or City Manager to sign ordinances same as in the past.

Council Member Bellfield moved to approve the above item on the agenda. Second to the motion was made by Council Member Mello which carried unanimously.

## **ORDINANCES**

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ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF CITY OF ORANGE, TEXAS GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2015; SPECIFYING THE TERMS AND FEATURES OF SAID BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS BY THE LEVY OF A CONTINUING DIRECT ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAX UPON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY; DELEGATING MATTERS RELATED TO THE SALE AND ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS TO AN AUTHORIZED CITY OFFICIAL; PROVIDING FOR THE REDEMPTION OF CERTAIN OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS OF THE CITY; AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE, SALE, PAYMENT AND DELIVERY OF SAID BONDS INCLUDING THE APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF A PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR AGREEMENT AND A PRIVATE PLACEMENT AGREEMENT/MEMORANDUM; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Pro Tem Beauchamp moved to approve the ordinance. Second to the motion was made by Council Member Bellfield which carried unanimously.

A copy of this ordinance is being made a part of these minutes as Ordinance Number 2015-4.

## **DISCUSSION/ACTION**

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CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE U.S. CAPITAL ADVISORS LLC AS FINANCIAL ADVISORS TO THE CITY TO PREPARE SOLICITATIONS AND SECURE PRICING WITHIN THE DESIGNATED PARAMETERS APPROVED BY THE CITY FOR THE BONDS AND TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE PRICING CERTIFICATE AND WITHIN A PRIVATE PLACEMENT AGREEMENT/MEMORANDUM.

Council Member Bellfield moved to approve the above item on the agenda. Second to the motion was made by Council Member Mello which carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE MAYOR, CITY SECRETARY AND/OR OTHER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER SUCH CERTIFICATES, AGREEMENTS, AFFIDAVITS, NOTICES AND DOCUMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO

PROCEED WITH THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE CITY OF ORANGE, ORANGE, COUNTY, TEXAS GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2015 AND AUTHORIZING SAID MAYOR, CITY SECRETARY AND/OR OTHER CITY OFFICIALS TO TAKE SUCH ACTION AS MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF SAID BONDS.

Council Member Mello moved to approve the above item on the agenda. Second to the motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Beauchamp which carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE BOND COUNSEL ENGAGEMENT WITH GERMER PLLC.

Council Member Mello moved to approve item on the agenda. Second to the motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Beauchamp which carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTIONS**

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF AN H2OFUN SEVEN (7) FEATURE WATER SPRAY PARK EQUIPMENT PACKAGE FROM ALL PLAY, INC. FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$34,982.00.

Council Member Spears moved to approve the resolution. Second to the motion was made by Council Member Bellfield which carried unanimously.

A copy of this resolution is being made a part of these minutes as Resolution Number 2015-25.

RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO APAC-TEXAS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$135,842.00 FOR THE ROAD OVERLAY OF HUNTSMAN STREET AND BASSETT STREET.

Mayor Pro Tem Beauchamp moved to approve the resolution. Second to the motion was made by Council Member McKenna which carried unanimously.

A copy of this resolution is being made a part of these minutes as Resolution Number 2015-26.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION**

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MOTION APPOINTING RYAN CROWELL TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT FOR A TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015.

Mayor Pro Tem Beauchamp moved to approve the motion. Second to the motion was made by Council Member Spears which carried unanimously.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

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Dr. Oubre advised the South East Texas Regional Planning Commission is sponsoring a Household Hazardous Waste and Scrap Tire Collection Event, Saturday, April 18, 2015, 8:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M., at the Robert A. (Bob) Bowers Civic Center Parking lot, 3401 Cultural Center Drive, Port Arthur, Texas.

**CITY COUNCIL REPORT**

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Council Member Spears advised the B.A.S.S. Master Elite Series was an amazing event. He thanked everyone who was involved in helping with the event.

Council Member Mello advised the B.A.S.S. Master Elite Series was a great event. He advised John Gauthier and David Jones, co-chairpersons for the event, did a great job.

Council Member McKenna advised the B.A.S.S. Master Elite Series was a great event, "Go Orange". She thanked the City, Greater Orange Area Chamber of Commerce and the Stark Foundation for their support of the B.A.S.S. Master Elite Series.

Council Member Bellfield encouraged citizens of District 3 to participate in events that are held in the City of Orange. She thanked Mr. Trahan for sending a letter to the Greyhound Bus Company regarding a bus stop here in Orange.

Council Member Ferguson thanked the Mayor and Council for the funds allocated for the B.A.S.S. Master Elite Series. It was a great event. He congratulated everyone that was involved with the event.

Mayor Pro Tem Beauchamp advised the B.A.S.S. Master Elite Series was a great event. Mr. Trahan advised her that the City will try to re-schedule Art in the Park.

Mayor Sims agreed with what the other Council Members said about the B.A.S.S. Master Elite Series. He advised the Greater Orange Area Chamber of Commerce did a great job. He also advised the City of Orange had staff working the event. The event will be back in two years.

**ADJOURN TO CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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- a) Deliberation with City Attorney pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code:
  - (1) Deliberation with City Attorney regarding the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property as authorized by subsection 551.072 involving the City Hall Campus.

The Council met in closed executive session at 7:09 P.M.

**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

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The Council reconvened in open session at 7:27 P.M.

TAKE ACTION AS NECESSARY REGARDING ITEM 14 a (1) ABOVE.

No action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no further business before the Council, Council Member Bellfield moved to adjourn the meeting. Second to the motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Beauchamp which carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 P.M.

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Jimmy Sims, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Rhonda Haskins, City Secretary

MEMORANDUM

April 1, 2015

To: Dr. Shawn Oubre, City Manager  
From: Gail English, Director of Finance  
Subject: Depository Contract

On March 26, 2013 the City opened Depository Requests for Proposal (RFP) for Banking Services. The RFP was for a two year period with the option that the contract could be extended for three additional years by mutual consent of the Bank and The City. Fees may be adjusted in years three through five.

On April 23, 2013 the City entered into a two year contract with Wells Fargo for depository services. The contract covered the period of June 1, 2013 through May 31, 2015.

Wells Fargo has indicated to the City that they would like to extend the present contract for the additional three year period allowed under the RFP. This would cover the period of June 1, 2015 through May 31, 2018. There would not be any adjustments to the fees that the City is currently paying.

The City has a good working relationship with Wells Fargo. I recommend that the City approve the extension of our present Depository Contract with Wells Fargo for the additional three years period.



Josh Rodriguez  
Sr. Government Banking Specialist

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April 1, 2015

Gail English  
Director of Finance  
City of Orange  
803 Green Avenue  
Orange, Texas 77630

Dear Gail,

Wells Fargo Bank has been pleased to serve as the depository for the City of Orange and is offering to extend the terms of the existing contract for the period from June 1, 2015 through May 31, 2018. In return for housing the City's deposits, all expressed and implied services granted under the current depository would be honored for this extended contractual period. We appreciate your business and look forward to building upon our successful relationship.

Please acknowledge this contract extension by signing below. If you should have any questions regarding services offered, call me at 409-861-6370.

Sincerely,

Josh Rodriguez  
Sr. Government Banking Specialist

To accept contract extension, sign below:

Depositor:  
City of Orange

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF THE CITY'S AGREEMENT WITH WELLS FARGO BANK TO PROVIDE BANKING SERVICES THROUGH MAY 31, 2018.**

**WHEREAS**, on April 23, 2013 the City of Orange entered into a two year contract with Wells Fargo Bank for depository services for a period covering June 1, 2013 through May 31, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bank has agreed to extend said agreement for three (3) years through May 31, 2018; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE, TEXAS:**

That the agreement between the City of Orange and Wells Fargo Bank is hereby extended through May 31, 2018.

**PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED** on this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2015.

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Theresa Beauchamp, Mayor Pro Tem

**ATTEST:**

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Rhonda Haskins, City Secretary

**APPROVED:**

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City Attorney

MEMORANDUM

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To: Dr. Shawn Oubre Ph.D., City Manager  
From: Kelvin Knauf, Director of Planning and Community Development *KEK*  
Subject: Consider and take any necessary action on a resolution to waive the lien and interest on property located at 811 Border Street  
Date: April 2, 2015

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**Background**

Attached is a letter from Eric Bland, General Manager at Conrad Orange Shipyard requesting that the City release \$7099.33 in mowing and demolition liens on property located at 811 Border Street. The principle is \$5133.06 and \$1966.27 is interest on the lien. They have made an offer to Tony Williams, owner, for the property and are willing to pay \$7330.00 in back taxes on the property. There are no other fees owed to the City.

Conrad Orange Shipyard has purchased other property in the area with the intent on constructing offices in the next few years. Their plan for the property is to construct new company offices.

**Recommendation**

The City has performed the mowings and demolition and should be compensated for the expense. In order to show the City's willingness to help economic development and the fact that Conrad Orange Shipyard has purchased other properties in the area with the intent of developing the properties, I recommend waiving the interest (\$1966.27) on the liens.



Date: 19Mar15

Mr. Kelvin Knauf
Director of Planning and Community Development
City of Orange
303 N. 8th Street
Orange, TX 77630

Subj: Property located at 811 Border Street

Dear Sir,

I am writing in regards to the subject property, for which Conrad Orange Shipyard has made an offer to purchase from the owner, Mr. Tony Williams. While negotiating the selling price, Mr Williams informed me of the taxes owed of approximately \$7,330.00, and we allowed for that in the agreed selling price. It wasn't until the title search, conducted by Sabine Title, that it was disclosed to me that the property also has liens against it by the City of Orange for work done to maintain the property to be within city codes and ordinances. It is my understanding thru discussions with Sabine Title and Sgt. John Taylor, of the Code Enforcement Office, that the total costs for the liens is approximately \$7,100.00.

Conrad Orange Shipyard desires to complete this real-estate transaction with Mr. Williams and pay his debt of taxes. However, I am requesting that, in good faith, the liens be released and the fees be waived on the property with the understanding that Conrad Orange Shipyard will assume responsibility of maintaining the property along with our other recently acquired properties in the area. We have a few long term plans for these properties and we look forward to working with the city to improve our business image and increase our revenues, which in turn directly benefits the city.

If there are any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me any time at the numbers listed at the bottom of the page. I look forward to your reply and our business future together.

Sincerely,

Eric J Bland
General Manager
Conrad Orange Shipyard



Date: 06Apr15

Mr. Kelvin Knauf  
Director of Planning and Community Development  
City of Orange  
303 N. 8<sup>th</sup> Street  
Orange, TX 77630

Subj: Property located at 811 Border Street – Waiver of Liens and Fines

Mr. Knauf,

Further to our phone conversation, I am following up as requested with a brief detail of Conrad's intentions for the properties purchased (or looking to purchase) in the block between Market and Border Streets and between Moss and Georgia Avenues.

As you know we have recently completed the purchase of the properties at 703 Moss as well as 807 Border. As you also know, we are currently in negotiations to purchase the property at 811 Border, which has the liens by the City of Orange, for which we are requesting a waiver. In addition, we are actively trying to locate the owners of the property at 710 Georgia in order to acquire that parcel as well; which if you could help us with that contact, it would be greatly appreciated.

It is our intentions to utilize these properties to expand our shipyard in some fashion. We have a couple of strategies being considered; all of which will help the shipyard by expanding capacity and better utilizing our existing infrastructure more efficiently. As I mentioned in our previous conversation, one of the plans being considered is to utilize the properties to build a new office building for our management, projects, accounting, human resources and purchasing departments, as well as possibly relocating the parking lot. It is not our intention to let these properties go unused, any plan that does ultimately get approved will utilize the property for the best overall long-term benefit of the company.

If the City Council could find in our favor this request to waive the liens and fines on the 811 Border, as well as 710 Georgia (if there are any currently held against that property) it would be greatly appreciated by Conrad Industries and helps us with our potential expansion plans. Attached for reference is the current shipyard property boundary with recent and potential property purchased called out.

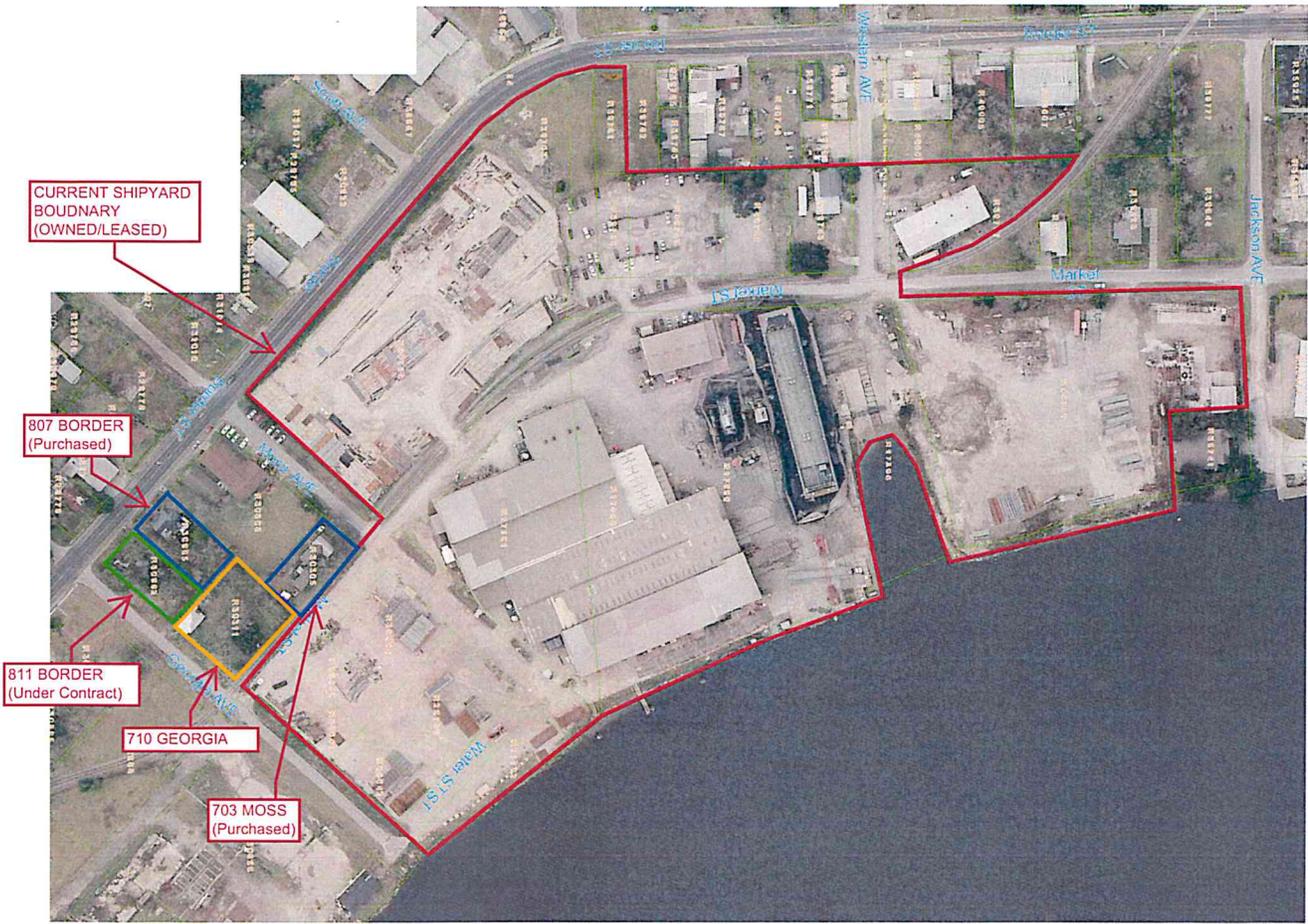
We look forward to working with the City of Orange during this exciting time, and I look forward to meeting you at the City Council meeting on the 14th, if not sooner.

Thanks for your time in this matter. If there are any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me anytime.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric J Bland", written in a cursive style.

Eric J Bland  
General Manager  
Conrad Orange Shipyard



**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE, TEXAS  
WAIVING INTEREST ON MOWING AND DEMOLITION LIENS PLACED ON  
PROPERTY LOCATED AT 811 BORDER STREET.**

**WHEREAS**, the City has filed mowing and demolition liens on property at 811 Border Street; and

**WHEREAS**, the principle of the lien is \$5,133.06 and interest on the lien is \$1,966.27 for a total amount of \$7,330.00; and,

**WHEREAS**, Conrad Orange Shipyard is in the process of purchasing the property to expand their operations and improve economic development within the City limits of Orange and is requesting that the lien and interest be waived by the City; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City Council believes that promoting economic development is in the public interest; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council also believes that the City should be reimbursed for direct expenses related to mowing and/or demolishing private property that violates City codes and ordinances,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE, TEXAS THAT:**

**Section 1.** The interest on the mowing and demolition liens in the amount of \$1,966.27 placed on property located at 811 Border Street in Orange, Texas is hereby waived.

**PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED** on this, the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.

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Theresa Beauchamp, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

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Rhonda Haskins, City Secretary

APPROVED:

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City Attorney

**MEMORANDUM**

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**To:** Dr. Shawn Oubre Ph.D., City Manager  
**From:** Kelvin Knauf, Director of Planning and Community Development  
**Subject:** Consider and take any necessary action on a resolution awarding the bid and contract for mowing vacant properties that violate City codes and ordinances to SouthEast Texas Lawn and Maintenance  
**Date:** April 6, 2015

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**Background**

On April 2, 2015 the City opened bids for mowing vacant properties that violate City codes and ordinances. Two bids were received and are shown below:

<b>Bidder</b>	<b>Mowing of vacant lots over 7500 sq. ft. and less than one acre (unit price per sq. ft.)</b>	<b>Mowing of vacant lots 7500 sq. ft. or less (unit price per cutting)</b>
NorthStar Unlimited	\$.0092	\$70.00
SouthEast Texas Lawn and Maintenance	\$.0053	\$35.00

The bid specifications state that the bid is for a two-year term with two 1-year optional renewals at the City's discretion. Mowing of properties in low-to-moderate income areas will be paid from CDBG funds.

**Recommendation**

I recommend that the City Council adopt a resolution awarding the bid and contract for mowing vacant properties that violate City codes and ordinances to SouthEast Texas Lawn and Maintenance in the amount of \$.0053 per square foot for vacant lots larger than 7500 square feet and less than one acre and in the amount of \$35.00 per cutting for vacant lots of less than 7500 per square foot.

**RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE, TEXAS  
AWARDING THE BID AND CONTRACT FOR MOWING OF VACANT PROPERTIES  
THAT VIOLATE CITY CODES AND ORDINANCES TO SOUTHEAST TEXAS LAWN  
AND MAINTENANCE**

**WHEREAS**, the City has received bids from qualified bidders for mowing vacant properties that violate City codes and ordinances; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that the bid from SouthEast Texas Lawn and Maintenance is the lowest and most responsible bidder;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE, TEXAS THAT:**

**Section 1.** SouthEast Texas Lawn and Maintenance is hereby awarded the bid and contract for mowing vacant properties that are in violation of City codes and ordinances in the amount of \$.0053 per square foot for lots which are less than 7500 square feet and \$35.00 per cutting for lots which are more than 7500 square feet but less than one acre.

**PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED** on this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.

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Theresa Beauchamp, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

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Rhonda Haskins, City Secretary

APPROVED:

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City Attorney