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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

April 17, 2023
6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Mayor Morris Called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

The following Councilmember's were present:

Mayor Clay Morris
MPT Russell Rupertus
Alderman Sherwood "Woody" Green
Alderman Gil Madray
Alderman Lorraine "Taz" Jones
Alderman David Welch

The following staff were present:

Director of Operations Robert Quintero
Interim City Secretary Georgia Carmack
Chief of Police Raymond Garivey

PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. AND TEXAS FLAGS:

With a quorum of the Council Members present, Mayor Morris called the meeting to order followed by the pledge of allegiance to the U.S. and Texas flags lead by Alderman Welch.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: none

PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ITEMS FROM PUBLIC HEARING: none

CITIZENS REQUEST TO SPEAK BEFORE COUNCIL: **Members of the public are invited to give comments at this time, lasting no longer than 3 minutes.**

Citizens may address council on a **specific agenda item only**, to ask questions. The Mayor may ask you to remain at the podium if Council has statement or questions. These comments should be directed at the entire Council, not individual members of the Council, Staff, or audience. Any speaker making personal attacks, defamation or using vulgar or profane language shall forfeit his/her remaining time and shall be seated.

Jerry Jackson 16612 Curlew - Agenda Item 5 and Overall Agenda.

Sarah Clark Konopik 16610 Francis Drake – The minutes of the March 20 Council meeting are incomplete.

Debra Tabbert 16916 Beachcomber – Agenda Items 7 & 12.

Pam Josselet 4408 Pelican Way – Agenda Item 10.

Sharon Bower 16720 Sandpiper – Agenda Items 2,4 and 5.

REPORTS FROM DIRECTORS, POLICE, AND FIRE:

Chief of Police Garivey – No report

Director of Operations Quintero – No report

Fire Chief - No report

Branch – No report

CONSENT AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *The following items are considered routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be a separate discussion on these items unless a Councilmember request, in which event, the item will be removed from the general order of business and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.*

Approval of minutes from the Regular City Council meeting 3-20-2023

Motion to discuss by Alderwoman Jones.

Motion to table made by Alderman Welch.

VOTE

5 AYES (Green, Welch, Madray, Rupertus, Jones)

0 NAYS

0 ABSTAIN

MOTION PASSED

NEW BUSINESS:

1. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE GEORGIA CARMACK, INTERIM CITY SECRETARY. *Morris*

Motion to discuss by Alderman Madray

Motion to vote Alderman Welch.

VOTE

5 AYES (Green, Welch, Madray, Rupertus, Jones)

0 NAYS

0 ABSTAIN

MOTION PASSED

2. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND TAKE ACTION TO HIRE MURRAY | LOBB, PLLC AS THE CITY ATTORNEYS. *Quintero*

Motion to table made by Alderman Rupertus.

VOTE

5 AYES (Green, Welch, Madray, Rupertus, Jones)

0 NAYS

0 ABSTAIN

MOTION PASSED

3. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND TAKE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2023-04, GRANTING THE CITY PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE INTERLOCAL PURCHASING SYSTEM (TIPS). *Morris*

Motion to table made by Alderman Madray.

VOTE

5 AYES (Green, Welch, Madray, Rupertus, Jones)

0 NAYS

0 ABSTAIN

MOTION PASSED

4. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND TAKE ACTION TO APPPOINTING CONNIE TEER TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION. *Morris*
Motion to discuss made by Alderman Green
Motion to vote made by Alderman Rupertus.
VOTE
3 AYES (Green, Welch, Rupertus)
2 NAYS (Madray, Jones)
0 ABSTAIN
MOTION PASSED
5. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND TAKE ACTION TO APPOINT DAVID TORENO, TOM QUIGLEY, AND LINK ROBERTSON TO ONE-YEAR TERMS TO THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND DENNIE TEER AND PAUL RODRIGUEZ TO TWO-YEAR TERMS TO THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT. IN ADDITION, APPOINT MIKE KREngle, HAROLD TRAHAN, AND MICHAEL McLAIN AS ALTERNATES TO THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT. *Morris*
Motion to discuss made by Alderman Madray
Motion to vote by Alderman Rupertus to remove Dennie Teer and Paul Rodriguez and replace with Harold Trahan and Michael McLain and add alternates Dennie Teer and Paul Rodriguez.
VOTE
3 AYES (Green, Welch, Rupertus)
2 NAYS (Madray, Jones)
0 ABSTAIN
MOTION PASSED
6. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND TAKE ACTION FOR THE RFP WITH SOLID WASTE. *Quintero*
Motion to discuss made by Alderman Green
Motion to vote made by Alderman Rupertus.
VOTE
5 AYES (Green, Welch, Madray, Rupertus, Jones)
0 NAYS
0 ABSTAIN
MOTION PASSED
7. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND TAKE ACTION FOR POSSIBLE CARES ACT INVESTIGATION. *Welch*
Motion to discuss made by Alderman Rupertus.
Motion to vote to not investigate by Alderman Welch.
VOTE
5 AYES (Green, Welch, Madray, Rupertus, Jones)
0 NAYS
0 ABSTAIN
MOTION PASSED
8. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND TAKE ACTION FOR COMMITTEE SUGGESTIONS. *Morris*
Motion to discuss made by Alderman Green.
NO ACTION TAKEN
9. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND TAKE ACTION FOR BEACH PLAN & FEE BEACH. *Madray/Morris*
Motion to discuss made by Alderman Welch.
NO ACTION TAKEN

- 10. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND TAKE ACTION FOR AUDIT DELAY RESOLVEMENT.** Quintero
Motion to discuss made by Alderman Welch.
NO ACTION TAKEN
- 11. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND TAKE ACTION FOR CITY MEETINGS & POSSIBILITY OF VIOLATING 1ST AMENDMENT RIGHTS OF CITIZENS INVESTIGATION.** Morris
Motion to discuss made by Alderman Madray,
Motion made by Alderman Green for no further investigation.
VOTE
3 AYES (Green, Welch, Rupertus)
0 NAYS
2 ABSTAIN (Madray, Jones)
MOTION PASSED
- 12. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND TAKE ACTION FOR POSSIBLE CONFLICT OF INTERESTS INVESTIGATION.** Quintero
Motion to discuss made by Alderman Rupertus.
Motion by Alderman Rupertus for investigation of West End Maintenance being in conflict of interest with the City of Jamaica Beach.
VOTE
4 AYES (Green, Welch, Madray, Jones)
1 NAYS (Rupertus)
0 ABSTAIN
MOTION PASSED
- 13. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND TAKE ACTION FOR GRANTS & FUNDING FOR CITY PROJECTS AND INFRASTRUCTURE, WASTEWATER PLANT & WATERLINE REPLACEMENT.** Quintero
No motion to discuss was made.
Motion to approve made by Alderman Madray.
VOTE
5 AYES (Green, Welch, Madray, Rupertus, Jones)
0 NAYS
0 ABSTAIN
MOTION PASSED
- 14. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND TAKE ACTION FOR EXISTING STR ORDINANCE.** Quintero
Motion to discuss made by Alderman Madray
NO ACTION TAKEN
- 15. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND TAKE ACTION FOR POSSIBLE VOTER SUPPRESSION & INTIMIDATION CLAIMS INVESTIGATION.** Morris
No motion to discuss was made.
Motion to not investigate made by Alderman Green
VOTE
4 AYES (Green, Welch, Madray, Rupertus)
1 NAYS (Jones)
0 ABSTAIN
MOTION PASSED TO NOT INVESTIGATE

16. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND TAKE ACTION FOR POSSIBLE MIS-USE OF FUNDS INVESTIGATION. Morris

Motion to discuss made by Alderman Rupertus

Motion to not investigate made by Alderman Green

VOTE

3 AYES (Green, Welch, Rupertus)

0 NAYS

2 ABSTAIN (Madray, Jones)

MOTION PASSED

17. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND TAKE ACTION OF EMPLOYEE COMPLAINTS AGAINST ELECTED OFFICIAL, EMPLOYEE TURN OVER, "WAR ZONE" CLAIMS AT CITY HALL AND ELECTED OFFICIAL'S POLICIES. Quintero

See below.

18. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND TAKE ACTION FOR POSSIBLE MAYOR'S OFFICIAL OPPRESSION INVESTIGATION. Morris

Motion to combine Item 17 and Item 18 made by Alderman Rupertus.

VOTE

5 AYES (Green, Welch, Rupertus, Madray, Jones)

0 NAYS

0 ABSTAIN

MOTION PASSED

Motion to discuss made by Alderman Rupertus

Motion on Item 17 to conduct an executive session regarding employees and elected officials.

VOTE

3 AYES (Green, Welch, Rupertus)

1 NAYS (Jones)

1 ABSTAIN (Madray)

MOTION PASSED

9. COMMENTS / REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL - None

10. MAYOR'S REPORT: Closing comments made by Mayor Morris.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Alderman Madray to adjourn and seconded by Alderman Welch. Meeting adjourned at 9:27 pm.