



CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH

16628 San Luis Pass Road
5264 Jamaica Beach
Jamaica Beach, Texas 77554
PH (409) 737-1142 FAX (409) 737-5211
www.jamaicabeachtx.gov



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**November 21, 2022
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 Green - ABSENT
Alderman Gil Madray
Alderwoman Lorraine "Taz" Jones
Alderman David Welch*

The following staff was present:

*Director of Operations Robert Quintero
City Secretary Debbie Nesbitt
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 lead by Alderman Welch to the U.S. and Texas flags.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Chief of Police Garivey swore in Officers Nave, Lopez, and Petterson, and welcomed them to the Jamaica Beach family.

Chief Garivey swore in a special officer Devarjae "DJ" Daniel to Lieutenant.

Don Johnson with the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District introduced himself and offered help to citizens if they need it and handed out brochures to residents with contact information.

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.

None

REPORTS FROM DIRECTORS, POLICE, AND FIRE:

Chief of Police Raymond Garivey - Police Report, was in council packet, no comments made.

Director of Operations Robert Quintero - Of course, we've had water leaks all over the city, we are

trying to get to them as fast as possible. However, the city needs to meet and decide what course of action we want to take moving forward. I understand we have a new water phase of improvements that will be taking place early next year, but the city has more phases to come, and we continue to put band-aides on the problem when major surgery is needed.

City clean-up has continued throughout the month, and we will keep the momentum going with the Beautification team. I'd like to thank Rose Snyder and Tom & Lillian Quigley for their diligent work. Also, thanks to Kaylynn Williford for bringing JBIC on board.

I've prepared an RFP that will be published on November 29, 2022. It is for the city's wastewater treatment plant and water services.

We will be publishing an RFP for the ARPA funds in December.

I met with Debbie Vascik from Cahoon Consulting and Stephanie Weeks, CRS Specialist with ISO in reference to the Legislature of the State of Texas Flood Control Insurance Act, Texas Water Code, Section 16.315, delegated the responsibility of local governmental units to adopt regulations designed to minimize flood losses. Based on passing the amendment to the city ordinance 2020-6, the city is currently at a score of 7. Once passed our score will be a solid 6 and well on the way to a grade of 5 next year. This means we have done the work to get our property insurance lowered. I want to thank Nola Gonzales and Debbie Nesbitt for assisting in getting this information together.

We received a bill from the GLO in the amount of \$23,000 for a cooperation agreement we entered in 2020 Coastal Erosion Planning and Response Act (CEPRA). The purpose of the CEPRA Program is to implement coastal erosion response projects and related studies to reduce the effects of and to understand the processes of coastal erosion as it continues to threaten public beaches, natural resources, coastal development, public infrastructure, and public and private property. Under CEPRA, the General Land Office (GLO) implements erosion response projects and studies through collaboration and a matching funds partnership with federal, state, and local governments, non-profit organizations, and other potential project partners. The question staff has, was this budgeted in 2020 or 2021?

Bulkhead at the marina was repaired.

Fire Chief Kyle Baden - No Report

Director of Finance Debbie Nesbitt – Nola's back to work from her surgery, doing well. City Hall will be closing for the upcoming holidays, gave dates and times. Christmas Party is set for 12-2-2022 at 6:00 pm., so please RSVP to Nola to get an accurate head count. Auditors will be here 12-5-2022 to start the audit process. Corrected last report on the winter storm, the money received was for the close out of Hurricane Laura, not the winter storm. Opened the new account at Texas First Bank for the proceeds from the Coronavirus State & Local Recovery Fund. M & M communications will be installing a microphone at the table and security camera's inside and outside the parcel room. Set up installation of Christmas lights at city hall and at the park for Christmas at the Park.

COMMENTS / REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:

Alderwoman Jones read her report:

Last month, I attended the West Galveston Island Property Owners Association meeting. Our Congressman Randy Weber was the special speaker. I spoke with him after the meeting and reminded him that the City of Jamaica Beach is just down the road and to keep us in mind. We may be small, but we are mighty! I also gave Congressman Weber and his wife a few dozen Stars for Troops that they can share, and I will be mailing them more. I also attended the Republican Victory Party. I was able to talk with Congressman Randy Weber, Texas State Senator Mayes Middleton, and Texas Rep. Terri Leo Wilson. I shared many stars at that event. I want to thank my team of Star Makers who are continually packaging more stars. I can't tell you how much I appreciate your work. Lisa Ganucheau and others took the Red Cross CPR Class offered by John Herriman from the CERT team. She learned about the AED, which is an Automated External Defibrillator which is used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. There are grants available to purchase AEDs for our city to provide them at the pool or the city park. Robert, maybe you could help her. Lisa has already done a lot of research. Cindy Roberts with Way West Grill has combined our City Council members with police Officers as teams to collect items for donations to families for the holidays. Please drop off donations of food, toys, or gift cards to Way West Grill. It's all for a good cause plus the winners will get a pie in the face. Officer Chris Nolan is my Pie in the Face Partner. The deadline is December 18. Cindy is also selling raffle tickets to draw 2 lucky names to put a pie in the face of the team who has the most donations. The proceeds from the raffle will go to buy food for the families. I want to add, I was pleased to see Officer Posey's Police Report added to the minutes and to see the current Police Report in the current agenda packet.

Alderman Green - ABSENT
Alderman Madray - No Report
Mayor Pro-tem Rupertus - No Report

Alderman Welch – "Big Thank you to all our volunteers, they have done so much. Attended the HCAD meeting and during the meeting they offered educational information, and one of the things I learned is that like many of the small cities like Tiki Island, Bayou Vista and Surfside, we are all experiencing the exact same things, and struggling with infrastructure, water, and sewer issues, one thing that came up was maybe there could be some discussion in the next congressional session to allow a certain amount of Hot tax money be used for critical infrastructure, we couldn't use it to repair our streets, but use it for wastewater, and drinking water. The best way for us to handle this is to contact Teri Leo Wilson and Mayes Middleton to look into this and help us take care of our communities around the coastal area, to take care of ourselves rather than borrowing money from our citizens or someone else. Saturday December 3rd from 3 to 5 is Christmas at the park, Santa will be arriving on the fire truck to get the kids wishes, golf cart parade at 5:30 and boat parade starting at 6:30, line up at 6:15".

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.*

1. *Approval of minutes from the Regular City Council meeting 10-17-2022*

Motion made by Alderman Madray to approve. Seconded by Alderman Welch

VOTE:
4 AYES (Madray, Jones, Rupertus, Welch)
0 NAYS
1 ABSENT - Green
MOTION PASSED

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2022-10 AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2020-06 FLOOD HAZARD REGULATIONS ENTITLED FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION PLAN.** Quintero

Motion made by Alderman Madray to approve. Seconded by Alderman Welch

VOTE:
4 AYES (Madray, Jones, Rupertus, Welch)
0 NAYS
1 ABSENT - Green
MOTION PASSED

EXECUTIVE SESSION It is anticipated that all, or a portion of the discussion of the following items, if any, will be conducted in closed executive session under authority of the Texas Open Meetings Act. However, no action will be taken on these items until the City Council reconvenes in open session.

Council entered into executive session at 6:45pm.

- a. **For the purpose of deliberating the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer (§551.074 Personnel Matters) Appointment of members to the Planning and Zoning Committee**

RECONVENE into Open Session and consider action, if any, on items discussed in Executive Session.

Council reconvened at 7:05 pm.

Motion made by Alderman Welch to appoint Kyle Vardeman, Scott Rodgers with Robert Adamson as an alternate to the Planning and Zoning Committee. Seconded by MPT Rupertus

VOTE:

4 AYES (Madray, Jones, Rupertus, Welch)

0 NAYS

1 ABSENT - Green

MOTION PASSED

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Morris stated that in the next couple of months, the city will be updating Ordinances. Thanked the beautification committee for doing such a great job, appreciated all the hard work they are doing and what a great group of volunteers. Street project will start back the first week of December, will be redoing several streets, and will be adding a pedestrian walkway from Blackbeard to the beach. We've been having a lot of water issues, it's something that we feared might happen and sure enough it has, when you start fixing the lines it puts higher pressure on the other lines and that's where the water line breakages are happening, this is all part of the progress, but we are moving in the right direction. Still working with USPS on the parcel room, if you're looking for a package, check the parcel room. I can only do so much.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Alderman Madray to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Welch.
Adjourned the meeting at 7:18 pm.