



CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH

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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 20, 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 "Woody" Green
Alderman Gil Madray – LATE
Alderwoman Lorraine "Taz" Jones
Alderman David Welch*

The following staff was present:

*Director Brad Heiman
City Secretary Debbie Nesbitt*

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 Green to the U.S. and Texas flags.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

NONE

PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ITEMS FROM PUBLIC HEARINGS:

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.

Andrea Spearing - 16617 Jamaica Beach Road – Addressed the agenda item about Hazard Mitigation and a plan to be able to act quickly, possibly have an onsite response dispatch system during the busy season.

REPORTS FROM DIRECTORS, POLICE, AND FIRE:

Director Nesbitt reported the new city park equipment installation will begin on July 5 and will take approximately three to five days to complete, the company will take down and haul away

the debris. Updated everyone on city pool issues, "have changed companies who maintain the chemicals at the pool, and this should take care of the unexpected closures. Both flag poles in front of City Hall have been repaired and new flags installed. Budget time is here, will be scheduling workshops for the FY 2022/2023 budget."

Director Heiman gave his report on citations issued in the month of May 2022 and over memorial weekend, total issued were 224 citations and 103 were over the memorial weekend. Reported that the city is on the Galveston PD CAD system, and "we contract with Galveston County for dispatch services, and we have a dedicated dispatch number (409) 737-1800 and there is no time lapse in dispatch services, and this number is 24-7 and citizens can call this number regular hours."

COMMENTS / REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:

Alderwoman Jones: Attended the West Galveston Island Property Owners Hurricane Meeting last Saturday and took video and put it on Face Book and YouTube, "before and after the meeting I shared Stars for Troops and gave constable Jimmy Fullen about 150 stars that he will be sharing with the Border Patrol officers. A lot of first responders attended the meeting as well and I gave out as many stars as I could, found a few veterans one the Korean War, and several Vietnam vets. One of our citizens went to the Naval Academy Submarine division school in South Carolina and watched her grandson graduate and gave out over one hundred stars. Reported that over 3500 hundred stars have been shared, thanked all the helpers with the Stars for Troops program. Also attended the JBIC meeting and took video and put on YouTube and Face Book."

Alderman Welch: no report

Alderman Green: no report

Alderman Madray: Reported that "Don Towner is getting bids to replace the palm trees along Buccaneer and to rework the flower beds and I should have prices next week. Council has a lot to talk about, budget, second quarter financial reports will be a good way to start, a user fee beach plan, standard operating procedures, Municode, these are things we need to work on. June 15, 2022, I talked with Carver Wray the project manager with Costal Erosion Planning & Response Act, and he verified that the Core of Engineers has issued the permit to GLO that is required for CEPRA to start the beach replenishment planning for our beach, and we should have approval sometime in September and the process will take about 11 months to complete, so maybe by next October."

MPT Rupertus: Welcomed Alderman David Welch back to council, will be a huge asset to council. "Also attended the hurricane meeting, did not video tape it, but basically what came out of that meeting is be prepared, pack up and get out, get off the island. They do not have as much staffing, equipment, or vehicles as they've had in previous years, police vehicles and fire trucks are two years back ordered and if we do have a disaster, it will take first responders longer to respond, just need everyone to have a plan be prepared and leave, get someplace safe." JBIC meeting is cancelled and the next one will be in July.

CONSENT AGENDA:

CONSIDER FOR ACTION APPROVING THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING – MAY 23, 2022

Motion made by Alderman Green to discuss, seconded by Alderman Madray. Alderwoman Jones discussed to amend the motion as follows,

Motion carried to approve the minutes, with correction from unanimous to motion passed on electing the Mayor Pro-tem.

VOTE:

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

0 NAYS

MOTION PASSED

NEW BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION, CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2022-05 AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT FOR COLLECTION SERVICES FOR THE COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES WITH LINEBARGER GOGGAN BLAIR AND SAMPSON, LLP.

Motion made by MPT Rupertus, seconded by Alderman Madray.

VOTE

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

0 NAYS

MOTION PASSED

DISCUSSION, CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2022-07 AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2013-4 ADOPTING AMENDED PROVISIONS FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A JUDGE, ALTERNATE JUDGE, AND COURT CLERK OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH: AND PROVIDING FOR THE TERM OF OFFICE AND COMPENSATION OF EACH.

MPT Rupertus made the motion to discuss, seconded by Alderman Welch. Motion made to approve with amending Section 1, item 5 to add with approval of city council also.

VOTE

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

0 NAYS

MOTION PASSED

DISCUSSION, CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2022-06 AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE GALVESTON COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN FOR YEAR 2022.

Alderman Green made the motion to vote, seconded by Alderman Welch.

VOTE

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

0 NAYS

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.

- a. For the purpose of deliberating the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer (§551.074 Personnel Matters) of the Director of Operations, Municipal Court Judge.

Entered into Executive session at 6:40 pm. to discuss personnel matters, Director of Operations and Municipal Court Judge.

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

Reconvened back into open session at 7:07 pm.

MPT Rupertus made the motion to hire Robert Quintero the position of Director of Operations with a starting salary of \$62,500.00 with a six-month probationary period and review, starting July 5, 2022. Seconded by Alderman Welch.

Motion passed to hire Robert Quintero as the Director of Operations for the City of Jamaica Beach

Mayor Morris swore in Gerald "Pat" Monks as the Municipal Court Judge for the City of Jamaica Beach.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Morris stated that council discussed a lot of his items. Budget workshop meeting are coming. Made a statement about the hurricane meeting, basically said get out and be safe, we could have some serious incidents, and could be catastrophic.

Mayor Morris Read the Following:

I've heard a few people complaining only a few, but there are several ways to get your ideas heard in the City other than being at that podium right there. Contact any Alderman, any of the City Directors or myself, I love to meet with you and listen and discussed your ideas and at that point we'll make sure it hadn't been proposed in the past and will give you an update, if it's something everyone agrees on, we will get it on the agenda where it would be discussed among council, then get citizens input and feedback. Then those ideas are written into ordinances and or budget for implementation. Please remember most of our improvements in our city has started with citizens and their ideas and we as your elected officials look forward to always hearing from you all at any time.

ADJOURNMENT:

Alderman Welch made the motion to adjourn, second by Alderman Madray. Motion passed unanimously to adjourn at 7:32 pm.