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CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

July 25, 2022
5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Mayor Morris Called the workshop meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

The following Councilmember's were present:

*Mayor Clay Morris
MPT Russell Rupertus - ABSENT
Alderman Sherwood Green - ABSENT
Alderman David Welch
Alderman Gil Madray
Alderwoman Lorraine "Taz" Jones*

The following staff was present:

*Director Brad Heiman
City Secretary Debbie Nesbitt
Director of Operations Robert Quintero*

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:

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.

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Citizens may make comments about items not on the agenda and that are general in nature. 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. Suggestions, praise, and criticism are not only welcome, but encouraged, though no action will be discussed or taken. For such an item, the Mayor may either: (1) make a statement of fact regarding the item; (2) make a statement concerning the policy regarding the item; or (3) propose that the item be placed on a future agenda. (House Bill 2840) (City of JB Ordinances 2017-9 & 2018-2)

DISCUSSION – BUDGET WORKSHOP:

Discussion between City Council and City Secretary Nesbitt asking council for their priorities for preparing the budget, drainage, lift station repairs, sewer plant repairs, next phases of the waterline project.

Discussion from Mayor Morris, Alderwoman Jones, and Alderman Madray on certain items on the budget such as security camera's, engineering costs, and infrastructure repairs.

ADJOURNMENT FROM BUDGET WORKSHOP: At 5.52 pm.**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 6:00 pm.****PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. AND TEXAS FLAGS:**

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SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

None

PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ITEMS FROM PUBLIC HEARING:

None

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REPORTS FROM DIRECTORS, POLICE, AND FIRE:

Director Nesbitt, gave council last quarter's financials, reported on HOT collection, property tax and the collection on HOT registration fees collected year to date. Reported that the recodification project with all Ordinances is in the last phases and should be on the website within the next 60 days.

Director Quintero reported on his hurricane preparedness plan, it is still in draft form, setting up a mobile City Hall, and depending on the category how far to evacuate off the Island. Addressed the audience that he is working through emails and phone calls and complaints, he will get to everybody as soon as he can. Reported on the Texas Water Development Board and the results from the committee assessment visit that will be going to FEMA and "Mayor you will be getting that report with some issues we have to address".

COMMENTS / REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:

Alderwoman Jones:

Reported that the city has a Personnel Policy Handbook from 2017 and a Standard Operating Procedure for Public Information Requests, she is not aware of any other policies and procedures, and after negative events, she would like to work toward with something positive. Quoted Mayor Morris's words from March 2022 that he stated, "We will always welcome suggestions, constructive criticism and ideas". Told council that she and other citizens formed an advisory committee to tackle issues that would be beneficial to the city, and reported this committee wrote a Code of Ethics Policy. "I will be sharing this to the citizens on my Face Book

pages." "I am presenting this, Mayor to be placed on the agenda in the near future for discussion." Alderwoman Jones stated she watches the community social media groups; six different ones and she gets a good idea of what is important to the citizens of Jamaica Beach and the issue of a Nuisance Ordinance is, which other cities have, and we would like this added as well to future agendas, or a town hall meeting and you also can find on my social media pages.

Alderman Madray – No report

Alderman Welch – No Report, did ask Alderwoman Jones for a copy of her Code of Ethics policy she discussed, and as for as the park nothing going on until Halloween.

Alderman Green – Absent

Mayor Pro Tem Rupertus - Absent

CONSENT AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. *Approval of minutes of the Regular City Council meeting 6-20-2022, TABLED until 8/22/2022 meeting*
2. *Approval of corrected minutes from 6-20-2022*
3. *Approval of minutes from Workshop and Regular Council Meeting 7-25-2022*
4. *Approval of minutes from Workshop meeting 8-8-2022*

Alderman Welch made the motion to table the minutes from the June 20, 2022, meeting for corrections, seconded by Alderwoman Jones.

VOTE

3 AYES (Madray, Jones, Welch)

0 NAYS

2 ABSENT (Green, Rupertus)

MOTION PASSED

Alderman Welch made the motion to approve the minutes from 7-11-2022 meeting. Seconded by Alderman Madray.

VOTE

3 AYES (Madray, Jones, Welch)

0 NAYS

2 ABSENT (Green, Rupertus)

MOTION PASSED

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND TAKE ACTION TO APPOINT RAY OPILA TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION TO FILL THE OPEN COMMISSIONER'S POSITION VACATED BY SANDY JOSHPH. Morris**

Motion made by Alderwoman Jones to discuss, seconded by Alderman Welch.

Alderman Welch made the motion to approve appointing Ray Opila to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Seconded by Alderwoman Jones.

VOTE

3 AYES (Madray, Jones, Welch)

0 NAYS

2 ABSENT (Green, Rupertus)

MOTION PASSED

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Morris reported that everyone is working hard to keep things going, "we have a great plan, worked off our current budget and have saved money." "I meet with staff three to four times a week to keep thing going, I take pride in what we are doing, I always want to hear any ideals, thoughts and what people are saying." "Addressing a few items, agenda items as always it's been this way even when Spicer and Vic were Mayor's, there is always a way to get items put on the agenda, call myself, email staff and any city council member, we will address it and if we think it needs to go on the agenda, it will be put on the agenda". "The Nuisance Ordinance Alderwoman Jones spoke about, the Police Department is doing the best they can, we had a meeting a couple

weeks ago and we have gone to a ZERO TOLERANCE RULE, not only to our guest, tourists in our community it's citizens as well, if you are being too noisy, you will get a ticket and then you can talk to the Judge and Prosecutor how to address that, same as parking.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Morris said if there was no further business to come before Council, he would call for a motion to adjourn. Alderman Welch made the motion, seconded by Alderman Madray. Motion unanimously approved by those present. Meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.