



# CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH

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## CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH GOAL SETTING WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

June 7, 2021  
6:00 p.m.

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

#### ATTENDEES:

Mayor:  
Clay Morris

Aldermen:  
Rupertus , Madray ,Jones, and Hoffman

Absent:  
MPT Green

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jay Aubin proposed a "City of Jamaica Beach Paid Beach Parking" plan that is attached to these minutes (refer to attachment).

Bob Friedman made comments concerning the drainage problems on Beachcomber and requested assistance from the City with some permanent solutions to the long term problem.

Debra Tabbert also made comments concerning the drainage problems in Beachcomber and expressed complaints that the City is not working to resolve the problem and it is not the resident's responsibility to have to pump the water out of the area, it is the responsibility of the City. She also stated that the solution to the problem is not to eliminate our dunes and the GLO would not look favorably on that type of solution.

Ginger Jones made comment that the dead trees and shrubs that were damaged by the winter storm needed to be removed in various areas of the City.

Larry Benthall expressed that the City needs to consider the raising of Jamaica Cove due to flooding on that street. He also inquired as to if someone was contracted to do the new City website.

Mayor Morris made comment that the reason for this type of workshop is so that the Council can hear from the citizens and the citizens can hear from Council. In doing so this will improve communications and enhance solving of the problems facing Jamaica Beach. The Mayor also advised that the City needs to present viable solutions to the City problems and the City staff is small and has a lot to do so we need the Alderman to step up and recruit volunteers to address these problems issues. The Mayor then introduced the following agenda items;

#### **GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:**

- 1. General overview of the Beach Access Plan and discussion of adjustments that may need to be considered for future action.**

There was general discussion as to some of the problems on the beach including trash cans and liter, traffic congestion, lack of dune protection, and the pedestrian beach unloading and turn-a-round area.

Alderman Hoffman commented on we don't need to increase garbage cans, we need to empty the ones that we already have.

Alderman Madray advised that he felt that we need to eliminate the pedestrian beach area (because there is already one east and west of the City) so that we would fall into line with GLO rules and reduce traffic congestion on the beach.

Mayor Morris stated that we have to start doing a trash pickup on Saturdays especially during the day weekends.

- 2. General discussion of the Liaison assignments and expectations of each Alderman Coordinator.**

Mayor Morris advised that he was still working on the coordinator assignments and requested that the Alderman let him know of what assignments that they are interested in being assigned. Alderman Hoffman made a comment that some of the assignments that were once grouped together are separated and there should be additional areas considered for assignment as well.

Mayor Morris stated that he would like to get most if not all of the assignments made by next Council Meeting.

- 3. General discussion of on-going projects and discussion of additional projects needed for the City.**

The Mayor and Council Members made a list of suggested projects, goals and objects that should be addressed for the future. The listed focus items included;

Drainage, Water Pressure, Public Works Department (possibility of bringing the department in-house), Street Signs, Beachcomber Drainage, Park Play Ground Improvement, STR Coordination, Hot Tax Fund, No Parking on Streets Overnight, Video Streaming of Council Meetings, Update City Website, USPS

Boxes, Repair or Replace All City Generators, Sidewalk (FM 3005 & JB Road), Establishment of a Code Enforcement/Warrants Officer, Development of City SOP, Street Improvement, General Beautification of the City, Bulkhead Project, & Add Storage Building at WWTP.

Alderman Rupertus commented on the fact that the goals set almost three years ago have yet to be completed and that should be addressed.

## **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.