



# CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH

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## CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**August 22, 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  
Alderwoman Lorraine "Taz" Jones  
Alderman David Welch - ABSENT*

*The following staff was present:*

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

### **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.

**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. None

### **REPORTS FROM DIRECTORS, POLICE, AND FIRE:**

Director of Operations Quintero gave his report as follows:

Met with Mark Morgan, Director of Emergency Management for the City of Galveston. Hurricane Preparedness. "We signed an extension with DRC Emergency Service. DRC informed me that we need to find a new dump site for debris during a hurricane."

"Visited with Mainland Tool Company in an attempt to secure heavy machinery by leaving a deposit for items we may need in case we are hit by a hurricane."

"I met with Roger Quiroga, former Mayor of Galveston, and current representative for Galveston County on the Ike Dike Committee. He has asked me to attend their monthly meetings. I met with USW Regional Manager Byron Hughley. They will be replacing valves that have corroded. I met with Brian Kramer & John Mercer with Mercer and Associates. While inspecting several city facilities with Byron Hughley, it was discovered that Bayside pump station seven needs repairs ASAP. Other needs, not priorities, are an air conditioning unit and a toilet at the wastewater treatment facility. I met with the Water Board on July 28, 2022. Council members Madray and Jones were present. Debbie and I met with the Texas Water Development Board's Richie Hernandez & Debbie Vascik. They will be here to meet with us on Thursday. Met with Scott Smith from the City of Galveston. His department has agreed to paint some of our streets that need slow, stop, or yield painted on the street.

Director Heiman gave his report as follows:

Calls for Service - 62

Residential Checks - 42

Business Checks-279

Arrests - 6

Citations - 322

Code Contacts - 240

Citations Issued - 16

Stop Work/ Red-Tags- 28

Warnings Issued - 12

Also working with Robert and Galveston County to come and paint the intersections at the mailboxes, Jolly Roger and Buccaneer, and Jolly Roger and Bob Smith.

Director Nesbitt gave her report as follows:

Ordered a microphone to be installed for the director's table and it should be installed within the next three weeks. Called the auditors to set up annual audit, left a message, and will follow up with them to be first on the schedule. Visited with Civic Plus on the recodification project and have set a joint call on 9-20-2022 to finish the project. Had the City Hall generator's serviced and repaired.

#### **COMMENTS / REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:**

Alderwoman Jones gave her report as follows: Attended the West Galveston Property Owners Meeting last Saturday and was the only council member there, Don Towner was also there, and he has been added as a board member, I videoed the meeting and posted on my Reporter page and on YouTube. Transparency, having the check book register added to the city website has been great, I asked in an open records request for October, November and December 2021 and I also ask that it be added to the website as well. Addressed Mayor on ongoing legal issues.

Alderman Madray gave his report as follows: Attended the TML newly elected official's orientation class in San Antonio in August, there were over one hundred people there, very informative meeting. Met with City engineers John Mercer and Brian Kramer, about our wastewater treatment plant and the approximate cost for repairs is \$190,000.00. Visited with Debbie on the 2022-2023 budget and went line by line on each item. Social Media poll has a good response on the proposed beach user fee plan and the citizens that elected me as an Alderman at large seem to want the plan.

Alderman Green had no report.

MPT Rupertus gave his report as follows: Told everybody how much he loves Jamaica Beach and how wonderful it is sitting on council and thanked everybody for letting him serve the community.

**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 the tabled minutes for corrections from the Regular City Council meeting 6-20-2022*
2. *Approval of minutes from the Workshop and Regular Council meeting on 7-25-2022*
3. *Approval of the minutes from the Workshop meeting on 8-8-2022*

*Motion made by Alderman Green. Seconded by Alderwoman Jones. Motion passed.*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2022-07 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH AND JOHN D. MERCER & ASSOCIATES FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE 2023 AND 2024 WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT NOT TO EXCEED \$118,635.88.** Quintero

MPT Rupertus made the motion to discuss, seconded by Alderman Green.

Alderman Green made the motion to approve, seconded by MPT Rupertus.

**VOTE**

**3 AYES (Rupertus, Green, Jones)**

**1 NAYS (Madray)**

**1 ABSENT (WELCH)**

**MOTION PASSED**

2. **DISCUSSION, AND ACTION TO SET THE PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023.** Morris

Alderman Green made the motion to set the property tax rate of \$0.165613 voter approved rate per \$100.00 value, seconded by Alderman Madray.

**VOTE**

**4 AYES (Rupertus, Green, Jones, Madray)**

**0 NAYS**

**1 ABSENT (WELCH)**

**MOTION PASSED**

3. **DISCUSS AND ACTION TO SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR THE 2022/2023 PROPERTY TAX RATE AND FY 2022/2023 BUDGET.** Nesbitt

MPT Rupertus made the motion to discuss, seconded by Alderman Green.

MPT made the motion to set the public hearing date for 9-6-2022 at 6:00 pm. seconded by Alderman Green.

**VOTE**

**4 AYES (Rupertus, Green, Jones, Madray)**

**0 NAYS**

**1 ABSENT (WELCH)**

**MOTION PASSED**

4. **DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH AND HOST COMPLIANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,909.25 TO COLLECT HOTEL MOTEL TAX.** Morris

MPT Rupertus made the motion to table this item until the next meeting, to get further information from Host Compliance, seconded by Alderman Green.

**VOTE**

**4 AYES (Rupertus, Green, Jones, Madray)**

**0 NAYS**

**1 ABSENT (WELCH)**

**MOTION PASSED**

5. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2022-08 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH AND JOHN D. MERCER & ASSOCIATES FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING AND INSPECTION SERVICES AND TO GO OUT FOR BIDS TO REHAB THE BAYSIDE LIFT STATION # 7, NOT TO EXCEED \$115,000.00. Quintero

MPT Rupertus made the motion to discuss, seconded by Alderman Green.

Motion made by MPT Rupertus to table for the next meeting, until the 2022/2023 budget passes, seconded by Alderman Green.

**VOTE**

**4 AYES (Rupertus, Green, Jones, Madray)**

**0 NAYS**

**1 ABSENT (WELCH)**

**MOTION PASSED**

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Morris reported that everyone has been working hard to make positive difference here in Jamacia Beach, we spend a lot of time attending meeting with contractors. Glad Robert is on board to help take some of the load off other staff members and city council members.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

MPT Rupertus made the motion to adjourn, second by Alderman Green. Motion passed to adjourn at 7:05 pm.