



# CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH

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## CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

May 15, 2023  
6:00 P.M.

### CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Mayor Pro Tem Rupertus called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

The following Councilmember's were present:

Mayor Pro Tem Russell Rupertus  
Alderman Sherwood "Woody" Green  
Alderman Gil Madray  
Alderwoman Lorraine "Taz" Jones  
Alderman David Welch

The following staff were present:

Director of Operations Robert Quintero  
Chief of Police Raymond Garivey  
Interim City Secretary Georgia Carmack  
City Staff Clerk, Ester Abrego

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

With a quorum of the Council Members present, Mayor Pro Tem Rupertus called the meeting to order followed by the pledge of allegiance to the U.S. and Texas flags.

### SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

TIPS (The Interlocal Purchasing System) presentation by Lyndsey Rieth.

Police Chief Raymond Garivey conducted the swearing in of reserve officers Tom Everett and Hector Garcia.

Mayor Pro Tem Russell Rupertus introduced new city staff member Ester Abrego.

Branch Construction - no report.

### 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.**

**Marci Kurtz Hoffman** 16615 Henry Morgan – Invitation to all to attend the Memorial Day Bash on May 27.

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

Chief of Police Garivey - Report attached in Agenda Packet  
Director of Operations – Announced Hurricane Preparation Event 6/17 at 10am.  
Fire Chief - No report  
City Secretary- No report

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

**Alderman Green** – No report

**Alderman Jones** – Reminder for WGIPOA (West End Galveston Island Property Owners Association) meeting Saturday, May 19. Congratulations to Alderman Gil Madray for receiving the most votes in the May 6 Election. Thanks to citizens for participation in the election. 50% of registered voters voted in the election. Congratulations to Sharon Bower for mayoral win.

**Alderman Gil Madray** – Thanks to citizens for vote.

**Mayor Pro Tem Rupertus** – Thanks to everyone for coming out today. 60 new registered voters for a total of more than 400 voters. Look for mailout on the Annual Volunteer Fire Department 4<sup>th</sup> of July event. The Jamaica Beach Volunteer Fire Department is 100% funded by donations. This week is National Police Week. Congratulations to Lieutenant Mark Posey who was named Jamaica Beach 50 Club Officer of the Year. Special recognition for Court Clerk Jennifer Morse who has improved collection of court payments. In April there were more than 140 payments made for a total of \$32,000. To date for May over \$16,000 has been collected. Georgia Carmack has turned in her resignation effective June 1. Thanks for 7 years of service to Jamaica Beach.

**Alderman Welch** – Reminder for everyone to attend the Memorial Day Bash.

**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.*

*Approval of minutes from the Regular City Council meeting 3-20-2023*

No motion to discuss was made.

Motion to approve made by Alderman Welch

**VOTE**

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

**0 NAYS**

**0 ABSTAIN**

**MOTION PASSED**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2023-07 canvassing the votes of the Municipal Officer's Election held on Saturday, May 6, 2023.

No motion to discuss was made.

Motion to vote made by Alderman Green.

**VOTE**

**5 AYES (Green, Welch, Madray, Rupertus, Jones)**  
**0 NAYS**  
**0 ABSTAIN**  
**MOTION PASSED**

2. Service recognition: Mayor Clay Morris whose term of office has expired.  
Mayor Pro Tem Rupertus recognized and thanked Mayor Clay Morris for two years of service as Mayor of Jamaica Beach.
  
3. Administer Oath of Office to newly elected officials:  
Judge Gerald "Pat" Monks administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Sharon Bower.  
Judge Gerald "Pat" Monks administered the Oath of Office to Alderman Gil Madray and Alderman Lorraine "Taz" Jones.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Closing comments made by Mayor Bower.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion made by Alderman Madray to adjourn. Meeting adjourned by 7:00pm.