



# CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH

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## CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

**JANUARY 04, 2010**  
**6:00 P.M.**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

*Mayor Victor Pierson called the meeting to order.*

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

*Alderman Morse led the Pledges of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas Flags.*

### **ROLL CALL OF ALDERMEN**

*The following Council Members were present:*

*Mayor Victor Pierson  
MPT Steve Spicer  
Alderman Brad South  
Alderman Mary Morse  
Alderman Eddie Burke, Jr.*

*The following Council Member was absent:*

*Alderman Sherwood Green*

*Staff Present:*

*City Administrator Brick  
City Secretary Rushing*

### **ITEMS OF BUSINESS:**

- 1. DISCUSS A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH AUTHORIZING DESIGNATED SIGNATORS FOR ITS TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM DISASTER RELIEF CONTRACT DRS010209.**

*Mayor Pierson read the caption. City Administrator Brick explained that the signatures are a requirement to receive the funds. He also mentioned that the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) would like to know who the city designated to sign for the funds. Mayor Pierson announced that the City of Jamaica Beach was approved for \$1,805,086 of the CDBG funds. He also mentioned that there could possibly be a second round of CDBG funding in the amount of \$691,385, but the City of Jamaica Beach has not be approved for that money at this point. Mayor Pierson asked City Administrator Brick to explain what projects the \$1,805,086 will be used towards. City Administrator Brick said the city has designated the following projects: a drainage survey throughout the whole city; street work mainly on Jamaica Beach Rd. and possibly Jamaica Cove Rd.; there is also a \$360,000 figure to help fund the city portion for a new water tower in the City of Galveston. Mayor Pierson explained that the funds have already been approved, but the process to actually receive the funds takes some time. He wanted to also mention that the city has been approved for additional grants from Galveston County in the amount of \$444,000 and the State Energy Conservation Office in the amount of \$23,300 for a combined total of \$2,272,386. The item will be placed on the January 18<sup>th</sup> Regular City Council Meeting for consideration.*

**2. DISCUSS A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING THE USE OF EXCESSIVE FORCE DURING NONVIOLENT CIVIL RIGHTS DEMONSTRATIONS, INCLUDING PHYSICALLY BARRING ENTRANCE TO A FACILITY OR LOCATION WHICH IS THE SUBJECT OF SUCH DEMONSTRATION AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF IN THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH, COUNTY OF GALVESTON, STATE OF TEXAS.**

*Mayor Pierson read the caption. City Administrator Brick explained that the resolution must be passed in order to receive the funds.*

**3. DISCUSS HOUSES IN JAMAICA BEACH THAT ARE IN NEED OF MAJOR REPAIRS AND THE DIRECTION THAT STAFF IS TO TAKE WITH THESE PROPERTY OWNERS.**

*Mayor Pierson read the caption. After an extensive discussion between Council and the City Administrator, a decision was made to have an Executive Session with the City Attorney during the January 18<sup>th</sup> Regular City Council Meeting to decide what the city can do legally to enforce the repair of properties damaged by Hurricane Ike.*

*Mayor Pierson opened the discussion to the audience.*

*Jim Matthews, 16721 Jamaica Beach Rd., gave a suggestion to outline the consequences that will be taken for all houses that are non-compliance.*

*Al Galli, 16639 Bahama Way, spoke on behalf of the JBIC, he stated that the JBIC will start distributing letters to home owners that are non-compliance with the deed restrictions.*

*Mike Glezman, 16315 Jamaica Beach Rd., spoke about a house near his residence that is a health hazard, because it has an exposed sewer tap. He requested that the houses that are considered a health hazard be addressed immediately.*

*Ginger Jones, 16612 Curlew, commented on houses with the lower levels incomplete and the appearance of those houses.*

*Mayor Pierson said that the city can address issues that are specific to city ordinances. He mentioned that the city will need to work closely with all the Home Owners Associations within Jamaica Beach to help address the property owners that are non-compliance. He announced that the citizens of Jamaica Beach will be informed of the decisions that are made during the Executive Session.*

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

*City Administrator Brick distributed the city's financial reports for October and November to Council. He also noted that City Hall will be preparing for the freezing weather coming at the end of the week.*

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

*Mayor Pierson happily announced that the JBVFD move up to #11 of the "101 Things to Love about Galveston County" in the Galveston Daily News. He said that he was proud of all of the city departments.*

**ALDERMEN REPORTS** – *No Reports*

**POLICE REPORT** – *Absent, No Report*

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT** – *No Report*

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT** – *No Report*

**CITIZEN INPUT** (REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL MUST BE MADE TO CITY STAFF BY 5:45 P.M. ON JANUARY 04, 2010.)

*Jim Matthews, 16721 Jamaica Beach Rd., spoke about the drainage issues on Jamaica Beach Rd.*

*Mike Glezman, 16315 Jamaica Beach Rd., spoke about the access road on Jamaica Beach Rd.*

**ADJOURN**

*There being no further business to come before Council the meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.*