



CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH

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CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 6, 2020
6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Steve Spicer called the meeting to order.

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

Alderman Clay Morris led the Pledges of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas Flags.

ROLL CALL OF ALDERMEN

The following Councilmember's were present:

*Mayor Steve Spicer
Alderman Clay Morris
Alderman Terry Rizzo
Alderman Marci Kurtz*

The following Councilmember was absent:

*MPT Sherwood Green
Alderman Russell Rupertus*

The following staff was present:

*City Administrator Hutchison
City Secretary Rushing
Police Chief Heiman*

PUBLIC COMMENTS (LIMITED TO THREE (3) MINUTES PER PERSON)

No requests to address Council.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. DISCUSS APPROVING THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:
 - a. WORKSHOP MEETING – NOVEMBER 4, 2019
 - b. REGULAR MEETING – NOVEMBER 18, 2019
 - c. WORKSHOP & SPECIAL CALLED MEETING – DECEMBER 2, 2019

No discussion.

2. DISCUSS CALLING THE CITY OFFICER'S GENERAL ELECTION FOR MAY 2, 2020.
(DISCUTA DE LLAMAR A LA ELECCIÓN DE LOS OFICIALES DE LA CIUDAD PARA EL 02 DE MAYO DE 2020.)

Mayor Spicer read the Order of Election Notice calling for the City of Jamaica Beach to conduct a General Election on May 2, 2020 to elect 3 Alderman for two year terms; he provided the information for

submitting an application for a place on the ballot; he also noted the seats on the ballot are Sherwood Green, Marci Kurtz and Russell Rupertus.

3. DISCUSS APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH GALVESTON COUNTY ELECTION DIVISION FOR COUNTYWIDE ELECTION SERVICES, NAMING THE CITY SECRETARY AS THE CONTRACTING OFFICER.

City Secretary Rushing explained the election services contract; she noted the fees for providing the election services are divided amongst the entities conducting an election; if an election is cancelled, because the candidate(s) are unopposed, the contract can be cancelled and the city isn't responsible for the cost share fees.

4. DISCUSS APPROVING THE LIST OF PRE-QUALIFIED FIRMS FOR RFQ 2019-3: PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR POST STORM/MITIGATION PROJECTS.

City Administrator Hutchison noted the intent for the RFQ is to establish a list of pre-qualified firms for the city to utilize in the event the city experiences a catastrophe; he noted 3 firms responded to the RFQ and all 3 firms qualified; he clarified that Council would be approving all 3 firms to be on the list so in the event of a disaster, the city could select any firm on the list to contract with for restoration purposes.

5. DISCUSS APPROVING THE CITY TO USE RESERVE PARK FUNDS TO HOST THE MARDI GRAS & EASTER EVENTS AT THE CITY PARK, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,500.

Alderman Kurtz explained the funds requested would be used primarily for the Easter event; the only purchase for the Mardi Gras event is king cake.

6. DISCUSS APPROVING A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH, TEXAS SUSPENDING THE FEBRUARY 6, 2020 EFFECTIVE DATE OF TEXAS GAS SERVICE COMPANY'S REQUESTED INCREASE TO PERMIT THE CITY TIME TO STUDY THE REQUEST AND TO ESTABLISH REASONABLE RATES; APPROVING COOPERATION WITH OTHER CITIES IN THE TEXAS GAS SERVICE COMPANY'S CENTRAL TEXAS AND GULF COAST SERVICE AREAS; HIRING LEGAL AND CONSULTING SERVICES TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE COMPANY AND DIRECT ANY NECESSARY LITIGATION AND APPEALS; AUTHORIZING INTERVENTION IN GUD NO. 10928 AT THE RAILROAD COMMISSION; REQUIRING REIMBURSEMENT OF CITIES' RATE CASE EXPENSES; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW; REQUIRING NOTICE OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE COMPANY AND LEGAL.

Alderman Morris inquired about the verbiage used in the resolution. City Administrator Hutchison explained the resolution; he noted the resolution was provided by legal counsel and contained standard verbiage; approval of the resolution is required to postpone Texas Gas Service Company's requested rate increase.

Ginger Jones, 16612 Curlew, asked for the gas rate increase amount.

City Administrator Hutchison replied the requested increase is between 9.43%-15%.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

City Administrator Hutchison reported on the following: he started the review process to amend the city's Erosion Response Plan and noticed the current ERP calls for constructing 4 dune walkovers, but the FEMA project award letter lists 5 walkovers; he noted that 4 of the 5 walkovers in FEMA's award letter is located on private property and he is unsure if FEMA will reimburse the city for the walkovers if they are constructed on private property; he also noted an issue with the 1 walkover that is located on a public easement; he will provide an update on the walkovers after he receives a response from FEMA and TDEM about the issues; as required by State Code, he will be working with the City Engineer on developing an RFP for replacing a portion of the bulkhead at the WWTP and repairs to the southern portion of the bulkhead at the marina; he will be posting a RFP for USACE Permitting Services; he announced that work will begin this week to replace the water main on the north and south side of Henry Morgan.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Spicer welcomed 2020.

ALDERMEN REPORTS

Alderman Kurtz reported there will be a meeting on January 28th to recruit volunteers for events at the City Park, anyone interested in becoming a volunteer is welcome to attend; the Jamaica Beach Mardi Gras event will be held on February 16th, there will be a pet parade, golf cart parade and king cake will be served.

Alderman Morris reported a status update regarding large package deliveries, he will continue his efforts to figure out a solution; wished everybody a happy 2020; he acknowledged JBVFD members Ed and Lauren for doing a great job and commended them for their community involvement, he made an announcement about Ed having a heartache and asked for everyone's prayers for Ed's recovery.

Alderman Rizzo – No Report

POLICE REPORT

Police Chief Heiman reported an update on Officer Ornelas' recovery; noting she is not expected to return to work until mid-February.

FIRE REPORT

JBVFD President Nathan Martens attended the meeting to report the JBVFD quarterly fire stats.

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.