



# CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH

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## CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 16, 2017  
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

*Mayor Steve Spicer 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  
MPT Gene Montgomery  
Alderman Terry Hudson  
Alderman Sherwood Green  
Alderman Rosemary Lindley  
Alderman Marci Kurtz*

*The following staff was present:*

*City Administrator Brick  
City Secretary Rushing  
Police Chief Heiman*

### ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

#### 1. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR ACTION EXPANSION TO PARK PAVILION.

*City Administrator informed Council that the Recreation Center Advisory Committee met as directed by Council; he noted the Committee Members were: Dave Voight, Rosemary Lindley, Penny Ignazio, Terry Hudson, Terri Rizzo and Taz Jones. Mr. Brick said the Committee agreed to expand above the park pavilion and suggested the following amenities: kitchen suitable for a caterer, restrooms, storage, possible dressing room, elevator, ice maker, sound system, video screen and hold a capacity of at least 100 people; he noted 1 member suggested doing a survey of the citizens. Mayor Spicer disagreed with doing a survey; he said citizens should attend the Council Meetings to voice their opinions. Mayor Spicer opened the item for public comment:*

*Terri Rizzo, 16502 Jamaica Inn, commented as a member of the Advisory Committee, she noted at the first committee meeting that all the attending committee members agreed the city should conduct a citywide survey before deciding to build a recreation center. Ms. Rizzo commented numerous times on the subject; she said she didn't understand why the committee was created if Council has already decided to build the recreation center.*

*Elena Bloom, 16614 Sandpiper, agreed with Terri Rizzo that the city should do a survey if the city is paying to build the recreation center; she said she was under the impression the recreation center was going to be funded by property taxes.*

*Mayor Spicer replied the city would not be using property taxes to build the recreation center; the hope is to use county taxes; he also stated that is why he did not want to conduct a survey, because citizens are usually misinformed during the surveys.*

*Kristen Dillmann, 16616 Sandpiper, asked at what meeting was the recreation center decided on; she asked for clarification as to what Committee everyone was referring to.*

*Alderman Lindley noted the Recreation Center Committee and Park Board Committee are two different committees and they do not have the exact same members; she said she did not attend the first Recreation Center Committee meeting to know what was on the agenda or what was discussed, but at the second meeting the agenda stated the objective of the committee was to develop plans for the recreation center. MPT Montgomery noted the Recreation Center Committee was created by the direction of Council for the purpose of creating a design or wish list.*

*Marcy Moley, 16608 Sandpiper, inquired what is the proposed plans going to cost the city especially if the city does not receive the funding from the County and does the city have the funding available in the budget.*

*Mayor Spicer replied the city would use Hotel Occupancy Tax funds, not designated budget funds for the proposed plan expenses. He clarified the agenda item was not to actually approve the construction of a recreation center; it is to create proposed building plans so the city can seek bids to present to the County for funding before the deadline. MPT Montgomery motioned to move forward with the plans to expand over the current park pavilion. Second by Alderman Lindley. MPT Montgomery amended his motion to move forward with the plans to expand over the current park pavilion by authorizing the City Administrator to consult with McDaniel Engineering then report results to Advisory Committee and Council. Second by Alderman Lindley. Motion unanimously approved.*

**2. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR ACTION REVISING THE CITY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE.**

*City Secretary Rushing noted the Salt Grass Chapter for Municipal Clerks conducted a City Holiday Schedule Survey; the results showed most cities as having 12 paid holidays within the year; she mentioned the City of Jamaica Beach has 10 paid holidays; according to the survey, some cities have between 10-12 city closure holidays, while others allowed employees 1-2 personal/floating holidays. Mrs. Rushing asked Council to consider revising the city holiday schedule to 12 paid holidays by closing city offices on 2 more selected holidays of their choice or allowing employees 2 personal/floating holidays so there is no change to the days city offices are closed. Mayor Spicer opened the item for discussion:*

*Terry Rizzo, 16502 Jamaica Inn, suggests the city be closed on Veteran's Day.*

*Allison Cowan, 16525 Tampico Way, comment Veteran's Day is on a Friday.*

*Alderman Hudson motioned to revise the city holiday schedule by allowing employees 2 paid personal/floating holidays and keeping the 10 city closure holidays. Second by Alderman Lindley. Motion unanimously approved.*

**3. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR ACTION APPROVING THE DISASTER FINANCE PLAN.**

*City Administrator Brick explained the Disaster Finance Plan; he noted each city is required to have an approved Disaster Finance Plan to receive FEMA reimbursement funds in the event of a declared disaster; he mentioned he and City Secretary Rushing attended the mandatory Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Division of Emergency Management Disaster Accounting Classes to receive their certifications. Alderman Green motioned to approve the Disaster Finance Plan. Second by Alderman Hudson. Motion unanimously approved.*

**4. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR ACTION CALLING THE CITY OFFICER'S GENERAL ELECTION FOR MAY 6, 2017.**

*Mayor Spicer read the Order Calling for the City Officer's General Election for May 6, 2017 to elect 1 Mayor and 2 Alderman for two year term. Alderman Green motioned to approve the Order Calling for the City Officer's General Election for May 6, 2017. Second by MPT Montgomery. Motion unanimously approved.*

5. **DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR ACTION APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY OF GALVESTON FOR COUNTYWIDE ELECTION SERVICES NAMING THE CITY SECRETARY AS THE CONTRACTING OFFICER.**

*City Secretary Rushing explained the contract with the County of Galveston for Countywide Election Services. Alderman Green motioned to approve the contract with the County of Galveston for Countywide Election Services naming the City Secretary as the Contracting Officer. Second by Alderman Hudson. Motion unanimously approved.*

**CITIZEN INPUT**

(REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL MUST BE MADE TO CITY STAFF BY 5:45 P.M. ON JANUARY 16, 2017.)

*No requests to address Council.*

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

*City Administrator Brick reported that he met with Mercer Construction to discuss the low water pressure issue; he also has plans to meet with the City of Galveston to ask them to allow the City of Jamaica Beach to receive water from the water tower while the city is trying to locate and repair the water issue.*

**MAYOR'S REPORT** – *No Report.*

**ALDERMEN REPORTS**

*Alderman Lindley reported Light-up Jamaica Beach was a success; the Park Board plans to have their 2017 Christmas event on the third Saturday in December; two drinking fountains and a pet fountain has been added at the City Park along with other sporting equipment.*

*Alderman Green reported JBPD is doing a good job addressing the theft issue.*

*Alderman Hudson reported Park Board is doing a good job.*

*MPT Montgomery and Alderman Kurtz – No Reports*

**POLICE REPORT**

*Police Chief Heiman reported JBPD 2016 stats; provided an update on the JB thefts; he hired two new Full-Time Officers: Gilberto Villarreal and Tim Cowart to replace Sgt. Todaro and Officer Purcell.*

**ADJOURN**

*Mayor Spicer said if there was no further business to come before Council he would call for a motion to adjourn. MPT Montgomery motioned the meeting be adjourned. Second by Alderman Green. Motion unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.*