



CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH

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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 20, 2020
6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

MPT Sherwood Green called the meeting to order.

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

MPT Green led the Pledges of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas Flags.

ROLL CALL OF ALDERMEN

The following Councilmember's were present:

*MPT Sherwood Green
Alderman Clay Morris
Alderman Terry Rizzo
Alderman Marci Kurtz*

The following Councilmember was absent:

*Mayor Steve Spicer
Alderman Russell Rupertus*

The following staff was present:

*City Administrator Hutchison
Police Lt. John Aucoin*

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

Lorraine Jones, 16712 Jolly Roger, praised and thanked the JBVFD for providing her the fire stats on a quarterly basis; commented that she submitted an open records request last April to the JBPD for a copy of the police crime stats and received a written response from the Police Chief stating the quarterly police stats would be published on the JBPD website for everyone to view, but to date, the police stats have not been posted on the city's website nor the JBPD website; she requested the city and JBPD post current basic crime stats on their websites for people to view instead of having them search for the information on other websites and find old data.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. CONSIDER FOR ACTION APPROVING THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:

- a. WORKSHOP MEETING – NOVEMBER 4, 2019
- b. REGULAR MEETING – NOVEMBER 18, 2019
- c. WORKSHOP & SPECIAL CALLED MEETING – DECEMBER 2, 2019

Alderman Morris motioned to approve the above listed minutes. Second by Alderman Rizzo. Motion unanimously approved by those present.

2. **CONSIDER FOR ACTION CALLING THE CITY OFFICER'S GENERAL ELECTION FOR MAY 2, 2020. (CONSIDERE LA POSIBILIDAD DE LLAMAR A LA ELECCIÓN DE LOS OFICIALES DE LA CIUDAD PARA EL 02 DE MAYO DE 2020.)**
Alderman Rizzo motioned to approve the Order of Election calling the City Officer's General Election for May 2, 2020. Second by Alderman Morris. Motion unanimously approved by those present.
3. **CONSIDER FOR ACTION APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH GALVESTON COUNTY ELECTION DIVISION FOR COUNTYWIDE ELECTION SERVICES, NAMING THE CITY SECRETARY AS THE CONTRACTING OFFICER.**
Alderman Morris motioned to approve the contract with the Galveston County Election Division for Countywide Election Services naming the City Secretary as the Contracting Officer. Second by Alderman Kurtz. Motion unanimously approved by those present.
4. **CONSIDER FOR ACTION APPROVING THE LIST OF PRE-QUALIFIED FIRMS FOR RFQ 2019-3: PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR POST STORM/MITIGATION PROJECTS.**
Alderman Rizzo motioned to approve the list of pre-qualified firms for RFQ 2019-3: Professional Engineering Services for post mitigation projects. Second by Alderman Morris. Motion unanimously approved by those present.
5. **CONSIDER FOR ACTION 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 Morris motioned to approve the Mardi Gras and Easter events at the city park, in an amount not to exceed \$1,500, funding from 50035 Reserve Park Funds. Second by Alderman Rizzo. Motion unanimously approved by those present.
6. **CONSIDER FOR ACTION 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 Rizzo motioned to approve the above caption resolution. Second by Alderman Morris. Motion unanimously approved by those present. Creating Resolution 2020-1.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

City Administrator Hutchison reported on the following: the Coastal Texas Study Team will be conducting a Public Open House on February 12th regarding the proposed barrier ring around Galveston Island; he is waiting on a response from FEMA regarding his inquiry on the city receiving reimbursement if the dune walkovers were constructed on private property; he is also waiting on FEMA to provide a status update regarding approval of the County's request for a dedicated beach and dune easement; he will be meeting with the City Engineer to get his assistance with developing specifications for an RFP to replace a portion of the bulkhead at the WWTP and repairing the southern portion of the bulkhead at the marina; he announced the tentative date for the next STR Advisory Committee Meeting is February 10th; following that meeting, the draft STR ordinance will be sent to the City Attorney to review; the soonest tentative date to conduct a public hearing on the draft ordinance is March 2nd; during the month of February, he will be providing information to City Council regarding the seaweed removal process that the city must abide by to comply with the new USACE Seaweed Removal Permit; he will also be presenting an interlocal agreement between the city and Galveston Park Board for seaweed inundation removal services; he will be attending Disaster Recovery classes in League City on January 21st & 22nd, but will be available by phone if needed.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Absent, No Report

ALDERMEN REPORTS

Alderman Morris reported that he is still consulting with the USPS about having parcel boxes installed for large package deliveries, it has not been determined who will pay for the boxes, the USPS will make that determination after the concrete slab is installed; wants to see more city beautification projects; he said he has been receiving calls and e-mails about STR, he noted that he is listening and is looking forward to participating on the subject.

Alderman Kurtz reported the city is looking for volunteers to help with planning and conducting city events at the City Park; she invited all citizens interested in volunteering to attend the Park Volunteer Meeting on Tuesday, January 28th at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.

MPT Green and Alderman Rizzo – No Reports

POLICE REPORT – *Absent, No Report*

FIRE REPORT – *Absent, No Report*

ADJOURN

MPT Green said if there was no further business to come before Council he would call for a motion to adjourn. Alderman Rizzo motioned the meeting be adjourned. Second by Alderman Morris. Motion unanimously approved by those present. Meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.