



CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH

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CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 3, 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 Marci Kurtz led the Pledges of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas Flag.

ROLL CALL OF ALDERMEN

The following Councilmember's were present:

*Mayor Steve Spicer
MPT Sherwood Green
Alderman Clay Morris
Alderman Russell Rupertus
Alderman Terry Rizzo (arrived at 6:03 p.m.)
Alderman Marci Kurtz*

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.

PRESENTATION:

1. UPDATE ON JAMAICA BEACH WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT.

John Mercer with Mercer & Associates attended the meeting to provide an update on the waterline replacement project; he noted the project was originally approved with a completion date of March 1, 2020, but the contracting company is having difficulty digging the trenches to lay the new waterline pipe, because of the weather (ground has been too saturated); he mentioned the city had a couple of options regarding the project: the city could either approve a change order request to subcontract a company to do well pointing, which would cost an additional \$90,000-\$100,000+; or the city could extended the deadline date; Mr. Mercer said he extended the deadline date on the city's behalf to avoid having to pay an additional \$90,000+ for a change order.

2. UPDATE ON US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS SEAWEEED REMOVAL PERMIT REQUIREMENTS.

City Administrator Hutchison explained the USACE requirements for cleaning and/or removing seaweed on the beach; he said he consulted with the Galveston Park Board of Trustees about possibly contracting with them for seaweed removal services; he noted the contract would require a retainer fee,

but the city would only pay for services as they are needed; he also noted that any and all service costs and annual program fee would be deducted from the retainer fee.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. **DISCUSS APPROVING THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:**
 - a. **WORKSHOP MEETING – JANUARY 6, 2020**
 - b. **REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 20, 2020**

No discussion. No action.

2. **DISCUSS APPROVING A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AERIAL SPRAYING FOR MOSQUITOS BY THE GALVESTON COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT.**

No discussion. No action.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

City Administrator Hutchison reported on the following: he attended a 2-day FEMA Training class in League City; options for beach cleaning services; details pertaining to an interlocal agreement with the Galveston Park Board of Trustees for seaweed removal services; GLO assigned a CEPRA Project Manager to work on a contract for the beach nourishment permit; JBIC will be removing the City of Jamaica Beach signs to have them repainted; the rooms have been reserved at Moody Gardens Hotel for essential personnel during a disaster; the next STR Committee Meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 10th at 6:00p.m.

MAYOR'S REPORT – No Report

ALDERMEN REPORTS

MPT Green & Alderman Rizzo – No Reports

Alderman Kurtz reported there was only 1 new citizen that signed up as a park volunteer; the city will continue to seek volunteers for city events; the city plans to purchase new playground equipment.

Alderman Morris reported he is working with staff on the following issues: large package deliveries, city boat ramp and short term rentals.

Alderman Rupertus apologized for missing the last two Council meetings; he attended the West End Homeowners Association Meeting and the following topics were discussed: election year for the City of Galveston and Galveston County Tax Assessor, City of Galveston's Beach Access Plan, on-street parking an issue for other communities; he noted the STR issue was brought to the city's attention by citizens; he spoke in-favor of a STR ordinance; he said he spoke to a Parks & Wildlife Agent about the coyote issue and the Agent informed him that it was breeding season and that he was unaware of a coyote ever attacking a human; Alderman Rupertus said he has heard comments about shooting at the coyotes, so he wanted to remind everyone that there is a city ordinance against discharging a fire arm in Jamaica Beach.

POLICE REPORT

Police Chief Heiman reported the 2019 Police Stats; Officer Ornelas returned to work on light duty only.

FIRE REPORT – Absent, No Report

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.