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CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 06, 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

Alderman Sherwood Green 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 REPAIRING THE BULKHEAD ON TERN DRIVE.

City Administrator Brick gave each Councilmember a copy of the bids he received to replace the city bulkhead on Tern Drive. He said he received 3 bids: West End Construction - \$26,750; Island Marine Pile Drivers - \$27,450; and Gulf Coast Marine - \$36,103. Mr. Brick noted the materials used in each bid; he recommended the bid be awarded to Island Marine Pile Drivers for their use of armor rods. Council reviewed and briefly discussed the bids then directed the City Administrator to contact Island Marine Pile Drivers to inquire about the length of the bulkhead material, whether they were going to remove the old materials and if so was it included in the bid before Council making a decision at the February 20th Council Meeting.

2. DISCUSS STREET REPAIRS ON JAMAICA COVE AND ON THE NORTH AND SOUTH END OF BUCCANEER.

City Administrator Brick explained the street repairs needed on Jamaica Cove and on Buccaneer; he said he received a bid from Lucas Construction for \$10,250. No further discussion.

3. DISCUSS DESIGNATING A DOG PARK AREA AT THE CITY PARK.

Mayor Spicer invited Dave Voight to speak about the agenda item, sense he is the Chairman of the Park Board Committee.

Dave Voight, 4630 Jamaica Cove, noted the cost, size and maintenance requirements for a dog park area; he said it would cost over \$5,000 for a cyclone fence; he mentioned the Park Board is seeking input from citizens on rather to designate a dog park area or not. Alderman Lindley spoke in favor of the dog park; she thinks having a dog park would be beneficial to the homeowners with dogs that do not have much yard space. Alderman Kurtz suggests if the dog park is created it should be divided into 2 separate sections for small dogs and large dogs. No further discussion.

4. DISCUSS A VARIANCE REQUEST TO ALLOW AN 8 FT. SIDE SETBACKS ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 16702 SANDPIPER.

City Administrator Brick explained the variance request; he noted the building plans were created with 8 ft. side setbacks, because that is what was shown on the survey. Mr. Brick said the variance request was approved by Planning & Zoning; he also noted JBIC had 8 ft. side setbacks for this property. The contractor attended the meeting to explain and plead for approval of the variance request.

5. DISCUSS REPLAT OF PROPERTY AT 4124 EAST BAYSIDE WAY.

City Administrator Brick explained the re-plat request; he said the owner is requesting the property be merged from 3 lots into 1 lot; he mentioned 2 of the lots currently had a house on them, and if Council approves the re-plat the houses would still be within the setback lines. Mr. Brick noted request was approved by Planning and Zoning. Mayor Spicer opened the item for public comment:

Jim Gentile, 16711 Cabeza De Vaca, inquired if JBIC approved the re-plat request.

City Administrator Brick replied the request did not require JBIC approval.

6. DISCUSS LETTER TO BEACHFRONT PROPERTY OWNERS REGARDING BEACH DUNE PROJECT EASEMENTS.

City Administrator Brick noted 9 beachfront property owners have yet to respond to his previous letters requesting authorization to access their easements; he mentioned the beach dune cannot be constructed without their approval. Mr. Brick read a few paragraphs from the letter he is proposing to mail to the beachfront property owners that have not replied to him. Mayor Spicer explained the beach dune project; he said the City of Jamaica Beach has been working with the General Land Office on this project; he also noted the project would be funded by FEMA, but the city is nearing the time limit to receive the funds.

7. DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE 2007-07:

- a. CHANGE SIDE AND FRONT PROPERTY SETBACKS TO ALIGN WITH JBIC'S SETBACKS.
- b. ALLOW EXTERIOR STAIRWAYS TO EXTEND 4 FEET INTO SIDE SETBACKS.
- c. ALLOW CARGO LIFTS IN SIDE SETBACKS WITH AN APPROVED VARIANCE OR AS A MEDICAL NECESSITY.

City Administrator Brick said he met with the Planning and Zoning Committee and JBIC to discuss the above amendments to the Zoning Ordinance; they all agree the building process would be easier on city staff and contractors if the city's setbacks align with JBIC's setbacks; it would also reduce the amount of variance request regarding setbacks. City Secretary Rushing noted the city's current Zoning Ordinance already allowed exterior stairways to extend 4 feet into side setbacks. Mayor Spicer opened the item for public comment:

Terry Rizzo, 16502 Jamaica Inn, spoke on behalf of JBIC, she said JBIC does not and will not allow exterior stairs in the setbacks.

Robbie Bricnac, 22802 Vida, spoke in favor of changing the side setbacks to align with JBIC's; he said as a local builder it would be helpful to have the same setbacks.

8. DISCUSS A PROCLAMATION DECLARING MARCH 28TH AS BLIND VETERANS DAY IN THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH.

Mayor Spicer read the Draft Proclamation declaring March 28th as Blind Veterans Day in the City of Jamaica Beach. Mayor Spicer opened the item for public comment:

Lorraine Jones, 16712 Jolly Roger, inquired if the flag needed to be lowered at the park on March 28th.

Mayor Spicer replied no.

CITIZEN INPUT

(REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL MUST BE MADE TO CITY STAFF BY 5:45 P.M. ON FEBRUARY 06, 2017.)

No requests to address Council.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

City Administrator Brick reported there will be a black helicopter flying around checking powerlines between February 8th – 11th; he will be meeting with JBIC to discuss funding and planting options at the city park.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Spicer reported he received praised from residents regarding the power outage notifications; condolences on the passing of Ex-Police Chief Clyde Baden.

ALDERMEN REPORTS

Alderman Kurtz reported on the decision not to raise Jamaica Cove Road.

Alderman Lindley reported an update on the new city park equipment.

MPT Montgomery, Alderman Green and Alderman Hudson – No Reports.

POLICE REPORT

Police Chief Heiman reported an update on the kayaks thefts in Jamaica Beach; new Police Officers are doing a good job.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.