



CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH

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CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 01, 2010
6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pierson called the meeting to order.

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

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

ROLL CALL OF ALDERMEN

The following Council Members were present:

*Mayor Victor Pierson
MPT Steve Spicer
Alderman Brad south
Alderman Mary Morse
Alderman Sherwood Green
Alderman Eddie Burke, Jr.*

Staff Present:

*City Secretary Rushing
Chief McLane*

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

1. DISCUSS CONTRACTING WITH GALVESTON COUNTY FOR THE RENTAL OF ELECTION EQUIPMENT.

Mayor Pierson read caption. City Secretary Rushing explained that the City leases the tabulation equipment required by the state to conduct elections from Galveston County. Mayor Pierson mentioned that the election will be held on May 8th.

2. DISCUSS DRAINAGE COMMITTEE REPORT REGARDING JAMAICA BEACH ROAD.

Mayor Pierson read caption. MPT Spicer gave an update on the items discussed during the Drainage Committee. He explained that the city has to go through multiple phases before the grant money can be disbursed. The city is currently in the environmental phase.

Jim Matthews, 16721 Jamaica Beach Rd., spoke on behalf of the Drainage Committee, he provided quotes from the parties involved in the approval process to receive the grant money. Mr. Matthews pointed out in his summary that the engineer predicted construction to start by June.

Mayor Pierson announced that the city has drainage issues throughout the city, but the county should start work on Jamaica Cove Rd. sometime this month or early April. He explained that the project on Jamaica Beach Rd. is funded by Federal money and the project on Jamaica Cove Rd and that area is funded by County money.

Alderman Burke noted that the city will receive 1.8 million which will be used towards the whole city.

Mayor Pierson said part of that 1.8 million will pay for a mandatory drainage study. He insured the citizens that the city will continue to stay in contact with all parties involved in the Jamaica Beach Rd. project to keep it moving forward.

Ginger Jones, 16612 Curlew, wanted clarification on the drainage plan for the city.

John Grow, 16631 John Silver, asked if the drainage plan will include ditches.

Gil Madray, 16638 Bahama Way, inquired about posting of the plan or making it available to the public.

Mel Corolla, 16515 Bahama Way, asked about the surveyors in the neighborhood and what their relationship was to the project.

Mayor Pierson ended the discussion by saying that the Drainage Committee meetings are open to the public and he encourages all interested citizens to attend when possible. He also stated that Council will try to recap the Drainage Committee meetings during the City Council meetings.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Absent, No Report

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pierson announced that March 10th is the Mayor's and Councilmember's Meeting in Dickinson. Those meetings are held every other month; the next meeting is scheduled for May 12th and will be held in Jamaica Beach. He noted that the city will not have their regular scheduled Council Meetings in May due to the city's election. The city will conduct a Called Workshop and Called Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, May 11th to canvass the election, swear everybody in and appoint the Mayor Pro Tem.

ALDERMEN REPORTS

Alderman South – No Report

Alderman Morse – Reported that the Park Board will be meeting soon to discuss the plans for the Memorial Day Dance and fundraiser.

Alderman Burke – Reported that Mel Corolla is a new member of the JBIC Committee. He provided a recap of the JBIC Meeting held on February 27th, he also reminded citizens to attend the meeting.

Alderman Green – No Report

MPT Spicer – Gave his report on behalf of the Fire Department, he announced that a jet ski and skid was donated to the JBVFD. The JBVFD purchased a new boat.

POLICE REPORT

Chief McLane – Explained and distributed to Council a Racial Profile Report. He informed Council that Howard Foreman, a JB Reserved Police, would like to lease a car and boat to the JBPD for \$1.00 a year. The city would be responsible for the insurance.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT – Report provided during the Alderman Report.

CITIZEN INPUT

(REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL MUST BE MADE TO CITY STAFF BY 5:45 P.M. ON MARCH 01, 2010.)

There were no requests to address Council.

ADJOURN

There was no further business to come before Council; the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.