



CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH

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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 16, 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

Alderman Terry Rizzo 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 Russell Rupertus
Alderman Terry Rizzo
Alderman Marci Kurtz*

The following Councilmember was absent:

Mayor Steve Spicer

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.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. CONSIDER FOR ACTION APPROVING THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:
 - a. WORKSHOP MEETING – FEBRUARY 3, 2020
 - b. REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 17, 2020

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

2. CONSIDER FOR ACTION ORDERING THE CANCELLATION OF THE MAY 2, 2020 CITY OFFICER'S GENERAL ELECTION BY ACCEPTING A CERTIFICATION OF UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES FROM THE CITY SECRETARY.

(CONSIDERE LA POSIBILIDAD DE PEDIR LA CANCELACIÓN DE LAS ELECCIONES GENERALES DEL 2 DE MAYO DE 2020 CIUDAD OFICIAL ACEPTANDO UNA CERTIFICACIÓN DE CANDIDATOS SIN OPOSICIÓN DE LA SECRETARIA DE LA CIUDAD.)

Alderman Rizzo motioned to Order the Cancellation of the May 2, 2020 City Officer's General Election by accepting a Certification of Unopposed Candidates from the City Secretary. Second by Alderman Kurtz. Motion unanimously approved by those present.

- 3. CONSIDER FOR ACTION APPROVING THE QUOTE FROM AMERICAN PARKS COMPANY FOR THE PURCHASE OF NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48,681, FUNDING FROM 50035 RESERVE PARK FUND AND 50050 RESERVE HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX FUND.**

Alderman Kurtz motioned to approve the quote from American Parks Company for the purchase of the new playground equipment, in the amount of \$48,681, funding from 50035 Reserve Park Fund and 50050 Reserve Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund. Second by Alderman Rizzo. Motion unanimously approved by those present.

- 4. CONSIDER FOR ACTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A NEW POLICE VEHICLE PATROL UNIT, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$38,500, FUNDING FROM THE TML INSURANCE CLAIM SETTLEMENT AND 50026 RESERVE POLICE VEHICLE/EQUIPMENT FUND.**

Alderman Morris motioned to approve the purchase of a new police vehicle patrol unit, in an amount not to exceed \$38,500, funding from the TML Insurance Claim Settlement and 50026 Reserve Police Vehicle/Equipment Fund. Alderman Rupertus seconded the motion to open the item for discussion. Police Chief Heiman explained that he solicited quotes from 3 companies on BuyBoard, but only received a quote from 1 that was from Sam Pack's Five Star Ford for \$41,788.36. Alderman Morris amended his motion to approve the purchase of a new police vehicle patrol unit, in an amount not to exceed \$42,000, funding from the previously mentioned accounts. Second by Alderman Rizzo. Amended motion unanimously approved by those present.

- 5. CONSIDER FOR ACTION APPROVING AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH, TEXAS, AMENDING ORDINANCE 76-12 PROHIBITING UNREASONABLY LOUD, DISTURBING OR UNNECESSARY NOISE OR NOISE DETRIMENTAL TO HEALTH, AS AMENDED, TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, NEW REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS RELATING TO NOISE NUISANCES; TO PROVIDE VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Alderman Kurtz motioned to approve the above stated Ordinance. Second by Alderman Rizzo. Motion unanimously approved by those present. Creating Ordinance 2020-2.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

City Administrator Hutchison reported on the following: the hydrant installation on Bermuda and the Waterline Replacement Project is delayed indefinitely until the water table lowers enough to allow for digging and installation of the new waterlines; a change order for the mentioned projects will be on the April Council Agenda for approval; Annual Hurricane Preparedness Meeting is scheduled to be conducted on June 20, 2020 from 10AM-Noon; reminder that JBPD will be enforcing the Leave No Trace Ordinance barring people from leaving personal property on the public beach between the hours of sunset to sunrise; he announced that City Hall offices will be open for emergency purposes only to limit the person to person contact due to the coronavirus; he encouraged the use of online services or contact City Hall by phone or email while being closed for social distancing.

MAYOR'S REPORT - Absent, No Report

ALDERMEN REPORTS

MPT Green and Alderman Kurtz – No Reports

Alderman Morris reported on the following: comment that ambulance service shouldn't take 40 minutes to arrive to a call in JB; suggests codifying ordinances for easier searching and video recording of Council Meetings; spoke against golf carts not being allowed to drive on the pedestrian side of the beach.

Alderman Rupertus reported that the beach bollards dividing the vehicle & pedestrian sides of the beach are not illegal as being rumored; he clarified that the issue is allowing golf carts to drive on the pedestrian side of the beach and not allowing other vehicles to do the same; he noted that the city has to either allow all vehicles to drive on all areas of the beach or exempt them all; he also mentioned that it is only 55 days out of the year that a portion of the beach is designated for pedestrians only.

Alderman Rizzo suggested the city's Annual Easter event be cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic.

POLICE REPORT

Police Chief Heiman reported that he is still interviewing/seeking Reserve Officers; Spring Break extended due to school closures from the coronavirus; to limit JB Officers exposure to the coronavirus, he informed them to be lenient while patrolling and only make traffic stops that are crucial.

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 Rupertus motioned the meeting be adjourned. Second by Alderman Kurtz. Motion unanimously approved by those present. Meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.