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CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 5, 2018
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 David Welch
Alderman Sherwood Green
Alderman Rosemary Lindley
Alderman Marci Kurtz*

The following staff was present:

*City Administrator Brick
City Secretary Rushing
Police Chief Heiman*

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

Jay Aubin, 16712 Jolly Roger, spoke about his concerns regarding the city's water system and the lack of warning during city water outages; commented on the Planning & Zoning Committee; inquired if the city will be receiving any funding from the County of Galveston bond; suggest Council use their microphones during the Council Meetings.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. DISCUSS APPROVING THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:

a. WORKSHOP & REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 15, 2018

Mayor Spicer noted the minutes were provided to Council to review. Council had no corrections. No discussion.

2. DISCUSS REVISING THE ORDER OF ELECTION & ISSUING THE NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE MAY 5, 2018 CITY OFFICERS GENERAL ELECTION.

City Secretary Rushing noted the Order of Election will be revised to include all the Galveston County-wide Early Voting and Election Day polling locations for the May 5, 2018 Election; she mentioned the city will be conducting an election to elect 3 Alderman for 2 year terms. City Secretary Rushing noted the seats on the ballot will be Gene Montgomery, Sherwood Green and Marci Kurtz; she said she received 4

Applications for a Place on the Ballot from the following: Marci Kurtz- Incumbent, Sherwood Green-Incumbent, Russell Rupertus and John Grown.

3. **DISCUSS APPROVING THE CITY STAFF TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR DISASTER RECOVERY ASSISTANCE SERVICES FOLLOWING A NATURAL OR MANMADE DISASTER.**

City Administrator Brick explained the request to advertise for bids; he noted FEMA no longer allows cities to "piggyback" on another entity's contract. No further discussion.

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

Mayor Spicer mentioned the agenda item as being an annual request; he noted the Galveston County Mosquito Control District usually sprays the city whenever he contacts them.

5. **DISCUSS APPROVING A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION FOR GRANT APPLICATION NUMBER 3657701, TITLED NIBRS TRANSITION, TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR; DESIGNATING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR AS THE AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL.**

Police Chief Heiman explained the grant and proposed system software; he noted the grant funding would be used to upgrade the Police Department's reporting/ticketing software system. Chief Heiman mentioned the new system would be more efficient for police officers, city staff, as well as, violators; he said if the grant funding is approved, the Police Department could receive up to \$102,478. Alderman Welch acknowledged the grant would cover the initial cost, but inquired if the city would be responsible for any on-going cost for the software, such as, licensing or maintenance fees. Police Chief Heiman replied the grant does not require the city to match funds; however, the software does have an annual maintenance fee of \$2,000 that the city will be required to pay; he noted the maintenance fee for the proposed software is usually \$6,000, but he has negotiated it down to \$2,000, which is less than the annual maintenance fee the city pays for the current software system.

Mayor Spicer opened the item for public comment:

Jay Aubin, 16712 Jolly Roger, questioned why John Brick the City Administrator was being named as the authorized official and not Brad Heiman (Police Chief).

Mayor Spicer replied John Brick is the City Administrator and that's his job.

6. **DISCUSS APPROVING THE PARK BOARD EASTER EVENT AND MEMORIAL DAY DANCE, AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$11,000 FOR BOTH EVENTS, FUNDING FROM THE NON-BUDGET RESERVE PARK BOARD FUND.**

Mayor Spicer noted the agenda item as being an annual request. No discussion.

7. **DISCUSS APPOINTING TERRY HUDSON TO THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE.**

City Administrator Brick noted an open position on the Planning & Zoning Committee and recommended the appointment of Terry Hudson. Alderman Kurtz inquired who the other committee members were. City Administrator Brick replied Jim Gentile, Rick Price, Gay Fundling; he noted there was one other person, but he couldn't remember who it was at the time.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

City Administrator Brick announced his 30-day resignation as City Administrator during his report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Spicer recognized and thanked John Brick for his many years of service as City Administrator.

ALDERMEN REPORTS

Alderman Lindley reported the Jamaica Beach Park Board is in the process of planning their Easter and Memorial Day Events; she noted they are planning to replace the toddler playground equipment in May, with hopefully, grant funding assistance from Moody Bank.

Alderman Welch reported Margaret Lloyd resigned from JBIC; he thanked her for her years of service; he noted JBIC elected 2 new members.

MPT Montgomery, Alderman Kurtz and Alderman Green – No Reports

POLICE REPORT

Police Chief Heiman expressed his gratitude to John Brick; he reported the JBPD stats.

ADJOURN

Mayor Spicer adjourned the meeting at 6:21 p.m.