



CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH

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CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 4, 2011
6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pierson called the meeting to order.

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

Chief McLane led the Pledges of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas Flags.

ROLL CALL OF ALDERMEN

The following City Councilmember's were present:

*Mayor Victor Pierson
MPT Eddie Burke
Alderman Brad South
Alderman Sherwood Green
Alderman Mary Morse
Alderman Gene Montgomery*

The following staff was present:

*City Administrator, John Brick
City Secretary, Lupe Rushing
Police Chief, Andy McLane*

PRESENTATION:

- 1. PRESENT PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING APRIL 4-10, 2011 AS NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK TO THE GALVESTON COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT.**

Mayor Pierson read the proclamation recognizing April 4-10, 2011 as National Public Health Week. He presented the proclamation to Trey Frankovich who attended the meeting on behalf of the Galveston County Health District.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

- 1. DISCUSS OUTCOME OF PLANNING & ZONING MEETING ON 16708 CORMORANT AND 16540 TORTUGA.**

City Administrator Brick explained to Council that the Planning and Zoning Board has met to discuss both addresses. They recommend a variance for the cargo lift at 16708 Cormorant, but do not recommend a variance for the dock at 16540 Tortuga. The homeowner at 16540 Tortuga has been contacted to remove the dock since it is not compliant with the setback requirements.

Margaret Lloyd, 16643 Bahama Way, asked what a cargo lift was.

- 2. DISCUSS TAX ASSESSOR AND COLLECTOR CONTRACT.**

City Administrator Brick informed Council that he received the new contract from the Galveston County Tax Assessor Office. The contract fees to collect Jamaica Beach taxes were reduced from \$0.32 to \$0.27.

Ginger Jones, 16612 Curlew, inquired if the fees included every home in Jamaica Beach.

3. DISCUSS DRAFT DUMPSTER ORDINANCE.

Mayor Pierson said the dumpster ordinance has been on past agendas for discussion and will be voted on during the April 18th Council meeting.

4. DISCUSS DRAFT PARK ORDINANCE.

City Administrator Brick explained the recommended changes to the original draft ordinance presented to Council previously. Chief McLane clarified that residents would not be charged to fish. He expressed that only non-residents would need to obtain a fishing permit from City Hall. Mayor Pierson announced that all citizens would need to contact city staff to voice their concerns before April 18th since that is when it will be voted on.

Bunny Zapalac, 16603 Cormorant, inquired when the ordinance will be voted on.

Nola Warren, 16642 Bermuda Way, said there is a litter problem at the parks; also recommended more signage at the parks.

Margaret Lloyd, 16643 Bahama Way, asked what areas will be considered parks.

Kathy Maddox, 16708 Capt. Hook, inquired if someone was going to mow the bird sanctuary.

Ginger Jones, 16612 Curlew, said the bulkhead at the end of Flamingo Rd. needs to be repaired.

5. DISCUSS DRAFT RV ORDINANCE.

City Administrator Brick explained the changes made to the draft ordinance originally presented to Council.

Ben Daniel, 4603 Jolly Roger, said he has lived in Jamaica Beach as a full time resident for 17 years, he spoke against the ordinance.

Mathew Meadows, 16630 John Silver, said his RV is parked 20 ft. from the street; he does not consider his RV an eye sore; he spoke against the ordinance.

John Jensen, 4121 W. Bayside Way, in favor of the ordinance.

Casey Meadows, 16630 John Silver, spoke against ordinance.

Ginger Jones, 16603 Curlew, said she doesn't see a difference between boat trailers and mobile home trailers, if residents have to pay to store their boat trailers elsewhere then RV owners should too.

6. DISCUSS RACIAL PROFILE REPORT.

Chief McLane distributed and explained the City of Jamaica Beach's racial profile report.

7. DISCUSS A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH AND MR. HOWARD FOREMAN FOR AN ATV.

Chief McLane explained the contents to the proposed lease agreement. He said it would be similar to the other lease agreements between the city and Mr. Howard Foreman. Mr. Foreman would lease the ATV to the city for \$1 dollar a year plus the cost to insure it through TML, which would be an estimated cost between \$24-\$85 a year.

8. DISCUSS AUTHORIZING FUNDING FOR THE MEMORIAL DAY DANCE WITH THE MONIES TO COME FROM THE PARK BOARD FUND.

Alderman Morse said the Memorial Day Dance is an annual event. Mayor Pierson mentioned that the city normally authorizes the Park Board to use \$10,000 out of the Park fund, which is later reimbursed from the money raised from the dance along with any additional funds raised.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

City Administrator Brick provided an update on 16602 Pelican Rd. and 16513 Jamaica Beach Rd. He said the city attorney has been contacted to file against the homeowners since they are not complying with the city ordinance. He mentioned the next Heavy Trash Pick-up is scheduled for April 30th, which will also be the 1st Annual Citywide Garage Sale.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pierson reported on the water tower rising, he mentioned it would take place on April 11th. He invited all Jamaica Beach citizens to attend a BBQ luncheon that will be hosted by himself and his wife, Janice. The tower rising will start at 9:30 a.m., the luncheon will start at noon and be held at Melanie Buck's house at 16503 Capt. Kidd. He asked for anyone attending to please contact City Hall to RSVP. He also congratulated the Jamaica Janes for celebrating 45 years.

ALDERMEN REPORTS

Alderman Montgomery – No Report.

Alderman Morse – made an announcement about the Annual Easter Egg Hunt at the city park. It will be held on April 23rd at 10:00 a.m. She mentioned the need for plastic eggs and individually wrapped candy. If anyone would like to donate please contact anyone on the Park Board or City Hall.

Alderman Green – announced the Hurricane Meeting is scheduled for June 4th. He said the meeting would be very informative and he would be cooking hot dogs.

Alderman South – No Report.

MPT Burke – provided an update about dredging the main canal. He said after speaking to City Administrator Brick the project could be a possibility within the next two years.

POLICE REPORT – No Report.

CITIZEN INPUT

(REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL MUST BE MADE TO CITY STAFF BY 5:45 P.M. ON APRIL 4, 2011.)

Kathy Maddox, 16708 Capt. Hook, inquired if the draft ordinances were online.

Margaret Lloyd, 16643 Bahama Way, spoke about RV ordinance, drainage ditch maintenance and the concrete building at the park.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.