



CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH

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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR CALLED MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 18, 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

Alderman Gene Montgomery led the Pledges of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas Flags.

ROLL CALL OF ALDERMEN

The following Councilmember's were present:

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

The following staff was present:

*City Administrator Brick
City Secretary Rushing
Police Chief McLane*

The following Councilmember was absent:

Alderman Brad South

CITIZENS REQUESTING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

(REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL MUST BE MADE TO CITY STAFF BY 5:45 P.M. ON APRIL 18, 2011.)

Kenneth Luce, 16626 Edward Teach, spoke against the ordinance pertaining to fishing.

Breck Porter, 16510 Blackbeard, spoke in favor of the dumpster ordinance, but thinks there should be some amendments to the section regarding the time to place trash containers outside for collection.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

1. CONSIDER APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:

- a. **REGULAR CALLED MEETING – MARCH 21, 2011**
- b. **WORKSHOP MEETING – APRIL 4, 2011**

Alderman Green motioned to approve the above minutes. Second by Alderman Morse. Unanimously approved by those present.

2. CONSIDER APPROVING A VARIANCE FOR A CARGO LIFT AT 16708 CORMORANT.

Alderman Morse motioned to approve the Planning and Zoning Board recommendation for a cargo lift variance at 16708 Cormorant. Second by Alderman Green. Unanimously approved by those present.

3. CONSIDER APPROVING A VARIANCE FOR A BOAT DOCK AT 16540 TORTUGA.

MPT Burke motioned to approve a variance for a boat dock at 16540 Tortuga. Second by Alderman Morse. Motion was withdrawn by MPT Burke. Alderman Green motion to decline the variance for a boat dock at 16540 Tortuga as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Board. Second by MPT Burke. Unanimously approved by those present.

4. CONSIDER APPROVING THE TAX ASSESSOR AND COLLECTOR CONTRACT WITH THE GALVESTON COUNTY TAX OFFICE.

Alderman Morse motioned to approve the tax assessor and collection contract with the Galveston County Tax Office. Second by Alderman Green. Unanimously approved by those present.

5. CONSIDER ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE MORE EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE COLLECTION OF GARBAGE, TRASH AND REFUSE IN THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH.

Tabled for lack of a motion.

6. CONSIDER ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH CITY PARKS ON CITY OWNED PROPERTY, CITY OWNED BULKHEADS AND CITY OWNED RIGHT OF WAYS; PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS; ISSUANCE OF PARK PERMITS; PARK RESTRICTION FOR FISHING AND CRABBING IN CITY PARKS; FISHING AND CRABBING PERMIT ISSUANCE FOR NON-RESIDENTS AND NON-PROPERTY OWNERS IN CITY PARKS; REQUIREMENTS FOR RESIDENTS, PROPERTY OWNERS AND RENTERS FOR FISHING AND CRABBING IN CITY PARKS; VIOLATIONS AND PENTALTIES.

MPT Burke motion to adopt the ordinance. Second by Alderman Morse. Item was open for discussion. Mayor Pierson recommended the non-resident fishing permits be reduced to \$10.00 for a day permit and \$50.00 for an annual permit. Alderman Montgomery suggests the ordinance blanket all non-residents and not exclude the disabled, veterans or elderly. He thinks it would require more patrolling of the Police Officers. Mayor Pierson asked Council to withdraw the motion and defer the item until May 2nd giving all the citizens in attendance a chance to speak during the Workshop Meeting. MPT Burke withdrew his motion. Council will conduct a Special Called Meeting on May 2nd to vote on this item.

7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE RACIAL PROFILE REPORT.

Alderman Green motioned to approve the racial profile report. Second by Alderman Montgomery. Unanimously approved by those present.

8. CONSIDER A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH AND MR. HOWARD FOREMAN FOR A 2011 POLARIS RANGER ATV.

Alderman Morse motioned to amend the lease agreement between the City of Jamaica Beach and Mr. Howard Foreman to include the 2011 Polaris Ranger UTV. Second by Alderman Montgomery. Unanimously approved by those present.

9. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING FUNDING NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000 FOR THE MEMORIAL DAY DANCE WITH THE MONIES TO COME FROM THE PARK BOARD FUND.

Alderman Morse motioned to authorize the funding of the Memorial Day Dance with the monies to come from the Park Board fund, not to exceed \$10,000. Second by Alderman Montgomery. Unanimously approved by those present.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

City Administrator Brick mentioned that Heavy Trash Pick-up, the JBIC Citywide Garage Sale and the Beach Clean-up are all scheduled for April 30th. He said the Jamaica Beach road project was started on April 11th.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pierson reported on the water tank being raised last week. He provided Council with a proposal from a concession vendor requesting a permit to lease jet ski's on the beach. He mentioned there would be an Elected Official's Meeting on May 5th then asked if MPT Burke would be available to attend.

ALDERMEN REPORTS

Alderman Montgomery – No Report.

Alderman Morse – invited everyone to the Annual Easter Egg Hunt this Saturday, April 23rd line up at 9:45 a.m. the hunt starts at 10:00 a.m. at the park. She also invited everyone to the Memorial Day Dance. She mentioned there would be a band and good food. She said it's a great time and hopes everyone will attend.

Alderman Green – No Report.

MPT Burke – No Report.

POLICE REPORT

Chief McLane wanted to clarify the extra Police Officer seen around the city. He mentioned that they were non-paid Reserve Officers. He informed the citizens that the extra Reserve Officers are for the benefit of the residents for their safety and well-being. He welcomed anyone to please contact him with any concerns or issues and he would try to address them.

ADJOURN

Mayor Pierson said that if there was no further business to come before Council he would call for a motion to adjourn. Alderman Green motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Second by Alderman Morse. Unanimously approved by those present. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.