



CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH

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CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

MAY 24, 2010
6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Victor Pierson called the meeting to order.

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

City Administrator John Brick 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
Alderman Brad South – arrived at 6:04 p.m.
Alderman Mary Morse
Alderman Gene Montgomery
Alderman Sherwood Green
Alderman Eddie Burke*

Staff present:

*City Administrator Brick
City Secretary Rushing*

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

1. DISCUSS THE SUPPORT FOR THE CREATION OF JAMAICA BEACH PROUD.

Alderman Burke gave a short explanation for the creation of the Jamaica Beach Proud Committee. Steve Contera with JBIC further explained the partnerships, goals and sub-committees/projects for the Jamaica Beach Proud Committee. Mayor Pierson noted that the Jamaica Beach Proud Committee is just seeking support from the City of Jamaica Beach at this time and not any monetary contribution. Alderman Morse thinks it would be a benefit to have multiple committees/entities involved; it would take the pressure off of one committee.

2. DISCUSS APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH AND APOLLO ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGIES, INC REGARDING FUELING STORAGE TANKS ON CITY PROPERTY.

City Administrator Brick introduced Tim and Andy Elms with Apollo Environmental Strategies, Inc. Mr. Elms stated that Apollo Environmental Strategies, Inc is currently repairing the wetlands on both sides of Jamaica Beach. The project will not be completed until October 2010. Apollo is requesting for the City to allow them to fuel on city property once or twice a week the new fueling site would be located at the wastewater sewer treatment plant. The agreement would include the construction of a parking lot for employee parking near the wastewater sewer plant, a fire safety containment dock will be built around the fueling station, they would also like to include a security fence and a monetary donation to the Park Board. Mayor Pierson announced that the City of Jamaica Beach has worked with Apollo Environmental in the past, they did the last dune project and will probably do the next dune project in October. He said that the City has had a great partnership with Apollo.

Ginger Jones, 16612 Curlew, inquired if the new site will eliminate the traffic on Flamingo and the refueling in the main canal. Mr. Elms assured Council that the new site would eliminate the traffic and would speed up the fueling process. City Administrator Brick noted to Council that the city is prepared to receive complaints from its citizens, but the project will be a future benefit to the city.

3. DISCUSS APPROVING A REQUEST TO REPLAT THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4202 E. BAYSIDE.

City Administrator Brick explained that Mr. Griffin is building one house, but would like to include a swimming pool. He currently owns both lots and would like to merge them so he won't have any set back issues. There is a drainage easement between the two lots, but the swimming pool would not interfere with the easement. Mr. Griffin would provide a removable walkway over the inactive drainage easement. The request has been approved by the Planning and Zoning Committee, but would also need Council approval. Mayor Pierson announced that this is the third request by Mr. Griffin to replat the property. His previous requests were denied. He stated that he did not notice any problems with the current plans and recommends approval.

4. DISCUSS APPROVING A RESOLUTION TO REAPPOINT 5 MEMBERS AND APPOINT 1 NEW MEMBER TO THE GALVESTON COUNTY UNITED BOARD OF HEALTH.

Mayor Pierson recommended approval of the appointments. He stated that all members have been recommended by separate entities.

5. DISCUSS THE SOLID WASTE SERVICES CONTRACT WITH AMERIWASTE.

City Administrator Brick explained that the contract with Ameriwest is expiring at the end of June. The city may rollover the contract or decide to go out for bids. He stated that their fee will increase upon rolling over, but they were substantially the lower bidder during the last bidding process. Mayor Pierson said that he has been pleased with the service provided by Ameriwest and would like for them to do a presentation during the next City Council meeting. He would like for them to include their new fees.

6. DISCUSS PROVIDING THE CITY STAFF DIRECTION REGARDING DAMAGED STRUCTURES ON PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH.

City Administrator Brick informed Council that he has tried to contact the owners of the damaged houses by certified mail. He explained the response he received or the lack of. Mayor Pierson suggests city staff continue forward as instructed in the Dangerous Building Ordinance recently passed by Council. He also requested the City Administrator to provide Council with a monthly update on the situation.

Ginger Jones, 16612 Curlew, inquired if all letters have been sent out to all the owners on the original damage house list.

Sandy Densby, 16531 Jolly Roger, inquired about the Love property on Henry Morgan. She stated that JBIC has tried to contact the owner, but has not received any response. She said that JBIC will continue to do their part in addressing damaged homes.

Gary Watkins, 16550 Jolly Roger, inquired about flood insurance and them not covering damaged items below flood elevation. He inquired if the city could do anything to help its citizens.

Mayor Pierson explained that flood insurance is a Federal Program and unfortunately the city cannot do anything. He understands that it is very frustrating, but if the city does not comply then FEMA can withdraw coverage all together.

7. DISCUSS APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR PRO-TEM.

Mayor Pierson announced that since his tenure there has been three Mayor Pro-Tems. He inquired if Alderman Green or Morse would be interested since they have seniority. Mayor Pierson said that he spoke to Alderman Burke and he showed interested in the position. He said that the fellow Council Members would need to make a recommendation during the Called Meeting.

8. DISCUSS APPROVING A RESOLUTION REGARDING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FOR GALVESTON COUNTY.

Mayor Pierson stated that the Public Transportation Committee had no taxing authority over Jamaica Beach nor would it affect Jamaica Beach, but City Council would need to vote for the Mayor to be the representative from Jamaica Beach.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

City Administrator Brick presented Council with the latest printouts on the oil spill. According to the printout, the oil spill does not look as if it will affect our area.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pierson thanked the Fire Department for cleaning and lending out the Fire Department for the Mayor's and Councilmember's Meeting. He also thanked Tiki Island for presenting the city with a resolution recognizing its 35th Birthday. He noted that it is a pleasure associating with Tiki Island and considers them our sister city. He announced that Jamaica Beach's Hurricane Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 19th at 9:30 a.m., hotdogs and beverages will be provided.

ALDERMEN REPORTS

Alderman Burke reported as the JBIC liaison for the City of Jamaica Beach. After attending the JBIC meeting a few issues were brought to his attention. The first issue was concerning sub-standing bulkheads. He took it upon himself to look at the mentioned properties and found that the properties did have bulkheads. The second issue was the "No Wake" buoy, he spoke to John Brick about it and Mr. Brick informed him that the issue has already been brought to the Police Chief's attention. The last issue concerned signage. The city does have a sign ordinance and will be able to address anyone that is non-compliance with the ordinance.

Ginger Jones, 16612 Curlew, inquired about the city bulkhead on Flamingo Way.

Mr. Brick said that FEMA will not reimburse the city for repairs of that bulkhead, but the city does plan on repairing it anyway.

Alderman Green – No Report.

Alderman Montgomery – No Report

Alderman South – No Report

Alderman Morse reported on the Annual Memorial Day Dance Fundraiser this Saturday, May 29th. The event is from 6:00 p.m. to midnight at the City Park. The band is the Tom Kats. The Park Board is asking for a \$5.00 entry donation, crawfish and shrimp for \$15.00, hotdogs for \$2.00, there will also be items raffled. It is a great way to support the Park Board, plus have a good time and meet your neighbors. She mentioned that she was also the liaison for the Police Department. She was happy to see the police boat out this weekend. They helped a family that was in distress, their jet ski broke down in the bay and the police department was able to haul them home safely.

POLICE REPORT – *Absent, No Report*

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT – *Absent, No Report*

CITIZEN INPUT

(REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL MUST BE MADE TO CITY STAFF BY 5:45 P.M. ON MAY 24, 2010.)

Gary Watkins, 16550 Jolly Roger, inquired who was the Fire Chief, suggested that the main electrical outlet box be placed on the outside of homes. He said that the city should repost the leash law sign.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.



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CITY COUNCIL CALLED SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

MAY 24, 2010

6:00 P.M. (OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WORKSHOP MEETING)

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pierson called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL OF ALDERMEN

The following Council Members were present:

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

Staff present:

*City Administrator Brick
City Secretary Rushing*

CITIZENS REQUESTING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

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There were no requests to address Council.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

9. CONSIDER APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:

- a. CALLED SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – MAY 11, 2010**
- b. CALLED CANVASS MEETING – MAY 11, 2010**

Alderman Morse motion that the above listed minutes be approved as written. Second by Alderman Montgomery. Unanimously approved.

10. CONSIDER THE SUPPORT FOR THE CREATION OF JAMAICA BEACH PROUD.

Alderman Burke motion to endorse the new campaign of Jamaica Beach Proud. Second by Alderman Morse. Unanimously approved.

11. CONSIDER APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH AND APOLLO ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGIES, INC REGARDING FUELING STORAGE TANKS ON CITY PROPERTY.

Alderman Morse motion to approve an agreement between the City of Jamaica Beach and Apollo Environmental Strategies, Inc. regarding fueling storage tanks on city property upon completion of a negotiation between the Mayor and City Administrator and Apollo Environmental Strategies, Inc. for a monetary donation to the Park Board. Second by Alderman Burke. Unanimously approved.

12. CONSIDER APPROVING A REQUEST TO REPLAT THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4202 E. BAYSIDE.

Alderman Montgomery motion to approve the recommendation by the Zoning and Planning Committee to replat the property located at 4202 E. Bayside. Second by Alderman Morse. Unanimously approved.

13. CONSIDER APPROVING A RESOLUTION TO REAPPOINT 5 MEMBERS AND APPOINT 1 NEW MEMBER TO THE GALVESTON COUNTY UNITED BOARD OF HEALTH.

Alderman Burke motion for the City of Jamaica Beach to approve the resolution to reappoint 5 members and appoint 1 new member to the Galveston County United Board of Health. Second by South. Unanimously approved.

14. CONSIDER THE SOLID WASTE SERVICES CONTRACT WITH AMERIWASTE.

City Council request Ameriwaste to do a presentation at the next City Council meeting scheduled on June 7th.

15. CONSIDER PROVIDING THE CITY STAFF DIRECTION REGARDING DAMAGED STRUCTURES ON PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH.

City Council directed city staff to continue forward as stated in Damaged Building Ordinance.

16. CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR PRO-TEM.

Alderman Morse motion to appoint Eddie Burke as Mayor Pro-Tem. Second by Alderman Montgomery. Unanimously approved.

17. CONSIDER APPROVING A RESOLUTION REGARDING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FOR GALVESTON COUNTY.

Alderman Morse motion for Mayor Victor Pierson to vote on behalf of Jamaica Beach regarding Public Transportation for Galveston County. Second by Alderman Montgomery. Unanimously approved.

ADJOURN

Mayor Pierson said that if there was no further business to come before Council he would call for a motion to adjourn. Alderman Morse motion that the meeting be adjourned. Second by MPT Burke. Unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.