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CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP AND SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES

NOTICE OF MEETING VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE

In accordance with Order of the Office of the Governor issued March 16, 2020, the City Council of the City of Jamaica Beach, Texas, will conduct the meeting scheduled at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 1, 2020 in the Fire Station of City Hall, located at 16628 San Luis Pass Road, in part by telephone conference in order to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings (also called "social distancing") to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

The meeting agenda and agenda packet are posted online at www.ci.jamaicabeach.tx.us.

The public toll-free dial-in number to participate remotely in the telephonic meeting is (888) 453-4395 and enter the code 284654#.

The public will be permitted to offer public comments telephonically as provided by the agenda and as permitted by the presiding officer during the meeting.

A recording of the telephonic meeting will be made, and will be available to the public in accordance with the Open Meetings Act upon written request.

Public Comments: All individuals who attend the open meeting remotely will need to press *6 to unmute their phone and must identify themselves by name prior to speaking.

JUNE 1, 2020
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

MPT Sherwood Green led the Pledges of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas Flag.

ROLL CALL OF ALDERMEN

The following Councilmember's were present:

*Mayor Steve Spicer
MPT Sherwood Green
Alderman Clay Morris
Alderman Russell Rupertus
Alderman Terry Rizzo
Alderman Marci Kurtz-Hoffman*

The following staff was present:

City Administrator Hutchison

City Secretary Rushing

Police Chief Heiman

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

Lorraine Jones, 16712 Jolly Roger, comments regarding the May 4th Council Meeting Minutes.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. **THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH, TEXAS, WILL BE HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH VEHICULAR BEACH ACCESS PLAN AS A COMPONENT OF THE CITY'S DUNE PROTECTION AND BEACH ACCESS PLAN SUBMISSION.**

Mayor Spicer read the above caption before introducing the General Land Office (GLO) Representatives that attended the Public Hearing via telephone conference. City Council, City Staff and the GLO Representatives had an open discussion about beach access. Natalie Bell w/GLO provided an overview of beach management in Texas; Scottie Alpine a GLO Attorney explained the laws regarding golf carts and beach access. City Administrator Hutchison presented two options with some variables to Council for consideration:

Option 1) Remove the pedestrian only portion of the beach which will open the entire beach to vehicular traffic. Allow only one row of parking on entire beach.

Option 2) Maintain the pedestrian only beach which permits the use of golf carts for disabled person transport only. Consider decreasing the size of the pedestrian beach.

Mayor Spicer opened the item for public comments:

Michael Jenkins w/Representative Mayes Middleton's office said he spoke to the GLO office and they informed him to make a change to the definition for golf carts would be up to the legislator in 2021, and any changes to the city's beach access plan would be submitted to GLO and they will give a fair hearing.

Bob Friedman, 16903 Beachcomber, spoke about beach access.

Bill Bryant, 16514 Trinidad, spoke about beach access; wished Council good luck, hard decision.

Andrea Spiering, 16617 Jamaica Beach Rd, spoke about beach erosion.

Tony Yepes, 16610 Henry Morgan, spoke against option 1.

Link Robertson, 16610 Jolly Roger, spoke about beach access.

Lee Falkenhagen, 16643 John Silver, spoke about beach access; suggests "No Parking" on all public streets in Jamaica Beach.

Bob Craig, #9 Blue Heron, spoke in-favor of option 2.

Peter Johnston, 16718 Jamaica Beach Rd, spoke against option 1.

Jon Eiche, 16716 Jamaica Beach Rd, spoke against option 1; safety concerns.

Marilyn Petty, 16908 Beachcomber, spoke about beach access.

Michael Dey, 16519 Mansvelt, spoke against option 1; safety concerns.

Eric Thode, #9 Blue Heron, spoke in-favor of option 2.

Debra Tabbert, 16916 Beachcomber, spoke in-favor of option 2.

Robert Sark, 16924 Beachcomber, spoke in favor of option 2; safety concerns.

Bart Morey, 16617 Jamaica Beach Rd, spoke in-favor of option 2.

Richard Beard, 16635 Jamaica Beach Rd, spoke in-favor of option 2.

Charles Rhoads, 16700 Jamaica Beach Rd, spoke in-favor of option 2.

Larry Brasfield, 16922 Beachcomber, spoke in-favor of option 2.

Ty Buthod, #10 Blue Heron, spoke in-favor of option 2.

Jake Vincent, 16505 Blackbeard Apt. D, spoke about beach access; need to work together.

2. **THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH, TEXAS, WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THE BULKHEAD LOCATED ON THE PROPERTY LISTED AS ABST 121 PAGE 36 LOT 10 BLK O JAMAICA BEACH SEC 7 (PROPERTY ID #124678) IS A SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE AS DEFINED IN ORDINANCE NO. 94-09.**

Mayor Spicer read the above caption. There were no requests for public comment.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. DISCUSS APPROVING THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:

a. WORKSHOP MEETING – MAY 4, 2020

b. REGULAR MEETING – MAY 18, 2020

City Secretary Rushing noted the Council Meeting Minutes are not verbatim; no further discussion.

2. DISCUSS APPOINTING A MAYOR PRO-TEM.

Mayor Spicer recommended Sherwood Green continue as Mayor Pro-Tem; no further discussion.

3. DISCUSS APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF SEVEN (7) NEW PUBLIC FUND CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT (CDs) FOR THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH USING UNALLOCATED FUNDS IN THE GENERAL FUND AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES FUND CHECKING ACCOUNTS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE FUND TRANSFERS.

City Administrator Hutchison explained the proposed CDs would be funds designated for future capital improvement projects and waterline replacement projects. Alderman Rupertus noted the interest rate is greater on a CD than a checking account.

4. DISCUSS DECLARING THE BULKHEAD LOCATED ON THE PROPERTY LISTED AS ABST 121 PAGE 36 LOT 10 BLK O JAMAICA BEACH SEC 7 (PROPERTY ID #124678) A SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE AND ORDERING THE REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT OF SAID STRUCTURE.

City Administrator Hutchison briefly explained the city's ordinance pertaining to substandard structures. Council and the City Administrator openly discussed the bulkhead located at the above property.

5. DISCUSS APPROVING A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION APPLICATION FOR AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE PAYMENT OF FUNDS FOR THE FEDERAL CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY (CARES) ACT GRANT CONGRESS APPROVED FOR DISBURSEMENT TO STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS; AND, AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS AND TAKE ACTIONS TO FACILITATE SUCH ACCEPTANCE.

City Administrator explained approval of the resolution provides legal authority for the city to apply for coronavirus relief funds (CRF Grant); he noted the grant funds allocated to the city is \$59,400; upon approval of the resolution the city would immediately be provided 20% (\$11,880); the city can only use the grant funds for expenses incurred due to the coronavirus and those expenses have to follow the strict guidelines provided by the U.S. Treasury.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. CONSIDER FOR ACTION DECLARING THE BULKHEAD LOCATED ON THE PROPERTY LISTED AS ABST 121 PAGE 36 LOT 10 BLK O JAMAICA BEACH SEC 7 (PROPERTY ID #124678) A SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE AND ORDERING THE REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT OF SAID STRUCTURE.

Alderman Rizzo motioned to declare the bulkhead at the above described property a substandard structure and ordered the repair or replacement of said structure be initiated within 30 days. Second by Alderman Morris. Motion unanimously approved.

2. CONSIDER FOR ACTION APPROVING A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION APPLICATION FOR AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE PAYMENT OF FUNDS FOR THE FEDERAL CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY (CARES) ACT GRANT CONGRESS APPROVED FOR DISBURSEMENT TO STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS; AND, AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS AND TAKE ACTIONS TO FACILITATE SUCH ACCEPTANCE.

Alderman Morris motioned to approve the above captioned resolution. Second by Alderman Rizzo. Motion unanimously approved. Creating Resolution 2020-5.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

City Administrator Hutchison reported on the following: Spring Heavy Trash Cleanup is on June 13th; JB Pool opening June 2nd Tuesday-Sunday between Noon to 7PM weather permitting, temperature will be taken & waiver signed before entering pool area, limited to 25% capacity, no season passes will be issued this year; update on city's waterline project; reminded citizens to call Ameriwaste by Noon on Wednesday if they have a large item(s) that needs to be picked up during the regular trash service on Thursday; Emergency Preparedness information posted on city's website.

MAYOR'S REPORT – *No Report*

ALDERMEN REPORTS

MPT Green, Rizzo, Rupertus & Kurtz-Hoffman – No Reports

Alderman Morris reported Tropical Storm in Gulf; Hurricane Preparedness Meeting scheduled on June 20th; JBVFD Annual Fundraiser scheduled on July 4th.

POLICE REPORT – *No Report*

FIRE REPORT

Fire Chief Baden reported the Annual JBVFD fundraiser will be held on Saturday, July 4th.

ADJOURN

Mayor Spicer 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-Hoffman. Motion unanimously approved by those present. Meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.