



CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH

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CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 7, 2010
6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pierson called the meeting to order.

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

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

Staff Present:

City Secretary Rushing

Staff Absent:

City Administrator Brick

PRESENTATIONS:

1. AMERIWASTE PRESENTATION

A representative with AmeriWaste explained that the City of Jamaica Beach could renew their contract with AmeriWaste without going out for bids. She advised John Brick previously to consult with the City Attorney to make sure that was correct. Mr. Brick did follow-up with the City Attorney and was advised that the City could renew the contract without other bids, he suggested that the contract include a line that states all future contracts may be renewed upon City Council approval. She ends the presentation by mentioning that AmeriWaste would like to renew their current contract at the current rate.

Ginger Jones, 16612 Curlew, inquired if recycled items are really being recycled.

AmeriWaste replied "yes".

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

1. DISCUSS APRIL 2010 FINANCIALS.

Mayor Pierson gave a brief explanation of the April financials. He mentioned that in 2003, legislation passed that Hotel/Motel Taxes could be used to fund a community pool. In 2008, the City of Jamaica Beach was ready to start on the project when Hurricane Ike hit and the plans were delayed. He suggests that City Council may want to decide whether to move forward with the idea of a community pool or discontinue it, but would like for Council to make a decision by the end of this year.

Ginger Jones, 16612 Curlew, inquired if the City would determine the fees for the residence or would the leasing agent/tenant. Bunny Zapalac, 16603 Comorant, inquired if everyone would have access to the pool or would the pool be for Jamaica Beach residence only.

Mayor Pierson replied that City Council would determine the fee amount and the pool would have to be open to the public since Hotel/Motel taxes would be used to fund it, but additional fees would apply for non-residence.

2. DISCUSS FY 2010-2011 BUDGET.

Mayor Pierson mentioned that there will not be an increase in property taxes next budget year. He asked each Council Member to please submit any recommendations or suggestions for the budget in writing. The budget has to be adopted by early August.

3. DISCUSS A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING MEMBERSHIP INTO THE GALVESTON COUNTY-WIDE URBAN-RURAL TRANSIT DISTRICT.

Mayor Pierson said during the next City Council meeting council will need to decide rather they want to opt membership into the Galveston County-wide Urban-Rural Transit District and also vote on a representative from Jamaica Beach to attend the meetings. He said by attending the meetings it will not benefit the city, but it will not hurt us either.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – No Report, Absent

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pierson reported that he has received numerous phones calls regarding the fueling of the tanks in the canal. He mentioned that the agreement indicated fueling time between 7:00 am – 7:00 pm only.

ALDERMEN REPORTS

Alderman Green – Reported that the Annual Firefighters Dance will be held on July 3rd at the City Park. He also mentioned that the JBVFB participated in the Galveston Hurricane Preparedness Meeting.

Alderman Montgomery – Reported on contractors living at homeowners houses while doing work for them and disturbing neighbors by having parties all hours of the night. He also spoke about them parking their vehicles on their neighbor's property.

Alderman Morse – Reported that the Annual Memorial Day Dance Fundraiser was very successful and wanted to thank everyone that assisted with it. She said they had a successful turnout and complemented on the great food.

Alderman South – Reported on the parking situation in general and parking on the beach.

MPT Burke – Reported on the JBIC meeting. He recapped that the "Welcome" signs were approved by TxDot and should be installed soon at each entrance to Jamaica Beach.

POLICE REPORT – No Report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT – Report given by Alderman Green during his report.

CITIZEN INPUT

(REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL MUST BE MADE TO CITY STAFF BY 5:45 P.M. ON JUNE 7, 2010.)

There were no requests to address Council.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before Council the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.