



CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH

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CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 1, 2011
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

MPT Eddie Burke led the Pledges of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag.

ROLL CALL OF ALDERMEN

The following Councilmember's were present:

*Mayor Victor Pierson
MPT Eddie Burke
Alderman Brad South – arrived at 6:23 p.m.
Alderman Sherwood Green
Alderman Mary Morse
Alderman Gene Montgomery*

The following staff was present:

*City Administrator Brick
City Secretary Rushing
Police Chief McLane*

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

1. DISCUSS AWARDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ODOR CONTROL DEVICE AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT LIFTSTATION.

City Administrator Brick said the City received 3 bids. T Construction, LLC was the lowest bidder at \$59,300.00. LJA recommended T Construction since they were the lowest bidder.

2. DISCUSS APPROVING THE GALVESTON COUNTY COOPERATIVE EVACUATION PLAN.

City Administrator Brick provided Council a copy of the evacuation plan. The County of Galveston distributed the plan for informational purposes and to use as a guide. The County would like for all cities to cooperate in the evacuation plan.

3. DISCUSS SELECTING A NEW CITY ATTORNEY.

Mayor Pierson said he spoke to the City Attorney, Carlton Getty and was informed that he was retiring and moving to the Woodlands. Mayor Pierson recommended Steve Schultz with Greer, Herz and Adams. Mr. Schultz has assisted the City in the past and is real knowledgeable. Mayor Pierson said Carlton Getty served the City well.

4. DISCUSS SELECTING MAXWELL CO. AS CITY AUDITOR.

Mayor Pierson informed Council that Glenn Ferguson is also retiring. Mayor Pierson mentioned Mr. Ferguson has been the City Auditor since the City was incorporated. His company was sold to Maxwell Company. Catherine Maxwell attended the meeting. She said all of Mr. Ferguson's staff is still employed and they have been working closely together for a smooth transition.

5. DISCUSS FFAST DEVELOPMENT GROUP FOR GENERAL LAND OFFICE (GLO) CONTRACT.

Mayor Pierson said FFAST is the Fair Housing Activity Statement - Texas. As part of the contract the City is required to create a committee. The committee members have to meet a certain criteria, which is 2 Council and/or Staff positions and 3 At-Large positions. The 3 At-Large positions have to be either a Public Housing Developer, Public Housing Advocate and/or Recognized Organization. The City of Jamaica Beach does not have any Public Housing Developers or Public Housing Advocate Organizations. The Mayor has chosen the following individuals to be on the committee: Victor Pierson/Council, John Brick/Staff,

Rick Price/VFD, Ginger Jones/Jamaica Janes and Margaret Lloyd/JBIC. The 3 At-Large positions are from Recognized Organizations within Jamaica Beach. The City received \$691,385 from the Texas Dept. of Rural Affairs and in order to receive the second round of CDBG funds the City must comply with the contract. The Mayor noted that the city will not have Public Housing, but is required to provide Fair Housing.

6. DISCUSS DONATING THE JB06 FORD EXPLORER TO THE JBVFD.

Chief McLane recommends the donation of the 2006 Ford Explorer to the JBVFD. He said the vehicle was not worth much if the City was to auction it off, the JBVFD could use it to tow their jet ski or boat.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

City Administrator Brick said he has a meeting scheduled on Thursday to meet with the City Attorney to discuss the procedures to rebuild City Hall. He said we should receive the settlement check from TML tomorrow.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pierson said he would like to discuss the park ordinance again in September. He said we are in Hurricane Season and everyone should be prepared.

ALDERMEN REPORTS

Alderman Montgomery, Morse, Green and South – No Reports.

MPT Burke provided a report from the JBIC Meeting. He said the beautification project along 3005 is still in the works. He was not sure when JBIC will have a sketch available of the Regatta Basin proposal.

POLICE REPORT

Chief McLane reported the use of Reserved Officers throughout the summer. He said by next Monday the new computers should be installed in the police fleet.

CITIZEN INPUT

(REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL MUST BE MADE TO CITY STAFF BY 5:45 P.M. ON AUGUST 1, 2011.)

Bunny Zapalac, 16603 Cormorant, spoke about people fishing with pop-up tents along Flamingo Way.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.



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CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING AGENDA

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

CALL TO ORDER

The following Councilmember's were present:

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MPT Eddie Burke
Alderman Brad South
Alderman Sherwood Green
Alderman Mary Morse
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The following staff was present:

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ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

1. DISCUSS FY 2011/2012 PROPOSED BUDGETS.

Mayor Pierson said besides the usual budgeted items he would like to consider the following: \$300,000 for new water meters that can be read electronically; 5% employee salary increase; 10% employee retirement; some money for trees and decorations damaged by Hurricane Ike; an emergency laptop; \$13,000 towards beautification; \$3,000-5,000 for computer updates; he would like the Friends of Jamaica Beach to donate a track of land to the city to have the stairs removed so children wouldn't play on them; \$23,000-25,000 for a new mosquito truck; and \$7,000 to upgrade the phone system. Alderman Montgomery inquired about budgeting for a community pool. Mayor Pierson said the city has the funds for the pool. The funds will not come from the General or Municipal Services Budget, the city can use money received from the Hotel/Motel taxes. Prior to Hurricane Ike the city went out for bids for the pool and was just about to be complete when the hurricane hit. By using the Hotel/Motel taxes the pool would have to be open to the public. Since the city does not want to go into the pool business, we would have to find someone willing to lease and operate it.

Mayor Pierson opened the discussion:

Heather Harper, 3918 Bob Smith, inquired why the pool would have to be open to the public.

Judy Zimmer, 4418 Pelican Way, inquired if property taxes would ever be used to maintain the pool, would not want that to happen.

Ginger Jones, 16612 Curlew, would like to see improvements to the beach.

Mayor Pierson would like to schedule another Budget Meeting next Monday, August 8, 2011.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.