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CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 3, 2015
5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Steve Spicer called the meeting to order.

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

Alderman Sherwood Green led Pledges of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas Flags.

ROLL CALL OF ALDERMEN

The following Councilmember's were present:

*Mayor Steve Spicer
Alderman Sherwood Green
Alderman Rosemary Lindley
Alderman Russell Rupertus*

The following Councilmember was absent:

*MPT Gene Montgomery
Alderman Terry Hudson*

The following staff was present:

*City Administrator Brick
City Secretary Rushing
Police Chief Chapa*

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

1. DISCUSS FY 2014/2015 BUDGETS.

Mayor Spicer, Council and staff discussed the current budget amendments. City Secretary Rushing said she would have a list of funds that need to be transferred between line items at the September Council Meeting.

2. DISCUSS FY 2015/2016 PROPOSED BUDGETS.

Mayor Spicer, Council and staff discussed the proposed budget for the next fiscal year. City Secretary Rushing said she will inform Council of the proposed effective tax rate as soon as she receives it from Galveston County Tax Office. Mayor Spicer opened the discussion: Ginger Jones, 16612 Curlew, inquired if the copier equipment city staff has request to purchase fairly new and does it come with a warranty; inquired if property taxes were going to increase.

City Secretary Rushing replied the copiers are practically new and have only been used by the City of Jamaica Beach and an optional warranty was offered; as for the property taxes I will not have that information until I received the preliminary report from the Galveston Tax Office.

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.



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1. DISCUSS REVISING THE CITY PARK PARKING LOT PLANS.

City Administrator Brick explained the revised plans for the park parking lot; the revised drawings were presented to Council. Council discussed the revisions then Mayor Spicer opened the discussion:

Ginger Jones, 16612 Curlew, asked where the pool was located on the plans.

Steve Kendziera, 16529 E. Bayside, asked for clarification of the plans; what was being removed.

City Administrator Brick noted the parking spots went from 74 to 36.

Jay Aubin, 16712 Jolly Roger, inquired if the revised plan provides more green area and will there be an area to expand later.

Steve Kendziera, noted the original plans had 36,000 sq. ft. of concrete and the revised plan was reduced to 21,000 sq. ft. of concrete.

Terry Rizzo, 16512 Jamaica Inn, inquired if the ditches were being concrete.

Marci Kurtz, 16615 Henry Morgan, inquired if there were any other plans or options for the parking lot.

2. DISCUSS REPLACING THE CITY BULKHEAD AT SANDPIPER AND FLAMINGO WAY.

City Administrator Brick reminded Council of the bids received from Matlock Marine, West End Construction and Gulf Coast Marine in the range of \$18,600-\$18,680. He noted Matlock Marine's bid would increase to \$19,480 to include fill dirt and West End Construction's bid would increase to

\$19,080 to include fill dirt. City Administrator Brick recommend Council to award the bid to Matlock Marine. Alderman Rupertus compared the supplies used by the bidders, after doing so, he also recommend awarding the bid to Matlock Marine.

3. DISCUSS PLACING A TRASH DUMPSTER ON THE BEACH UNTIL THE END OF SUMMER.

Mayor Spicer noted that the city's trash company, AmeriWaste did not offer trash pick-up on Saturdays, but they did offer the city to use a free dumpster that they would dump every Friday and Monday. Mayor Spicer opened the discussion:

Lorraine Jones, 16712 Jolly Roger, inquired about the size of the dumpster.

Ginger Jones, 16612 Curlew, asked for clarification that the city would only use the dumpster this summer and look into other options for next summer; thinks a dumpster would look trashy.

Alderman Rupertus said he had concerns about having a dumpster on the beach, but said it was worth a try; concerns are odor, eye sore and location of dumpster.

Alice Cowan, 16525 Tampico, had same concerns as Alderman Rupertus; said no one wants to look at or park near a dumpster, thinks it will cause more parking issues; suggest the city look into more environmental friendly options, such as, recycling.

Marci Kurtz, 16615 Henry Morgan, inquired if the city could have someone empty the blue trash cans along the beach into the dumpster.

4. DISCUSS APPOINTING AND/OR REAPPOINTING THE FOLLOWING CITIZENS AS PARK BOARD MEMBERS: DAVE VOIGHT, KAREN ANDERSON, BARBARA HANNAMAN, JAY AUBIN, LORRAINE "TAZ" JONES, MISTY DILLON, GINA FARENTHOLD AND TERRY LANDRY.

Mayor Spicer noted Misty Dillon would like to continue to volunteer at events and not become a park board member. He opened the discussion to give the park board members an opportunity to introduce themselves:

Dave Voight, 4630 Jamaica Cove, said he has lived in Jamaica Beach for 23 years; owned his own business for 24 years; plans to improve the Park Board.

Taz Jones, 16612 Jolly Roger, said she has volunteered with the Park Board for 4-5 years; she is excited to see the Park Board improve.

Jay Aubin, 16612 Jolly Roger, said he has worked behind the scenes assisting Taz; his goal is to see the Park Board become financially self-efficient.

Gina Farenthold, said she has also helped Taz behind the scenes and is happy to become a member.

CITIZEN INPUT

(REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL MUST BE MADE TO CITY STAFF BY 5:45 P.M. ON AUGUST 3, 2015.)

Bunny Zapalac, 16603 Cormorant, said she has received numerous calls concerning the Police Chief; thinks he has done a wonderful job and should receive more respect; thinks he deserves a raise.

Marci Kurtz, 16615 Henry Morgan, provided information regarding Sea Turtle signs and collections; also suggest putting lids on blue trash cans.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

City Administrator reported the TML Region 14 Banquet is at Moody Gardens if any Councilmembers would like to attend; new mulch was installed at the Park; noted metal roofs over mailboxes are in need of repair, but was only able to contact one contractor that does metal roofs, he welcomed recommendations for metal roofers.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Spicer reported the beaches crowded with families.

ALDERMEN REPORTS

Alderman Rupertus reported the Galveston Fire Department Annual Award Ceremony is on August 4th; GFD will be recognizing the JBVFD for their continued support.

Alderman Lindley thanked the Park Board Members.

Alderman Green – No Report.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Chapa provided July's stats; he also reported that he has filed a claim with the Equal Opportunity Employer over the way he has been mistreated.

FIRE REPORT – Absent, No Report.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.