



CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH

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CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 9, 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

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

ROLL CALL OF ALDERMEN

The following Councilmembers were present:

*Mayor Victor Pierson
Alderman Sherwood Green
Alderman Mary Morse
Alderman Gene Montgomery*

The following Councilmember was absent:

*MPT Eddie Burke
Alderman Brad South*

The following Staff was present:

*City Administrator Brick
City Secretary Rushing*

PRESENTATIONS:

1. PRESENTATION BY JOHN MERCER REGARDING JAMAICA BEACH ROAD.

Mr. John Mercer with Mercer Construction gave a brief presentation on his family background and his work experience. He mentioned that he has worked with the City of Jamaica Beach previously on numerous projects and believes that it has always been a good working relationship. He provided the details on the work he plans to do for the City of Jamaica Beach. Some of those details involved raising the roads and digging culverts throughout the city. Mr. Mercer explained he will be following the proper procedures in regards to the approval process and needs everyone to understand that the approval process does take a long time since it has to be approved by multiple entities. He hopes to be finish paving Jamaica Beach Road by Spring 2011.

Mayor Pierson opened the presentation for discussion.

Vern Maddox, 16708 Capt. Hook, inquired about the transition between the road and property.

Mr. Mercer replied that each property will be individually evaluated to determine how the transition will be done.

Dick Krolick, 16642 Jamaica Beach Road, inquired about the ditches when it's a high tide.

Mr. Mercer replied that he will be requesting a maintenance permit. He explained that a maintenance permit will be necessary to address certain issues such as high tides.

Ginger Jones, 16612 Curlew, inquired if Mercer will be opening all culverts.

Mr. Mercer replied yes, all houses will have culverts. He also announced that if any resident would be interested in land fill to contact him, but your property cannot be considered wetland.

Gilbert Madray, 16638 Bahama Way, inquired if the City of Jamaica Beach had two separate projects going on and was Bahama Way going to be apart of one of those projects.

Mayor Pierson replied yes, that all of the city will be addressed by either Lucus or Mercer.

Dick Krolick, 16642 Jamaica Beach Road, said that he and many of the resident on Jamaica Beach Road will need daily access to and from their homes while the construction is going on, what will be the plans for that?

Mr. Mercer replied that the contractor will have to make the road accessible for the residents.

Kathy Maddox, 16708 Capt. Hook, inquired if it would be better to leave grass in the culverts.

Mr. Mercer replied no that grass would be harder to maintain.

Mayor Pierson thanked Mr. Mercer for coming to the meeting and also thanked him and his family for the work they have done in the City of Jamaica Beach.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

1. DISCUSS ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING BUILDING CODES:

- a. **2009 INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE**
- b. **2009 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE**
- c. **2009 INTERNATIONAL PLUMBING CODE**
- d. **2009 INTERNATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE**
- e. **2009 INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE**
- f. **2009 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE**
- g. **2008 NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE**

Item of business deferred.

2. DISCUSS CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT ON HURRICANE IKE DAMAGED HOUSES.

City Administrator Brick updated Council with the responses he received from some of the home owners regarding their Ike damaged houses. He asked Council for direction as to the next plan of action. Mayor Pierson suggested that the City Attorney come to a future meeting to give guidance on the situation.

3. DISCUSS ENTERING INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TML INTERGOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS POOL FOR EMPLOYEE GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE FOR THE 2010/2011 PLAN YEAR.

City Administrator Brick explained that the City of Jamaica Beach has contracted with TML Employee Benefits Pool for employee group health insurance for many years and would request Council to approve continuing coverage for the 2010/2011 plan year.

4. DISCUSS POLICE VEHICLE TAKE-HOME PROGRAM WITHIN CITY LIMITS.

Item of business deferred.

5. DISCUSS REPLACING THE CULVERT AT 16619 JAMAICA COVE.

Mayor Pierson suggests that Lucus Construction come to a future Council Meeting.

6. DISCUSS PROPOSED BUDGET.

Mayor Pierson mentioned that he previously e-mailed Council the proposed budget, but had one correction to announce and it was that the total Municipal Service Budget is \$1,146,000. He informed the citizens that Council and City Staff have met numerous times to discuss the budget and city needs. He is ready to submit the budget to the City Secretary.

7. DISCUSS EFFECTIVE TAX RATE.

Mayor Pierson mentioned that the city will be publishing the effective tax rate in the newspaper. The tax rate was prepared by Ken Liard with the County Tax Office and he figured the effective tax rate to be 0.289, which will be lower than the current tax rate of 0.322. Since the city plans on adopting the effective rate no Public Hearing on the tax rate is necessary.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

City Administrator Brick presented the Mayor with a plaque from the 2010 Census.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pierson urged residents to sign up for Blackboard Connect or any notification program. He mentioned that he would like to keep the TxDOT and new Welcome signs at the entrances of Jamaica Beach.

ALDERMEN REPORTS

Alderman Montgomery – No Report.

Alderman Morse – No Report.

Alderman Green – reported that the new fire truck has arrived, but is not equipped yet.

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 AUGUST 9, 2010.)

Kathy Maddox, 16708 Capt. Hook, provided City Council with a list of questions regarding the City of Jamaica Beach.

Anna Beth Hill, 16631 & 16634 Jamaica Beach Road, said that she originally signed up to inquire about Jamaica Beach Road, but most of her concerns were addressed during Mr. Mercer's presentation.

ADJOURN

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.



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CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES

**AUGUST 9, 2010 (OR IMMEDIATELY AFTER WORKSHOP MEETING)
6:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pierson called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL OF ALDERMEN

The following Councilmember's were present:

*Mayor Victor Pierson
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Alderman Mary Morse
Alderman Gene Montgomery*

The following Councilmember's were absent:

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Staff present:

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CITIZEN REQUESTING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

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There were no requests to address Council.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

1. CONSIDER APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETING:

- a. **SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING – JULY 12, 2010**
- b. **CALLED SPECIAL MEETING – JULY 12, 2010**
- c. **CALLED BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING – JULY 19, 2010**

Alderman Green motioned to approve the above listed minutes. Second by Alderman Montgomery. Unanimously approved by those present.

2. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING BUILDING CODES:

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Item of business deferred.

3. CONSIDER ENTERING INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TML INTERGOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS POOL FOR EMPLOYEE GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE FOR THE 2010/2011 PLAN YEAR.

Alderman Morse motioned to continue the interlocal agreement with the TML Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool for employee group health insurance for the 2010/2011 plan year. Second by Alderman Green. Unanimously approved by those present.

4. CONSIDER POLICE VEHICLE TAKE-HOME PROGRAM WITHIN CITY LIMITS.

Item of business deferred.

5. CONSIDER REPLACING THE CULVERT AT 16619 JAMAICA COVE.

Item of business deferred.

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 motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Second by Alderman Green. Unanimously approved by those present. Meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.