



CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH

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PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 12, 2011
6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pierson called the meeting to order.

PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. FLAG

MPT Burke led the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag.

ROLL CALL OF ALDERMEN

The following Councilmember's were present:

Mayor Victor Pierson

MPT Eddie Burke

Alderman Sherwood Green

Alderman Mary Morse

Alderman Gene Montgomery

The following staff was present:

City Administrator Brick

City Secretary Rushing

Police Chief McLane

The following Councilmember was absent:

Alderman Brad South

THE SUBJECT OF THE PUBLIC HEARING IS AS FOLLOWS:

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF JAMAICA BEACH WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGETS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2011/2012 AT 6:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2011, AT CITY HALL IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 16628 SAN LUIS PASS ROAD, JAMAICA BEACH, TEXAS. ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE HEARING. COPIES OF THE BUDGETS ARE AVAILABLE BY REQUEST.

VICTOR PIERSON MAYOR

Mayor Pierson opened the Public Hearing.

There were no requests to speak during the Public Hearing.

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.



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CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

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6:00 P.M. (OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC HEARING)

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pierson called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL OF ALDERMEN

The following Councilmember's were present:

*Mayor Victor Pierson
MPT Eddie Burke
Alderman Brad South – arrived at 6:13 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 APPROVING A VARIANCE TO CONSTRUCT A GARAGE AND STORAGE AREA AT 4218 SPANISH MAIN.

City Administrator Brick explained to Council the Planning & Zoning held a meeting to discuss the variance and recommended approval.

2. DISCUSS APPOINTING GARY SWAIN TO THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION.

City Administrator Brick informed Council that Jerry Carter was moving. He recommended Gary Swain since he lives in Jamaica Beach and does a lot of construction here.

3. DISCUSS APPOINTING DAVID EWALD AS CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH BUILDING OFFICIAL.

City Administrator Brick informed Council that Rod Shaut was retiring and moving. He recommended David Ewald as the new Building Official since he is currently the City's Building Inspector.

Shane Davis, 16606 Pelican Road, inquired if inspections were still done only on Saturdays.

4. DISCUSS APPROVING A RESOLUTION FOR THE RAISING OF FM 3005.

Mayor Pierson recommended approval of the resolution. He said it would be a benefit to the city.

5. DISCUSS APPOINTING A REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE TO H-GAC GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Mayor Pierson noted Mary Morse as the current Representative and Eddie Burke as the Alternate. Alderman Morse said she would love to continue on the board, but as the Alternate. MPT Burke said he would volunteer as the new Representative.

6. DISCUSS THE REGATTA BASIN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT BY JBIC.

Steve Kendziera and Al Galli, representatives from JBIC attended the meeting. Steve provided Council a sketch of the proposed improvements.

7. DISCUSS ACTION TO BE TAKEN WITH DUMPSTER USERS WHO HAVE NOT APPLIED FOR A PERMIT OR MADE ANY EFFORT TO CONFORM TO ORDINANCE 2011-1.

City Administrator Brick explained to Council there were a few dumpster users that have not complied with Ordinance 2011-1. Mayor Pierson directed Chief McLane to start issuing "warning tickets" on Monday; if no progress in 10 days, issue the violators a "ticket".

8. DISCUSS PROPOSAL FROM PHIL DOUGLAS FOR SERVICES TO REPAIR CITY HALL FROM FIRE DAMAGE.

City Administrator Brick provided Council with a proposal from Phil Douglas. He said the proposal included Mr. Douglas' fees to design the city offices two different ways; one designing it the way it was and one aligning the roof lines making the office space larger.

9. DISCUSS DAMAGES AND REPAIR WORK TO HOUSE AT 16602 PELICAN ROAD.

City Administrator explained to Council the damage and repair estimates he received from the homeowner, which is below the standard fees and charges on certain items. Mr. Brick said the repairs are more than 50% of the 2008 appraised home value. He said he is requesting Council to inform the homeowner to either repair the house to comply with the current City Codes and height elevation, move or demolish it. Mayor Pierson said the way the process works is the city can request for the homeowner to go to court and the Judge can either rule in favor of the city or in favor of the homeowner. If the Judge does not rule in favor of the city then the city cannot enforce the ordinance adopted after Hurricane Ike. If the Judge rules in favor of the city the homeowner can then appeal to the District Court. The city has a lot of hurdles to clear before we can do anything. He said it is a slow process, but the city is seeing improvements. There were between 12-15 homes on the damage list, the city is down to 4.

Mayor Pierson opened the item for discussion:

Shane Davis, 16606 Pelican Road, said the estimates provided by the homeowner are impractical. She inquired if the city could have their Inspector inspect the damage then find a contractor that will submit a bid at no cost to the city.

Mayor Pierson replied saying the city could not enter the property without a court order. He said Mr. Brick can ask the Judge to issue a court order and allow us to do a proper inspection.

Buddy Decker, 16601 Flamingo Way, said the concerns he has is if a hurricane was to hit tomorrow the amount of debris that would come off that house and damage the neighboring houses.

Nancy Decker, 16601 Flamingo Way, spoke about the rodents and property hazards of the home; inquired who would be responsible if someone were to get injured.

Mayor Pierson said the homeowner is responsible.

Scott Stevens, 16560 Pelican Road, inquired if all cases go before one Judge or multiple Judges.

Mayor Pierson said the city only has one Judge.

Shane Davis, inquired how one would be able to speak to the Judge during the Court Hearing.

Mayor Pierson said the Court Hearing is open to the Public; he encouraged concerned citizens to attend the Hearing on Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.

10. DISCUSS APPROVING A VARIANCE TO CONSTRUCT A CARGO LIFT AT 16711 ALBATROS.

City Administrator Brick said Planning & Zoning has met to discuss the mentioned variance and recommend approval.

Ginger Jones, 16612 Curlew, inquired why does a person requests a variance.

Mayor Pierson replied if someone is building within the setback then they have to request permission for a variance.

11. DISCUSS CONTRACT FOR WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AND ABATEMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012 WITH GALVESTON COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT.

City Administrator Brick informed Council the contract has to be voted on annually. The contract is a total of \$929.00.

12. DISCUSS DRAFTING A CITY ORDINANCE FOR CITY PARKS.

City Administrator Brick provided Council with the draft presented in April before the fire at city hall. The only changes discussed during that time were the daily and annual pass fees for non-residents. Mayor Pierson said the issue has been brought up numerous times; he would like for Council to vote on an ordinance at tonight's Special Called Meeting making it effective March 1st 2012.

Ginger Jones, 16612 Curlew, inquired if the ordinance included the beach; commented on the Flamingo retainer wall said it looked good.

13. DISCUSS APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH VERIZON WIRELESS FOR POLICE DEPT. LAPTOP AIR CARDS.

Chief McLane explained the agreement with Verizon Wireless. He said the air cards are needed for the newly purchased laptops; he said he priced other wireless companies and Verizon offered the best rates and service.

14. DISCUSS ADOPTING FY 2011/2012 BUDGET.

Mayor Pierson said the Public Hearing was conducted earlier ask if there were any further discussion or comments; said it was an action item tonight.

15. DISCUSS ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX RATE AT \$0.2871.

Mayor Pierson said the 2011 effective rate came in at \$0.2871, which means if your property value went up slightly then you will be paying around the same as last year. He mentioned the tax rate in 2000 was \$0.5974; he said we have come along way; the city has found 27 million in grants since 2000.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

City Administrator Brick provided an update on the remaining damaged houses in the City. He said the construction has started again on Jamaica Beach Road their redoing some drainage around the manholes at Buccaneer and Jamaica Beach Road to smooth transition to drain out. He said the beach is now open to drive on, there are no restrictions.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pierson announced it was the 3rd Anniversary of Hurricane Ike, the 10th Anniversary of the Terrorist Attacks and the 50th Anniversary of Hurricane Carla. He mentioned there is a lot going on within the city, but Council is committed.

ALDERMEN REPORTS – No Reports.

POLICE REPORT

Chief McLane said over the weekend he accompanied some fellow Officer's from Jamaica Beach and Galveston, and Lighthouse Charities went to provide food and assistance to the fire personnel and victims affected by the fires.

CITIZEN INPUT

(REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL MUST BE MADE TO CITY STAFF BY 5:45 P.M. ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2011.)
Citizens that signed up prior to the meeting spoke during item #9 and declined to speak again.

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.



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ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

1. CONSIDER APPROVING A VARIANCE TO CONSTRUCT A GARAGE AND STORAGE AREA AT 4218 SPANISH MAIN.

MPT Burke motioned to approve a variance to construct a garage and storage area at 4218 Spanish Main. Second by Alderman Morse. Unanimously approved.

2. CONSIDER APPOINTING GARY SWAIN TO THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION.

Alderman Montgomery motioned to appoint Gary Swain to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Second by Alderman Morse. Unanimously approved.

3. CONSIDER APPOINTING DAVID EWALD AS CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH BUILDING OFFICIAL.

Alderman South motioned to appoint David Ewald as City of Jamaica Beach Building Official. Second by MPT Burke. Unanimously approved.

4. CONSIDER APPROVING A RESOLUTION FOR THE RAISING OF FM 3005.

Alderman Morse motioned to approve a resolution for the raising of FM 3005. Second by Alderman Green. Unanimously approved.

5. CONSIDER APPOINTING A REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE TO H-GAC GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Alderman Green motioned to appoint Eddie Burke as the Representative and Mary Morse as the Alternate to the H-GAC General Assembly. Second by Alderman Montgomery. Unanimously approved.

6. CONSIDER THE REGATTA BASIN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT BY JBIC.

Deferred for lack of motion.

7. CONSIDER ACTION TO BE TAKEN WITH DUMPSTER USERS WHO HAVE NOT APPLIED FOR A PERMIT OR MADE ANY EFFORT TO CONFORM TO ORDINANCE 2011-1.

Tabled for lack of motion. Mayor Pierson directed Chief McLane during the Special Workshop Meeting to give violators warning tickets; if no progress in 10 days issue real tickets.

8. CONSIDER PROPOSAL FROM PHIL DOUGLAS FOR SERVICES TO REPAIR CITY HALL FROM FIRE DAMAGE.

Alderman South motioned to accept the proposal from Phil Douglas for services to repair city hall from fire damage. Second by Alderman Green. Unanimously approved.

9. CONSIDER ACTION TO TAKE REGARDING DAMAGES AND REPAIR WORK TO HOUSE AT 16602 PELICAN ROAD.

Alderman Morse motioned to take to Judge the damages and repair work to house at 16602 Pelican Road. Second by Alderman Montgomery. Unanimously approved.

10. CONSIDER APPROVING A VARIANCE TO CONSTRUCT A CARGO LIFT AT 16711 ALBATROS.

MPT Burke motioned to approve a variance to construct a cargo lift at 16711 Albatros. Second by Alderman Montgomery. Unanimously approved.

11. CONSIDER CONTRACT FOR WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AND ABATEMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012 WITH GALVESTON COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT.

Alderman Green motioned to approve the contract for Water Pollution Control and Abatement for FY 2012 with Galveston County Health District. Second by Alderman Montgomery. Unanimously approved.

12. CONSIDER DRAFTING A CITY ORDINANCE FOR CITY PARKS.

MPT Burke motion to adopt an ordinance to establish city parks on city owned property, city owned bulkheads and city owned right of ways; park rules and regulations; issuance of park permits; park restriction for fishing and crabbing in city parks; fishing and crabbing permit issuance for non-residents and non-property owners in city parks; requirements for residents, property owners and renters for fishing and crabbing in city parks; violations and penalties, creating Ordinance 2011-2. Second by Alderman Morse. Unanimously approved.

13. CONSIDER APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH VERIZON WIRELESS FOR POLICE DEPT. LAPTOP AIR CARDS.

Alderman Morse motion to approve an agreement with Verizon Wireless for Police Dept. laptop air cards. Second by Alderman Green. Unanimously approved.

14. CONSIDER ADOPTING FY 2011/2012 BUDGET.

Alderman South motioned to adopt the FY 2011/2012 General Fund and Municipal Services Budget. Second by Alderman Morse. Unanimously approved.

15. CONSIDER ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX RATE AT \$0.2871.

Alderman South motion to adopt an ordinance setting the property tax rate at \$0.2871, creating Ordinance 2011-3. Second by Alderman Montgomery. Unanimously approved.

ADJOURN

Mayor Pierson said that if there was no further business to come before Council he would call for a motion to adjourn. Alderman Green motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Second by Alderman Morse. Unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.