



CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH

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PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 16, 2019
6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Steve Spicer called the Public Hearing to order.

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

Alderman Clay Morris led the Pledges of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas Flag.

ROLL CALL OF ALDERMEN

The following Councilmember's were present:

*Mayor Steve Spicer
MPT Sherwood Green
Alderman Clay Morris
Alderman Russell Rupertus
Alderman Terry Rizzo
Alderman Marci Kurtz*

The following staff was present:

*City Secretary Rushing
Police Chief Heiman*

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 2019/2020 AT 6:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2019, AT CITY HALL IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 16628 SAN LUIS PASS ROAD, JAMAICA BEACH, TEXAS. ANY PERSON MAY ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN THE PUBLIC HEARING. COPIES OF THE BUDGETS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE OR BY REQUEST. THIS BUDGET WILL RAISE THE SAME AMOUNT OF REVENUE FROM PROPERTY TAXES AS LAST YEAR'S BUDGET. THE PROPERTY TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL THIS YEAR IS \$3,195.

Mayor Spicer read the above notice then opened the Public Hearing for public comment. No requests for public comment on the Public Hearing agenda item.

ADJOURN

Mayor Spicer adjourned the Public Hearing at 6:03 p.m.



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CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP & REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 16, 2019

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

CALL TO ORDER

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PUBLIC COMMENTS (LIMITED TO THREE (3) MINUTES PER PERSON)

No requests to address Council.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. PRESENTATION BY JEFFERY THOMSON WITH TXDOT ON THE FM 3005 LIFT PROJECT.

Joel Clarke and Jeffery Thomson with TXDOT attended the meeting to explain the FM 3005 Lift Project. The following details about the project were mentioned: TXDOT plans to elevate FM 3005 7 ½ ft. plus 1.5 ft. surface overlay; the speed rate for FM 3005 will be lowered to 45 mph while the project is being conducted; construction began August 2019 and is projected to end March 2022.

Council openly discussed the project with the TXDOT Representatives. Mayor Spicer opened the item for public comment:

Tricia Sloan, 16531 Jamaica Cove, commented that FM 3005 reduces to 1 lane in each direction in Jamaica Beach; she inquired if an additional lane in each direction could be installed to prevent the backup during the summer months.

TXDOT replied they have no plans to increase the lanes in Jamaica Beach.

2. PRESENT JAMAICA BEACH 2016-2020 MITIGATION ACTION PLAN TO CITY COUNCIL.

The Jamaica Beach 2016-2020 Mitigation Action Plan was presented to City Council. No discussion; no action taken.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. **DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR ACTION APPROVING THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:**
 - a. BUDGET WORKSHOP, WORKSHOP & EXECUTIVE SESSION – JULY 1, 2019
 - b. BUDGET WORKSHOP & REGULAR MEETING – JULY 15, 2019
 - c. WORKSHOP MEETING – AUGUST 5, 2019
 - d. REGULAR MEETING – AUGUST 19, 2019

Alderman Rizzo motioned to approve the above listed minutes. Second by Alderman Kurtz. Motion unanimously approved.

2. **DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR ACTION AWARDING A BID FOR THE 2019 WATERLINE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.**

John Mercer, the Engineer for the project attended the meeting to explain the bid procedure; he noted the city received 5 bids for the 2019 Waterline Improvement Project; he recommended that Council award the project to Matula & Matula Construction, Inc. based on them being the lowest bid received and their qualifications to perform the work. Alderman Rupertus motioned to award the bid for the 2019 Waterline Improvement Project to Matula & Matula Construction, Inc. Second by Alderman Morris. Motion unanimously approved.

3. **DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR ACTION CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND THE ZONING CODE ON OCTOBER 7, 2019 AT 6:00 PM IN THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS.**

Alderman Kurtz motioned to call a Public Hearing to amend the Zoning Code on October 7, 2019 at 6:00 PM in the City Hall Council Chambers. Second by Alderman Rupertus. Motion unanimously approved.

4. **DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR ACTION AMENDING THE FOLLOWING GENERAL FUND BUDGET LINE ITEMS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019 TO ADJUST AND PROPERLY RECORD THE UNFORSEEN REVENUE/EXPENSES:**

- a. TRANSFER \$4,100 FROM 11030 LEGAL FEES TO 11026 ELECTION EXPENSE.
- b. TRANSFER \$500 FROM 40025 CONTRACT SERVICES TO 40050 MERCHANDISE.
- c. TRANSFER \$1,200 FROM 40025 CONTRACT SERVICES TO 40070 ELECTRICITY.
- d. TRANSFER \$200 FROM 14010 PD TELEPHONE 14034 PD DISPATCH.
- e. TRANSFER \$600 FROM 14033 PD TRAVEL, MEETINGS TO 14030 PD GASOLINE.
- f. TRANSFER \$200 FROM 13016 GENERAL M&R TO 13004 TRAFFIC SIGNS.
- g. TRANSFER \$200 FROM 12006 LEGAL NOTICES TO 12004 COLLECTION EXPENSE.

Mayor Spicer read the above budget line item transfers. City Secretary Rushing clarified there was no change to the overall budget amount; the above budget line item transfers are for auditing purposes only. No further discussion. Alderman Kurtz motioned to amend the above General Fund Budget line items for the FY ending September 30, 2019 to adjust and properly record the unforeseen expenses. Second by Alderman Rizzo. Motion unanimously approved.

5. **DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR ACTION ADOPTING THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 BUDGETS.**

Mayor Spicer read the above caption. No discussion. MPT Green motioned to adopt the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budgets. Second by Alderman Rupertus. Following is the record vote: In-Favor: Clay Morris, Russell Rupertus, Sherwood Green, Terry Rizzo, Marci Kurtz; None Opposed. Motion carries.

6. **DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR ACTION AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH, TEXAS, LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2019, SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX RATE AT \$0.193253 PER \$100 OF PROPERTY VALUE.**

Alderman Rizzo motioned to adopt an Ordinance of the City of Jamaica Beach, Texas, levying ad valorem taxes for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2019, setting the property tax rate at \$0.193253 per \$100 of property value. Second by Alderman Morris. Following is the record vote: In-Favor: Marci Kurtz, Terry Rizzo, Sherwood Green, Russell Rupertus, Clay Morris; None Opposed. Motion carries creating Ordinance 2019-5.

7. **DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR ACTION AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH, TEXAS, AMENDING ORDINANCE 2002-1 ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL COURT TECHNOLOGY FUND; PROVIDING FOR THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF A MUNICIPAL COURT TECHNOLOGY FEE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING FOR EXPIRATION DATE; AS AMENDED, TO REPEAL THE EXPIRATION DATE.**

City Secretary Rushing noted the Municipal Court Technology Fund (MCTF) was adopted by Ordinance in 2002 to comply with Article 102.0172 of the Code of Criminal Procedure; the MCTF fee was originally assessed as a temporarily fine to expire on September 1, 2005, but in September 1, 2003 House Bill 1066 repealed the provision that would have terminated the MCTF fee; the only amendment in the Ordinance being proposed is to repeal the expiration date to comply with H.B. 1066 and avoid confusion when the city codifies the city ordinances. Alderman Rizzo motioned to approve an Ordinance of the City of Jamaica Beach, Texas, amending Ordinance 2002-1 establishing a Municipal Court Technology Fund; providing for the assessment and collection of a Municipal Court Technology Fee; providing for severability; providing for publication and effective date; providing for expiration date; as amended, to repeal the expiration date. Second by MPT Green. Motion unanimously approved. Creating Ordinance 2019-6.

8. **DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR ACTION AN AMENDMENT TO THE VILLAGE OF JAMAICA BEACH PERSONNEL POLICY.**

City Secretary Rushing explained the amendment to the Village of Jamaica Beach Personnel Policy was to indicate the 12 hour shift schedule for the Jamaica Beach Police Department. MPT Green motioned to approve an amendment to the Village of Jamaica Beach Personnel Policy. Second by Alderman Rizzo. Motion unanimously approved.

9. **DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING THE CITY STAFF TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE BANK DEPOSITORY CONTRACT.**

Alderman Rupertus motioned to approve the city staff to advertise for bids for the Bank Depository Contract. Second by Alderman Kurtz. Motion unanimously approved.

10. **DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR ACTION APPROVING A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING A REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE TO THE HOUSTON GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL 2020 GENERAL ASSEMBLY.**

Alderman Rupertus motioned to approve a Resolution designating Clay Morris as the Representative and himself (Russell Rupertus) as the Alternate to the Houston Galveston Area Council 2020 General Assembly. Second by Alderman Kurtz. Motion unanimously approved. Creating Resolution 2019-8.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

City Administrator Hutchison was absent; City Secretary Rushing spoke on his behalf to report the Bike to the Beach for Autism Charity Ride is scheduled on September 28, 2019; she noted the bike ride route does not pass through Jamaica Beach, but the event still wanted to provide notification to surrounding communities.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Spicer reported the ditches are full; tide is high and if it rains then citizens may want to lift items in their downstairs enclosures.

ALDERMEN REPORTS

MPT Green, Alderman Rizzo & Alderman Rupertus – No Reports

Alderman Kurtz reported on the following events being conducted at the City Park; she noted the dates are tentative: Halloween & National Night Out will be a joint event on October 29th; Christmas celebration will be held on the same night as the Boat Parade, which is scheduled on December 7th; seeking volunteers to help decoration on December 5th & 6th; proposing to replace some of the Park playground equipment; JBPD will start enforcing the Leave No Trace Ordinance in January 2020; items left on the beach unattended will be removed; she is looking forward to being involved in the sea turtle study.

Alderman Morris reported on the following: still trying to work on a solution for the delivery of large packages from the USPS; acknowledged Alderman Rizzo & the STR Committee for their suggestions and ideas concerning short term rentals; he plans to get more involved with the GLO concerning the beach, parking at the Marina and noise issues.

POLICE REPORT – No Report

FIRE REPORT – Absent, No Report

ADJOURN

Mayor Spicer said if there was no further business to come before Council he would call for a motion to adjourn. Alderman Rupertus motioned the meeting be adjourned. Second by MPT Green. Motion unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.