



CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH

16628 San Luis Pass Road (2nd Floor Meeting Area)
5264 Jamaica Beach
Jamaica Beach, Texas 77554
PH (409) 737-1142 FAX (409) 737-5211
www.ci.jamaicabeach.tx.us



PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 17, 2012
6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Victor Pierson called the Public Hearing to order.

PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. FLAG

City Administrator John Brick 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
Alderman Sandy Denby
Alderman Mary Morse
Alderman Gene Montgomery*

The following staff was present:

*City Administrator Brick
City Secretary Rushing
Chief McLane*

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 2012/2013 AT 6:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2012, 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. THIS BUDGET WILL RAISE MORE TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET BY \$7,425.00 (1.11% INCREASE), AND OF THAT AMOUNT \$5,073.46 IS TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL THIS YEAR.

Mayor Pierson opened the Public Hearing:

Boots Gali, 16639 Bahama Way, complimented on the city being debt free and City Hall renovations.

ADJOURN

Public Hearing adjourned at 6:05 p.m.



CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH
16628 San Luis Pass Road (2nd Floor Meeting Area)
5264 Jamaica Beach
Jamaica Beach, Texas 77554
PH (409) 737-1142 FAX (409) 737-5211
www.ci.jamaicabeach.tx.us



**CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING
MINUTES**

**SEPTEMBER 17, 2012
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
Alderman Sandy Denby
Alderman Mary Morse
Alderman Gene Montgomery*

The following staff was present:

*City Administrator Brick
City Secretary Rushing
Chief McLane*

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

- 1. DISCUSS HIRING COASTAL SURVEYING OF TEXAS FOR \$7,500 TO PROVIDE A COASTAL BOUNDARY SURVEY.**
City Administrator explained the item. Mayor Pierson said a survey account item was created for FY 2012/2013, but he would like to use funds from FY 2011/2012. He recommended to Council to transfer funds from General Fund account 35190 to 35200.
- 2. DISCUSS APPOINTING A CITY REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE TO THE H-GAC'S 2013 GENERAL ASSEMBLY.**
Mayor Pierson mentioned that Alderman Morse was the City Representative and MPT Burke was the Alternate of the 2012 Assembly; he asked Alderman Denby if she would like to be the City Representative and MPT Burke if he would be the Alternate of the 2013 Assembly. Both agreed. Mayor Pierson said recommendations can be voted on during the Called Meeting.
- 3. DISCUSS THE CITY MANAGER OF DEER PARK, TEXAS AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES – TML REGION 14 FOR THE TML INTERGOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS POOL.**
Mayor Pierson said he agrees with the recommendation of the City Manager of Deer Park, Jay Stokes.
- 4. DISCUSS APPROVING A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE GALVESTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REAPPOINTMENTS AND APPOINTMENTS TO THE GALVESTON COUNTY UNITED BOARD OF HEALTH.**
Mayor Pierson said he agreed with the Galveston County Commissioners Court recommendations for appointments and reappointments.
- 5. DISCUSS APPROVING A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO RETAIN PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES FROM JIMMY WILLIAMSON, P.C. AND LEWIS & WILLIAMS, L.L.P. FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURSUING CLAIMS AGAINST BRITISH PETROLEUM, PLC OR ANY OTHER RESPONSIBLE PARTY; AUTHROIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH JIMMY WILLIAMSON, P.C. AND LEWIS & WILLIAMS, L.L.P; URGING THE STATE COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT.**

Jan Krueger, 16618 Curlew, inquired about the claim; wanted to know what loses the city was claiming.

Mayor Pierson said the claim was for the decline in Hotel/Motel taxes due to negative publicity and since the agreement was at no cost to the city or tax payer's he recommended approval.

6. **DISCUSS APPROVING A RE-PLAT OF LOTS 10, 11, & 12 SECTION 31 (TERN ROAD).**

City Administrator Brick explained the request; he said the lots are currently three small lots and the homeowner wants to divide them into two lots so they can build another house; he said the request went before Planning and Zoning and they recommended approval. Mayor Pierson inquired if vote was unanimous and Mr. Brick said yes.

7. **DISCUSS AMENDING 14002-PD PART TIME SALARIES OF THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR THE FY ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2012, BY TRANSFERRING \$16,000 FROM 14000-PD SALARIES AND \$4,000 FROM 14020-PD WORKERS COMP TO ADJUST AND PROPERLY RECORD UNFORSEEN EXPENSES.**

8. **DISCUSS AMENDING 14006-PD OFFICE SUPPLIES OF THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR THE FY ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2012, BY TRANSFERRING \$1,000 FROM 14036-UNIFORMS TO ADJUST AND PROPERLY RECORD UNFORSEEN EXPENSES.**

9. **DISCUSS AMENDING 14030-PD GASOLINE OF THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR THE FY ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2012, BY TRANSFERRING \$5,000 FROM 14034-DISPATCH AND \$500 FROM 14033-PD - TRAVEL, MEETINGS TO ADJUST AND PROPERLY RECORD UNFORSEEN EXPENSES.**

10. **DISCUSS AMENDING 14050-POLICE LEGAL EXPENSES OF THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR THE FY ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2012, BY TRANSFERRING \$5,561 FROM THE PD MARINE DIVISION AND \$2,000 FROM 14020-PD WORKERS COMP TO ADJUST AND PROPERLY RECORD UNFORSEEN EXPENSES.**

Mayor Pierson read items 7-10 and noted the items as being funds transferred between accounts and not increases to the budget.

11. **DISCUSS ADOPTING FY 2012/2013 BUDGETS.**

Mayor Pierson stated Council having multiple meetings to discuss the budget. He said the city has reserve funds and is financially secure.

12. **DISCUSS ADOPTING ORDINANCE 2012-1, LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2012, SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX RATE AT \$0.281307 PER \$100 OF PROPERTY VALUE.**

Mayor Pierson mentioned the tax rates in Jamaica Beach have been on a steady decline the last past 12 years since he has been Mayor with the lowest being in 2008; it was only in 2009 when Hurricane Ike hit that there was an increase in taxes; they have since continue to decrease.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

City Administrator Brick provided Council with a report from the Attorney regarding homes that have been declared a disaster.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pierson said the Mayor's and Councilmember's meeting was one of the largest attended meetings with 91 attendees.

ALDERMEN REPORTS

Alderman Montgomery said the Pool Committee will hopefully have a meeting within the next couple of weeks.

Alderman Morse – No Report

Alderman Denby said she has been riding along with the JBPD Officer's and is learning a lot, also attending Galveston's Citizens Police Academy.

Alderman South – No Report

MPT Burke said he missed the last JBIC meeting, but received notes on the election from Alderman Denby, the appointments were Steve Kendziera as Chairmen, Margaret Lloyd as Vice-Chairman, Geri Russo as Secretary and Al Galli as Treasurer.

POLICE REPORT

Chief McLane thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers since being diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer; he introduced Sgt. Richard Sedgwick and said he will be 2nd in command of the JBPD.

CITIZEN INPUT

(REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL MUST BE MADE TO CITY STAFF BY 5:45 P.M. ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2012.)

No requests to address Council.

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.



CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH
16628 San Luis Pass Road (2nd Floor Meeting Area)
5264 Jamaica Beach
Jamaica Beach, Texas 77554
PH (409) 737-1142 FAX (409) 737-5211
www.ci.jamaicabeach.tx.us



**CITY COUNCIL
CALLED REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

**SEPTEMBER 17, 2012
6:00 P.M. (OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING)**

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
Alderman Sandy Denby
Alderman Mary Morse
Alderman Gene Montgomery*

The following staff was present:

*City Administrator Brick
City Secretary Rushing
Chief McLane*

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

- 1. CONSIDER FOR ACTION HIRING COASTAL SURVEYING OF TEXAS FOR \$7,500 TO PROVIDE A COASTAL BOUNDARY SURVEY.**
MPT Burke motion to transfer \$7,500 from General Fund account 35190 to 35200 to cover the cost to hire Coastal Surveying of Texas to provide a Coastal Boundary Survey. Second by Alderman South. Unanimously approved.
- 2. CONSIDER FOR ACTION APPOINTING A CITY REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE TO THE H-GAC'S 2013 GENERAL ASSEMBLY.**
Alderman Morse motioned to appoint Sandy Denby as the City Representative and Eddie Burke as the Alternate to the H-GAC's 2013 General Assembly. Second by Alderman Montgomery. Unanimously approved.
- 3. CONSIDER FOR ACTION THE CITY MANAGER OF DEER PARK, TEXAS AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES – TML REGION 14 FOR THE TML INTERGOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS POOL.**
Alderman South motioned to appoint Jay Stokes as a member of the Board of Trustees – TML Region 14 for the TMLIEBP. Second by Alderman Denby. Unanimously approved.
- 4. CONSIDER FOR ACTION APPROVING A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE GALVESTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT RECOMMENATIONS FOR REAPPOINTMENTS AND APPOINTMENTS TO THE GALVESTON COUNTY UNITED BOARD OF HEALTH.**
Alderman Denby motioned to approve a Resolution endorsing the Galveston County Commissioners Court recommendations for reappointments and appointments to the Galveston County United Board of Health. Second by Alderman Morse. Unanimously approved.
- 5. CONSIDER FOR ACTION APPROVING A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO RETAIN PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES FROM JIMMY WILLIAMSON, P.C. AND LEWIS & WILLIAMS, L.L.P. FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURSUING CLAIMS AGAINST BRITISH PETROLEUM, PLC OR ANY OTHER RESPONSIBLE PARTY; AUTHROIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH JIMMY WILLIAMSON, P.C. AND LEWIS & WILLIAMS, L.L.P; URGING THE STATE COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT.**
Alderman Morse motioned to approve the above mentioned Resolution. Second by Alderman Denby. Unanimously approved.
- 6. CONSIDER FOR ACTION APPROVING A RE-PLAT OF LOTS 10, 11, & 12 SECTION 31 (TERN ROAD).**

Alderman Morse motioned to approve a replat of lots 10, 11 & 12 of Section 31. Second by Alderman South. Unanimously approved.

7. **CONSIDER FOR ACTION AMENDING 14002-PD PART TIME SALARIES OF THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR THE FY ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2012, BY TRANSFERRING \$16,000 FROM 14000-PD SALARIES AND \$4,000 FROM 14020-PD WORKERS COMP TO ADJUST AND PROPERLY RECORD UNFORSEEN EXPENSES.**

Alderman Morse motioned to approve the above transfer of funds between the General Fund accounts. Second by Alderman South. Unanimously approved.

8. **CONSIDER FOR ACTION AMENDING 14006-PD OFFICE SUPPLIES OF THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR THE FY ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2012, BY TRANSFERRING \$1,000 FROM 14036-UNIFORMS TO ADJUST AND PROPERLY RECORD UNFORSEEN EXPENSES.**

Alderman Denby motioned to approve the above transfer of funds between the General Fund accounts. Second by Alderman Morse. Unanimously approved.

9. **CONSIDER FOR ACTION AMENDING 14030-PD GASOLINE OF THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR THE FY ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2012, BY TRANSFERRING \$5,000 FROM 14034-DISPATCH AND \$500 FROM 14033-PD – TRAVEL, MEETINGS TO ADJUST AND PROPERLY RECORD UNFORSEEN EXPENSES.**

Alderman Morse motioned to approve the above transfer of funds between the General Fund accounts. Second by Alderman Montgomery. Unanimously approved.

10. **CONSIDER FOR ACTION AMENDING 14050-POLICE LEGAL EXPENSES OF THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR THE FY ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2012, BY TRANSFERRING \$5,561 FROM THE PD MARINE DIVISION AND \$2,000 FROM 14020-PD WORKERS COMP TO ADJUST AND PROPERLY RECORD UNFORSEEN EXPENSES.**

Alderman Denby motioned to approve the above transfer of funds between the General Fund accounts. Second by Alderman Morse. Unanimously approved.

11. **CONSIDER FOR ACTION ADOPTING FY 2012/2013 BUDGETS.**

MPT Burke motioned to adopt the FY 2012/2013 Budgets. Second by Alderman Montgomery. Unanimously approved.

12. **CONSIDER FOR ACTION ADOPTING ORDINANCE 2012-1, LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2012, SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX RATE AT \$0.281307 PER \$100 OF PROPERTY VALUE.**

Alderman Morse motioned to adopt Ordinance 2012-1, Levying Ad Valorem Taxes for the FY beginning October 1, 2012, setting the property tax rate at \$0.281307 per \$100 of property value. Second by Alderman South. 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 Morse motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Second by Alderman Montgomery. Unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.