

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING & SPECIAL CALLED MEETING AGENDA

OCTOBER 5, 2020

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Steve Spicer called the meeting to order.

PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. AND TEXAS FLAGS Mayor Steve Spicer led the pledges

ROLL CALL OF ALDERMEN The following councilmembers were present:

Mayor Steve Spicer **MPT Sherwood Green** (arrived at 6:08) Alderman Clay Morris
Alderman Russell Rupertus Alderman Terry Rizzo

Alderman Marci Kurtz The City Administrator Hutchison was **present**.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (LIMITED TO THREE (3 MINUTES PER PERSON) Lupe Rushing made a statement.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. APPROVING THE MINUTES FOR THE FOLOWING MEETINGS WILL BE FORTHCOMING:

a. Workshop Meeting-August 3, 2020

b. Regular Meeting- August 17, 2020

2. DISCUSS APPROVING THE CITY TO USE RESERVE PARK FUNDS TO HOST THE HOLIDAY EVENTS AT THE CITY PARK, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000.

Alderman Kurtz said plans were going to be finalized at the meeting at 5:30 this Thursday at City Hall (said park but changed) location after meeting.)

City Administrator Hutchison clarified that this would be for decorations for Halloween and Christmas.

3. DISCUSS APPROVING THE CITY'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN, FUNDING FROM THE BUDGET RETIREMENT ACCOUNT

City Administrator Hutchison said the contribution was 10% of wages.

4. DISCUSS APPROVING THE CITY STAFF TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE JAMAICA BEACH BULKHEAD REPAIRS PROJECT LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

City Administrator Hutchison said it would be repairs after removing the top half on the West side and **repairs and parts on the East side**

5. DISCUSS RESUMING THE USE OF EMINENT DOMAIN TO ACQUIRE OUTSTANDING DUNE EASEMENT AND DEDICATE BEACH AGREEMENT FROM BEACHFRONT PROPERTY OWNERS.

Mayor Spicer said that this effort has been going on for 12 **years and asked the City Administrator how much we have spent?** City Administrator Hutchison **stated that we have spent over \$178K. Also stated that GLO will allow us to terminate the Dune Restoration Project and still continue with the Beach Nourishment System Project under the FEMA Disaster Award funding. These two can be separated.** It is the Mayor's recommendation that we not spend any more money on attempting to get the other 9 **Easements**. He said in 2006, the GLO built the dunes up and **they washed away** in 2008; the GLO did not rebuild them as was in the Agreement. **Alderman Rizzo asked how many we had gotten in the past year. City manager said the problem is that the properties sell and we have to start all over.**

Discussion was ended and Mayor stated this would be voted on in two weeks.

6. DISCUSS GENERAL OVERVIEW OF ORDINANCE 2020-5 WHICH RECENTLY AMENDED ORDINANCE 2020-3 ESTABLISHING USAGE AND PARKING REGULATIONS FOR THE CITY OWNED JAMAICA BEACH REGATTA BASIN FACILITY (ALSO KNOWN AS THE "MARINA"); TO INCLUDE PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON BASIN DRIVE.

Alderman Rupertus requested that this be tabled until January.

7. DISCUSS APPROVING AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH, TEXAS, ADOPTING THE AMENDED FLOOD HAZARD REGULATIONS ENTITLED FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE IN THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH, TEXAS AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Administrator Hutchison said that currently a ticket cannot be issued for making a **wake on streets**, but this will help with that if an Officer **observes someone making a wake** in a neighborhood.

Alderman Rizzo ask if a photograph would allow the officer to ticket.

Chief Heiman said that a video possibly; they can ticket now, a misdemeanor, for reckless driving if they see it.

8. DISCUSS FOR ACTION ASSIGNING HAZARD DUTY PAY FROM

OCTOBER 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7.08 PER HOUR

TO ALL FULL TIME JAMAICA BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT STAFF MEMBERS COMING IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE PUBLIC TO ENFORCE PUBLIC HEALTH OR PUBLIC SAFETY ORDERS AND SEEK REIMBURSEMENT OF SAID HAZARD PAY THROUGH THE CARES ACT.

Lupe spoke regarding Chief Heiman's letter to the city council dated August 11, 2020 after saying on August 3, 2020, that he and his officers **would forego** any raises at this time. She gave the amounts of money it would cost both in the agenda item and if it went back to March

as was in the Chief's letter. 9. DISCUSS APPROVING A 10% INCREASE IN THE 2020-21 WAGE RATE FOR NOLA GONZALES AND GEORGIA CARMACK FOR THE DURATION OF THE CITY SECRETARY VACANCY.

Alderman Morris clarified that this was only during the interim.

10. DISCUSS SEEKING BOOKKEEPING SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH, DESIGNATING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

AS THE CONTRACTING OFFICER.

City Administrator Hutchison, again clarified that it would only be during the interim. 11. DISCUSS FOR ACTION APPROVING SEVERANCE PACKAGE FOR MS. LUPE RUSHING.

Mayor Spicer read the details of the Severance Package from the letter.

Alderman Kurtz asked if the "city disputed owing sick pay"? Mayor Spicer said that was a legal term. The use of the word means that it is voluntary on the city's part.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. CONSIDER FOR ACTION APPROVING THE CITY TO USE RESERVE PARK FUNDS TO HOST THE HOLIDAY EVENTS AT THE CITY PARK, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5000.

Alderman Kurtz motioned to approve. Second by Alderman Morris. Motion unanimously approved.

2. CONSIDER FOR ACTION ASSIGNING HAZARD DUTY PAY FROM OCTOBER 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7.08 PER HOUR TO ALL FULL TIME JAMAICA BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMBERS COMING IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE PUBLIC TO ENFORCE PUBLIC HEALTH OR PUBLIC SAFETY ORDERS AND SEEK REIMBURSEMENT OF SAID HAZARD PAY

THROUGH THE CARES ACT.

Alderman Morris motioned to approve. Second by Alderman Rupertus. Motion unanimously approved.

3. CONSIDER FOR ACTION APPROVING A 10% INCREASE IN THE 20-21 WAGE RATE FOR NOLA GONZALES AND GEORGIA CARMACK FOR THE DURATION OF THE CITY SECRETARY VACANCY.

Alderman Rizzo motioned to approve. Second by Alderman Green. Motion unanimously passed.

4. CONSIDER FOR ACTION SEEKING BOOKKEEPING SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH, DESIGNATING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR AS THE CONTRACTING OFFICER.

Alderman Morris motioned to approve. Second by Alderman Ruoertus. Motion unanimously approved.

5. CONSIDER FOR ACTION APPROVING SEVERANCE PACKAGE FOR MS. LUPE RUSHING,

Alderman Rupertus motioned to approve. Second by Alderman Morris. Motion unanimously approved.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

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City will be advertising for a part time laborer to do odd jobs around the city.

Anyone wishing to hold a gathering in the park in the future will need to fill out a "Gathering Request" as stated by Governor Abbott.

MAYOR'S REPORT - No report.

Alderman Morris, Ruoertus and /green- No reports

Alderman Kurtz- There will be a meeting of volunteers for the Park (same 5 people) this\ Thursday at 5:30 at City Hall.

Alderman Rizzo - As Liaison to the Jamaica Beach Improvement Committee, she attended the Annual meeting Saturday. They are having two pilings and two navigational signs installed at the canal entrance to Jamaica Beach. Don Towner is getting estimates to have the two dead trees removed on the esplanade. It is possible that they will replace with only one tree or put the Turtle in the vacant space. The committee is considering taking responsibility for maintaining the oasis on Curlew since the homeowners who have always done it have aged and it has become more difficult for them. The new Administrator is /deborah /ayers replacing suzanne Johnston, who has retired due to poor health. The newest /board Member is Summer /bloom.

POLICE REPORT - no report

MEETING ADJOURNED 6:34 Respectfully Submitted- Alderman Rizzo

