



# CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH

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## CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 1, 2018  
6:00 P.M.

### CALL TO ORDER

*Mayor Steve Spicer called the meeting to order.*

### PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. AND TEXAS FLAGS

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

### ROLL CALL OF ALDERMEN

*The following Councilmember's were present:*

*Mayor Steve Spicer  
MPT Sherwood Green  
Alderman David Welch  
Alderman Russell Rupertus  
Alderman Rosemary Lindley  
Alderman Marci Kurtz*

*The following staff was present:*

*City Administrator Hutchison  
City Secretary Rushing  
Police Chief Heiman*

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

*Mayor Spicer allowed for public comments during the Public Hearing portion of the agenda.*

### PUBLIC HEARING:

#### 1. JAMAICA BEACH DUNE RESTORATION PROJECT.

*Mayor Spicer noted this Public Hearing is to discuss the Jamaica Beach Dune Restoration Project. Mayor Spicer said the city invited a General Land Office (GLO) Representative to attend the meeting to assist with questions and concerns; he then provided a brief summary for the reason he called for a Public Hearing on the subject matter; stating the city's primary issues and concerns are associated with cost, property easements and drainage. The item was discussed openly amongst Council and the GLO Rep. before allowing for public discussion:*

*Alderman Lindley stated she has not been as informed on the project as some of her fellow Councilmembers; she asked the GLO Rep. to explain the proposed drainage system for the Beachcomber area.*

*Kevin Frenzel, GLO Representative, addressed a few of the following concerns: he noted he has been involved with this project since the dune was destroyed by Hurricane Ike; he admitted the original drainage design was flawed, but plans to have GLO's Engineers process a change order*

project worksheet for the drainage system in the Beachcomber area; GLO will change the culvert size to accommodate the drainage; GLO will provide a copy of the Cost Benefit Analysis Report to the city; he noted the proposed berm will help reduce beach erosion.

MPT Green inquired if a berm would be proposed on Buccaneer at the beach entrance.

GLO Rep. replied no.

Alderman Rupertus inquired if there were any other delay issues besides the property easements.

GLO Rep. replied no, the dune project can move forward once the easements are obtained.

Alderman Rupertus asked the GLO Rep if he could provide a list of similar drainage projects designed by the GLO for Council to review; inquired how long would the project take to complete.

GLO Rep. replied he will e-mail a list; project could be completed in 4-5 months; gave a verbal estimated project timeline.

Alderman Welch directed City Administrator Hutchison to request a legal opinion regarding the city's liability (if any) if the city does not move forward with the dune project.

Alderman Kurtz asked the GLO Rep. to explain the materials that will be used to construct the dune.

GLO Rep. replied a template is created to determine the height and width then sand is brought in to construct the actual dune.

Mayor Spicer asked for clarification regarding beach access; how much beach access will be available to the public if a dune is constructed.

GLO Rep. replied the dune project will only raise the elevation and not limit beach access.

Mayor Spicer opened the Public Hearing for public comments:

Dr. Buck Willis, 16926 Beachcomber, inquired what part of the drainage system will not be corrupted by the sand during a hightide; what is the risk if the city does not participate with the dune project.

GLO Rep. replied the drainage system is designed with a one-way valve/flap that will allow water to flow out towards the beach and prevent water or sand from a hightide to enter; if the city decides not to participate they will be at risk.

Lisa Mairs, 16519 Frances Drake, inquired what relations is the Dune Restoration Project to the Coastal Barrier Project; asked if the public could obtain a copy of the GLO report.

GLO Rep. replied the two projects are not related at all; they are two different projects. City Administrator Hutchison provided a copy of the GLO report to Ms. Mairs.

Larry Brasfield, 16922 Beachcomber, inquired if the cost was included in the Budget; noted Ike Dike could take 15-20 years to complete; asked is money available for redesign of culverts; inquired if GLO knew what the estimated annual maintenance cost would be so the city could budget accordingly each year.

GLO Rep. replied that funds were available to redesign the culverts; he also noted that beach re-nourishment is needed between 5-10 years not annually.

Bob Friedman, 16903 Beachcomber, asked the GLO Rep. does the GLO give the city funds to maintain the drainage system.

GLO Rep. replied no, it would be the city's responsibility to fund the maintenance.

Mr. Friedman noted a majority of Beachcomber residence are concerned the dune project will create a drainage problem that currently does not exist.

GLO Rep. replied the culverts would be designed and approved by an Engineer; the project would also have to be approved by FEMA and the city.

Dave Mairs, 16519 Frances Drake, inquired about the citywide culvert system.

## ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. DISCUSS APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:
  - a. PUBLIC HEARING, WORKSHOP & REGULAR CALLED MEETING – SEPTEMBER 17, 2018

No discussion.

2. **DISCUSS THE DUNE RESTORATION PROJECT COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH AND THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.**  
*City Administrator Hutchison noted there are 10 beachfront property easements that the city needs authorization to use before the dune project could be completed. Item was discussed openly amongst Council and city staff.*
3. **DISCUSS APPROVING THE PARK BOARD HALLOWEEN EVENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$850, FUNDING FROM THE NON-BUDGET RESERVE PARK BOARD FUND.**  
*Mayor Spicer noted this is an annual event hosted by the Park Board using reserved Park Board funds.*
4. **DISCUSS APPROVING THE CITY'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN, FUNDING FROM THE BUDGET RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS.**  
*Mayor Spicer noted this was an annual budgeted request. City Secretary noted the city contribution is usually 10% of a full-time employee's annual salary, overtime not included. No further discussion.*
5. **DISCUSS APPROVING THE CITY STAFF TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE BANK DEPOSITORY CONTRACT.**  
*City Secretary Rushing noted Council approved the city's current bank depository contract for 1 year, which means it will expire on December 31, 2018. No discussion.*
6. **DISCUSS AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH, TEXAS, AMENDING ORDINANCE 2015-3 PROVIDING A CURFEW BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9:00 A.M. AND 2:30 P.M., MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, FOR MINORS REQUIRED BY LAW TO BE IN ATTENDANCE AT A PUBLIC, PRIVATE, OR HOME SCHOOL AND 11:00 P.M. THROUGH 6:00 A.M., MONDAY THROUGH SUNDAY FOR THE SAFETY AND GENERAL WELFARE OF THE MINORS AND THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AS AMENDED, PROVIDING AN EXPIRATION DATE.**  
*City Secretary Rushing noted the city's Curfew Ordinance expires every 3 years; if the Ordinance is approved, it will be effective until November 2021.*

#### **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

*City Administrator Hutchison reported he has completed the street pavement assessment; creating an RFP for the pool; noted dune protection line must be verified every 5 years; GLO informed him the rip rap used to reduce the drainage erosion at the beach entrance has to be removed; a National Emergency Notice test will be sent out on Wednesday; said he searched the Grant Works website for possible grants, but there were no funds for the city due to our affluence.*

**MAYOR'S REPORT** – *No Report*

**ALDERMEN REPORTS** – *No Reports*

**POLICE REPORT** – *No Report*

#### **ADJOURN**

*Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.*