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CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 10, 2011
6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pierson called the meeting to order.

PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. FLAG

MPT Eddie Burke led the Pledges of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas Flags.

ROLL CALL OF ALDERMEN

The following Councilmember's were present:

*Mayor Victor Pierson
MPT Eddie Burke
Alderman Brad South – arrived at 6:20 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 JBIC'S REGATTA BASIN LANDSCAPING PROJECT.

City Administrator Brick said Alderman South, Montgomery and Morse all visited the area and received a sketch copy of the proposed project.

Tina Fisher, 16717 Moby Dick, attended the meeting on behalf of JBIC, asked if anyone had any questions.

2. DISCUSS APPROVAL OF POLITICAL CONSULTANT FEE FOR BEACH EROSION TASK FORCE.

City Administrator Brick provided Council a worksheet listing the participants and their percentage to pay of the \$24,000 consultant fee. The City of Jamaica Beach share is 1.75%, which is only \$420. Mayor Pierson mentioned it was not much considering the benefits.

3. DISCUSS BEACH ACCESS, DRIVING ON BEACH AND PARKING ON JAMAICA BEACH ROAD.

Alderman South said he requested the item be on the agenda to discuss the possible beach issues the city may have next year when the City of Galveston install parking meters on the seawall. He said parking on the beach and the crowd of people was an issue this past summer during major holidays and may get worst next year. Mayor Pierson said he would like a decision on how to address the issues be made by March 2012.

4. DISCUSS ACTION TO BE TAKEN ON SWIMMING POOL.

City Administrator Brick informed Council on 08/08/08 the City received two bids to construct the swimming pool. One was from Gautier Remodeling for \$525,000 and the other from Holiday Builders for \$420,000. He said the plans regarding the pool were moving forward until Hurricane Ike hit. The bids are now outdated and the individuals that agreed to operator/manage the pool are no longer in Jamaica Beach. Mayor Pierson said the property belongs to the Friends of Jamaica Beach. At the time, they agreed to deed the property to the City of Jamaica Beach at no charge, as long as the property was going to be used for a community swimming pool. Mayor Pierson said the City would need to first find an operator to manage the pool, before the City can make any new plans.

Ginger Jones, 16612 Curlew, inquired if homeowner's will have any say in regards to the pool.

Jan Krueger, 16618 Curlew, inquired if a lifeguard would need to be on duty, because of the liability.

Mayor Pierson said that is why it is critical to find an operator; he said they would be responsible for insurance and making the rules and regulations for the pool.

Alderman Morse said she will schedule a meeting with the Park Board to discuss potential operators and/or find someone to commit to operating the pool.

MPT Burke noted he would like this Council to make a "yes" or "no" decision on the pool. The issue has been discussed for way too long.

5. DISCUSS APPROVAL OF PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION'S DECISION TO ALLOW THE HOMEOWNER TO BURY 500 GALLON PROPANE TANK IN THE SET BACK AREA AT 4206 EAST BAYSIDE WAY.

City Administrator Brick said the Planning & Zoning Commission met and recommends approval to bury the 500 gallon propane tank.

Ginger Jones, 16612 Curlew, inquired why the home was using propane.

6. DISCUSS AUTHORIZING MAXWELL CO. TO CONDUCT THE ANNUAL AUDIT.

Mayor Pierson said Glenn Ferguson has done the City's audit for over 30 years, but since he is retiring his company was bought out by Maxwell Company. City Administrator Brick said the proposal for the audit is the same as last year.

7. DISCUSS FUNDING THE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS.

Mayor Pierson mentioned funding the employee retirement accounts was an annual budgeted item. The City contributes 10% of the employee's salary. He expressed appreciation to both the City's Administrative and Police Department staff.

8. DISCUSS AUTHORIZING CITY STAFF TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE BANK DEPOSITORY CONTRACT.

City Administrator Brick said the current bank depository contract will expire at the end of the year. Mayor Pierson noted a Conflict of Interest on this item. He said he will not be attending the December Council Meeting and advised MPT Burke he would be conducting the meeting.

9. DISCUSS OFFICE HOURS AT CITY HALL.

Mayor Pierson recommended winter office hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to Noon on Friday's. He said the City can test the hours temporary through the end of February then revisit to consider them permanent or only for the winter months. He noted similar surrounding communities, such as, Tiki Island, Bayou Vista and Kemah all work until noon on Friday.

10. DISCUSS CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER.

Mayor Pierson suggested the usual 1st and 3rd Monday schedule in November and only the 1st Monday in December. The City can conduct a Workshop and Special Called Meeting on December 5th.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

City Administrator Brick reported on the large container located behind City Hall. He said the boxes salvaged from the fire will be moved into the container to help prevent them from more water damage. He mentioned he received a visit from Eddie Fisher with the Sullivan Group to discuss dredging of the main canal.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pierson reported on the 4.55 inches of rain. He noted on May 11, 2012, Jamaica Beach will host the Mayor's and Councilmember's Meeting.

ALDERMEN REPORTS – No Reports.

POLICE REPORT

Chief McLane reported on last week's National Night Out.

CITIZEN INPUT

(REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL MUST BE MADE TO CITY STAFF BY 5:45 P.M. ON OCTOBER 10, 2011.)

Tina Fincher, 16717 Moby Dick, spoke on behalf of JBIC regarding the 3005 Beautification Project. She said the trees will be installed along 3005 in 2-3 weeks. She also mentioned on November 17th the news media will be in Jamaica Beach to discuss all that is going on within the City.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.



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CITIZENS REQUESTING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

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There were no requests to address Council.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

1. CONSIDER FOR ACTION APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:

- a. REGULAR CALLED MEETING – AUGUST 22, 2011
- b. BUDGET WORKSHOP – AUGUST 22, 2011
- c. PUBLIC HEARING – SEPTEMBER 12, 2011
- d. SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING – SEPTEMBER 12, 2011
- e. SPECIAL CALLED MEETING – SEPTEMBER 12, 2011

Alderman South motion to approve the above listed minutes. Second by Alderman Morse. Unanimously approved.

2. CONSIDER FOR ACTION JBIC'S REGATTA BASIN LANDSCAPING PROJECT.

Alderman South motion to approve JBIC's Regatta Basin Landscaping Project. Second by Alderman Montgomery. Unanimously approved.

3. CONSIDER FOR ACTION APPROVAL OF POLITICAL CONSULTANT FEE FOR BEACH EROSION TASK FORCE.

Alderman Morse motion approval of the Political Consultant fee for the Beach Erosion Task Force. Second by MPT Burke. Unanimously approved.

4. CONSIDER FOR ACTION BEACH ACCESS, DRIVING ON BEACH AND PARKING ON JAMAICA BEACH ROAD.

Deferred, Lack of Motion. Discussion only, No Action.

5. CONSIDER FOR ACTION DIRECTION TO BE TAKEN ON SWIMMING POOL.

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6. CONSIDER FOR ACTION APPROVAL OF PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION'S DECISION TO ALLOW THE HOMEOWNER TO BURY 500 GALLON PROPANE TANK IN THE SET BACK AREA AT 4206 EAST BAYSIDE WAY.

Alderman Morse motion approval of the Planning & Zoning Commission's decision to allow the homeowner to bury 500 gallon propane tank in the set back area at 4206 East Bayside Way. Second by Alderman Montgomery. Unanimously approved.

7. CONSIDER FOR ACTION AUTHORIZING MAXWELL CO. TO CONDUCT THE ANNUAL AUDIT.

Alderman Green motion to authorize Maxwell Co. to conduct the City's annual audit. Second by MPT Burke. Unanimously approved.

8. CONSIDER FOR ACTION FUNDING THE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS.

MPT Burke motion to approve funding the employee retirement accounts. Second by Alderman Montgomery. Unanimously approved.

9. CONSIDER FOR ACTION AUTHORIZING CITY STAFF TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE BANK DEPOSITORY CONTRACT.

Alderman South motion to authorize the City staff to advertise for bids for the bank depository contract. Second by MPT Burke. Unanimously approved.

10. CONSIDER FOR ACTION OFFICE HOURS AT CITY HALL.

Alderman Morse motion to approve Winter office hours at City Hall through the end of February. Second by Alderman South. Unanimously approved. Winter hours: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (M-TH) and 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (F)

11. CONSIDER FOR ACTION CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER.

Discussion only, No Action.

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 Green. Unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.