



CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH

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CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 11, 2010
6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Victor Pierson called the meeting to order.

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

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 Sherwood Green
Alderman Mary Morse
Alderman Gene Montgomery*

The following Councilmember was absent:

Alderman Brad South

The following staff was present:

*City Administrator Brick
City Secretary Rushing
Police Chief McLane*

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

THE CITY COUNCIL WILL HOLD A CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW, CHAPTER 551. TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071, CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY - DAMAGED HOUSES IN JAMAICA BEACH.**

UPON CONCLUSION OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION, THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION TO CONSIDER ACTION, IF ANY, ON ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mayor Pierson said that Council would convene in executive session at 6:05 p.m. to consult with the City Attorney regarding damaged houses in Jamaica Beach. Mayor Pierson announced that Council was reconvening in open session at 6:20 p.m.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

- 1. DISCUSS ACTION CITY STAFF SHOULD TAKE TO FURTHER ENFORCE ORDINANCE 2010-1.**

Mayor Pierson announced that Council has authorized the City Attorney to begin enforcement of Ordinance 2010-1, by sending a letter to the homeowner's of the damaged houses along with a copy of Ordinance 2010-1 and requesting the owners to provide a quarterly update to the city beginning December 31, 2010.

- 2. PRESENTATION BY JBIC ON BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT AND DISCUSS AMENDMENT TO TXDOT AGREEMENT.**

Al Galli presented the proposed plans and drawings to Council. He explained that JBIC would like to plant palm trees and oleander bushes. He noted that they would not obstruct the right-a-way and there would be no cost to the city.

Ginger Jones, 16612 Curlew, inquired if the plants will need to be watered.

Sandy Denby, 16531 Jolly Roger, mentioned that Margaret Lloyd had more information regarding the plans, but was unable to attend the meeting.

3. DISCUSS BUILDING INSPECTION PROCESS AND INSPECTOR.

Alderman Montgomery said that he has had constituents bring it to his attention that it would be more convenient to have an inspector that was available more than once a week. He thinks that the city should interview other building inspector that might be available more often.

4. DISCUSS APPROVING POLICE VEHICLE TAKE-HOME POLICY.

Chief McLane explained the Police Vehicle Take-Home Policy. He said the policy was created for officer's that resided in Jamaica Beach city limits. He felt the policy would help with the response time when the on-duty officer calls for back up; vehicle maintenance and care; and defer individuals from breaking in or causing trouble in the area where the vehicle is parked. Ginger Jones, 16612 Curlew, said she was glad to see all the police units.

5. DISCUSS APPROVING TDRA RESOLUTION.

Mayor Pierson said he remembered signing a resolution in the past, but request City Administrator Brick to research the necessity of signing off on the resolution then bring back to a future meeting.

6. DISCUSS AUTHORIZING W. GLENN FERGUSON TO CONDUCT THE ANNUAL AUDIT.

Mayor Pierson mentioned that Glenn Ferguson has conducted the city's audit since 1975 when the city was incorporated.

7. DISCUSS FUNDING THE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS.

City Administrator Brick explained that this is an annual request that was budgeted.

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

Mayor Pierson noted that he has a conflict of interest and will not be attending the December meeting when Council votes for the Bank Depository contract. City Administrator Brick explained to Council that last year's bid was for a one year contract that expires 12/31/2010, so the city will need to advertise for bids.

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

Mayor Pierson announced that he will not be attending the December meeting since that is the meeting that Council votes on the bank depository contract. After a short discussion, Council agreed to conduct the Workshop and Special Called meetings on the first Monday of the month for November and December.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

City Administrator Brick reported on the nice beach cleanup.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pierson was glad to report that there have not been any hurricanes the last two years and the city had a successful National Night Out.

ALDERMEN REPORTS

Alderman Montgomery – No Report.

Alderman Morse – thanked everyone for National Night Out, had really good turn out. Thanked Richard Vlach for his \$500.00 donation and Apollo Environmental Services for their \$2500 donation towards the Park Board.

Alderman Green – reported that the Fire Department is continuing their training.

MPT Burke – reported that JBIC is doing a good job enforcing their designated area. Thanked Mel Corolla for the markers in the bay.

POLICE REPORT

Chief McLane reported that Jamaica Beach received a great write-up in Police News about National Night Out. He mentioned that JBPD is planning to finger print kids during the Halloween Party at the park.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT – No Report.

CITIZEN INPUT

(REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL MUST BE MADE TO CITY STAFF BY 5:45 P.M. ON OCTOBER 11, 2010.)

Bunny Zapalac, 16603 Cormorant, spoke about fishing on Flamingo Way.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.



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Police Chief McLane

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

1. CONSIDER ACTION CITY STAFF SHOULD TAKE TO FURTHER ENFORCE ORDINANCE 2010-1.

Discussion item only, no action.

2. CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO TXDOT AGREEMENT.

Alderman Green motion to approve the amendment to the TxDOT agreement. Second by MPT Burke. Unanimously approved by those present.

3. CONSIDER BUILDING INSPECTION PROCESS AND INSPECTOR.

Deferred.

4. CONSIDER APPROVING POLICE VEHICLE TAKE-HOME POLICY.

Alderman Morse motion to approve the Police Vehicle Take-Home Policy. Second by Alderman Montgomery. Unanimously approved by those present.

5. CONSIDER APPROVING TDRA RESOLUTION.

Deferred.

6. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING W. GLENN FERGUSON TO CONDUCT THE ANNUAL AUDIT.

Alderman Green motion approval to authorize W. Glenn Ferguson to conduct the annual audit not to exceed \$12,000. Second by Alderman Morse. Unanimously approved by those present.

7. CONSIDER FUNDING THE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS.

Alderman Morse motion to approve funding the employee retirement accounts. Second by Alderman Green. Unanimously approved by those present.

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

MPT Burke motioned approval to authorize city staff to advertise for bids for the Bank Depository contract. Second by Alderman Montgomery. Unanimously approved by those present.

9. CONSIDER CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER.

Alderman Morse motion to approve November 1, 2010 and December 6, 2010 as the City Council Meeting dates for November and December. Second by Alderman Green.

ADJOURN

Mayor Pierson said that if there was no further business to come before Council he would call for a motion to adjourn. Alderman Green motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Second by MPT Burke. Unanimously approved by those present. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.