



# CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH

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## CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL WORKSHOP & REGULAR CALLED MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 15, 2018  
6:00 P.M.

### CALL TO ORDER

*MPT Sherwood Green called the meeting to order.*

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

*Alderman Russell Rupertus led the Pledges of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas Flags.*

### ROLL CALL OF ALDERMEN

*The following Councilmember's were present:*

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

*The following Councilmember's were absent:*

*Mayor Steve Spicer*

*The following staff was present:*

*City Administrator Hutchison  
City Secretary Rushing  
Police Sgt. John Aucoin*

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

*Joe Stuckey, Attorney representing the Williams Estate, attended meeting to inform Council his clients are willing to sell their beachfront easement for the beach dune project at fair market value, but nothing less.*

### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

#### 1. DISCUSS AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO CONSULT WITH THE GALVESTON PARK BOARD ABOUT APPLYING FOR A REGIONAL SEAWEED REMOVAL PERMIT.

*City Administrator Hutchison explained the agenda item; he noted he placed the item on the agenda to request Councils authorization to consult with the Galveston Park Board about the possibility of the two entities applying for a regional seaweed removal permit; he believes a regional permit would be more cost efficient for the city; he mentioned if a regional permit is an option and further action was required he would place it on a future agenda.*

*Alderman Kurtz inquired about the status of the seaweed removal permit the city is currently seeking; she asked if the city received any updates from the consultant firm hired to obtain the permit.*

*City Administrator Hutchison replied the consultant informed him the permit is anticipated to be issued by the end of the year; he noted it's a 5-year permit; he also stated that if the other entities agree to apply for a regional permit, the process could take a couple of years before the regional permit was issued.*

*MPT Green opened the item for public comment:*

*Jay Aubin, 16712 Jolly Roger, comment if the seaweed cannot be removed, can we be like nature and pack it further on the beach.*

*City Administrator Hutchison replied the seaweed cannot be moved by mechanical means.*

*Jay Aubin comments we could get a bunch of volunteers to pack it up on the existing dunes.*

*City Administrator Hutchison replied without a permit, it would have to be moved by hand.*

2. **DISCUSS APPLYING FOR A U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS (USACE) BEACH RENOURISHMENT PERMIT AND APPROVING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO SEEK A CONSULTANT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH OBTAINING THE PERMIT.**

*City Administrator Hutchison explained the agenda item; he noted the city's beach re-nourishment permit had expired and an active permit would be required before the city could conduct a beach re-nourishment project.*

#### **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

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

*Alderman Rupertus motioned to approve the above listed Minutes. Second by Alderman Welch. Motion unanimously approved by those present.*
2. **CONSIDER FOR ACTION CONTINUING THE DUNE RESTORATION PROJECT COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH AND THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.**

*Alderman Rupertus motioned to Table the agenda item. Second by Alderman Welch. Motion unanimously approved by those present.*
3. **CONSIDER FOR ACTION APPROVING THE PARK BOARD HALLOWEEN EVENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$850, FUNDING FROM THE NON-BUDGET RESERVE PARK BOARD FUND.**

*Alderman Kurtz motioned to approve the funding for the Park Board Halloween Event in an amount not to exceed \$850. Second by Alderman Welch. Motion unanimously approved by those present.*
4. **CONSIDER FOR ACTION APPROVING THE CITY'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN, FUNDING FROM THE BUDGET RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS.**

*Alderman Welch motioned to approve the city's contribution to the employee retirement plan. Second by Alderman Lindley. Motion unanimously approved by those present.*
5. **CONSIDER FOR ACTION APPROVING THE CITY STAFF TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE BANK DEPOSITORY CONTRACT.**

*Alderman Rupertus motioned to approve the city staff to advertise for bids for the bank depository contract. Second by Alderman Welch. Motion unanimously approved by those present.*
6. **CONSIDER FOR ACTION 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.**

*Alderman Rupertus motioned to approve the above caption Ordinance. Second by Alderman Kurtz. Motion unanimously approved by those present. Creating Ordinance 2018-6.*

7. **CONSIDER FOR ACTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO CONSULT WITH THE GALVESTON PARK BOARD ABOUT APPLYING FOR A REGIONAL SEAWEED REMOVAL PERMIT.**

*Alderman Rupertus motioned to authorize the City Administrator to consult with the Galveston Park Board about applying for a regional seaweed permit. Second by Alderman Lindley. Motion unanimously approved by those present.*

8. **CONSIDER FOR ACTION APPLYING FOR A U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS (USACE) BEACH RENOURISHMENT PERMIT AND APPROVING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO SEEK A CONSULTANT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH OBTAINING THE PERMIT.**

*Alderman Welch motioned to approve the city to apply for a USACE beach re-nourishment permit and authorize the City Administrator to seek a consultant for professional services associated with obtaining the permit. Second by Alderman Rupertus. Motion unanimously approved by those present.*

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

*City Administrator Hutchison reported the bids for RFP 2018-3 Culvert Cleaning services are due on November 1<sup>st</sup>; he provided an update regarding the washed out drainage ditch near the beach entrance: he said the GLO informed him that the large rocks the city placed in the ditch to reduce further erosion is not allowed and has to be removed; he asked the GLO if a concrete drainage mat could be used and they replied no, the city would need to submit the mat material to GLO for approval before installing it; he is creating evaluation procedures to assist the RFP review teams when they review and score the received debris monitoring and removal RFPs; the target date to complete the RFP reviews is November 21<sup>st</sup>.*

**MAYOR'S REPORT** – *Absent, No Report*

#### **ALDERMEN REPORTS**

*Alderman Rupertus reported the Beachcomber area flooded during the hightide; thought he should note that since the dune project has been a topic of discussion.*

*Alderman Lindley reported the Park Board Halloween Event and Police Department National Night Out is scheduled on October 31<sup>st</sup> at the City Park; acknowledged Clay Morris for volunteering his time to fertilize around the City Park; the city is seeking volunteers to help spread mulch at the City Park on October 28<sup>th</sup>.*

*Alderman Welch & Alderman Kurtz – No Reports*

**POLICE REPORT** – *Absent, No Report*

#### **ADJOURN**

*MPT Green said if there was no further business to come before Council he would call for a motion to adjourn. Alderman Welch motioned the meeting be adjourned. Second by Alderman Kurtz. Motion unanimously approved by those present. Meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.*