



CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH

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CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 7, 2013
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

Alderman Gene Montgomery 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
Alderman Brad South
Alderman Sherwood Green
Alderman Mary Morse
Alderman Gene Montgomery*

The following staff was present:

*City Administrator Brick
City Secretary Rushing
Acting Police Chief Sedgwick*

The following Councilmember and staff were absent:

MPT Eddie Burke

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

1. **DISCUSS STREET IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FOLLOWING STREETS:**
 - a. JOHN DAVIS – BUCCANEER EAST
 - b. HENRY MORGAN – BOB SMITH TO BUCCANEER
 - c. FRANCIS DRAKE – BUCCANEER WEST
 - d. FLAMINGO WAY – BOB SMITH TO DEAD END

Mr. John Mercer attended the meeting to explain the street improvements.

2. **DISCUSS AMENDING ZONING ORDINANCE 96-5, SECTION 14-401.**

City Administrator Brick explained the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance; he said the amendment would allow Council to act as the Board of Adjustments; the recommendation for the amendment was from the City Attorney.

3. **DISCUSS VARIANCE REQUEST FOR FENCE AT 16700 KINGSTON WAY.**

City Administrator Brick provided Council with Planning and Zoning recommendation regarding where the fence should be built and the homeowner's variance request; he informed Council they will be acting as the Board of Adjustments during the next Called Meeting regarding this variance request.

Bonnie Pennison, 16700 Kingston Way, informed Council if they do not approve the variance request they will build the fence along their property line.

John Leman Jr, 16705 Kingston Way, said he was impartial; he understands Danny needs to back out of his drive-way, but he doesn't think Danny understands the Pennison's are trying to accommodate him and get what they want too.

4. DISCUSS VARIANCE REQUEST TO CONSTRUCT A HOUSE AND BOATHOUSE AT 4427 PELICAN WAY.

City Administrator Brick provided Council with a presentation from Mr. Frazier explaining his variance request.

Richard Frazier, 4427 Pelican Way, attended the meeting with his contractor to explain his variance request to build a house and boathouse.

5. DISCUSS VARIANCE REQUEST FOR GARAGE/CARPORT IN FRONT OF HOUSE AT 4218 SPANISH MAIN.

City Administrator Brick explained the variance request to build a carport 18 ft. out in front of the house; he noted the lot being pie shape; he said the original variance to build 15 ft. in front of the house was brought to Planning and Zoning and they recommended approval; the homeowner changed the request to ask for an additional 3 ft. making it a total of 18 ft. Council discussed the variance request. Mayor Spicer advised Council if they only want to approve a carport not a garage then they will need to indicate "carport only" in their motion during the Called Meeting.

6. DISCUSS FUNDING THE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN ACCOUNTS.

City Administrator Brick explained this is a budgeted item; in the past Council has approved contributing 10% of an employee's salary in a retirement plan account and ask they do it again this year.

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

City Administrator Brick asked Council to authorize staff to advertise for bids for the bank depository contract.

CITIZEN INPUT

(REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL MUST BE MADE TO CITY STAFF BY 5:45 P.M. ON OCTOBER 7, 2013.)

Steve Kendziera, 16529 E. Bayside Way, spoke on behalf of JBIC to explain the tree light-up project at the esplanade in Jamaica Beach; he said JBIC will fund the installation of the project, but any contribution from the city would be appreciated; they request the city to approve the project and pay the monthly electric bill.

Virginia Deforke, 16526 Jamaica Cove, comment the trash cans along the beach were turned upside down and asked the city if they could have someone turn the trash cans right side up so people can throw trash inside them instead of laying trash on top of them.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – No Report

MAYOR'S REPORT – No Report

ALDERMEN REPORTS

Alderman Montgomery spoke on behalf of the Pool Committee; he said the new set of plans should be here Wednesday; their talking with pool management companies.

Alderman Morse reminder the Halloween Party starts at 5:30 p.m. at the City Park.

Alderman Green & South – No Reports

POLICE REPORT

Chief Chapa said JBPD made 3 arrests this weekend and had 1 mental health check.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.