



CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH

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CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 4, 2019
6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Steve Spicer called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO U.S. AND TEXAS FLAGS

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

ROLL CALL OF ALDERMEN

The following Councilmember's were present:

*Mayor Steve Spicer
MPT Sherwood Green
Alderman Clay Morris
Alderman Russell Rupertus
Alderman Terry Rizzo
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)

No requests to address Council.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. JAMAICA BEACH DUNE RESTORATION PROJECT.

City Administrator Hutchison explained during the Public Hearing that the city reached out to FEMA through the GLO to inquire if the beach renourishment plan could take the lead as opposed to continuing with the dune restoration project since we are having issues obtaining easements; he noted that FEMA said they would rewrite the scope of work for the PW award that was created for the beach restoration project following Hurricane Ike, which means, the city would be allowed to do the beach renourishment plan and if there is a future disaster FEMA would reimburse the city for those costs. Mayor Spicer mentioned that the city has always been worried that if the dune restoration project was not completed that it would jeopardize the costs reimbursement from FEMA; he noted that the city has spent over \$100,000 on trying to obtain the easements for the dune project and we still do not have all the easements necessary to complete the project. City Administrator Hutchison noted the city was committed to the dune restoration project, because the project was stated in the city's Erosion Response Plan, but if the city amends the Erosion Response Plan by removing the dune restoration project and just refers to maintaining the current dune complex and also puts more focus on the beach

renourishment plan then FEMA would authorize the project change without jeopardizing future funding. Mayor Spicer opened the Public Hearing for public comments: Ginger Jones, 16612 Curlew, asked if the city was turning the dune project over to FEMA to take care of. Mayor Spicer replied no; he said the city is going to put an end to the large amount of money being spent on trying to obtain the easements by dropping the dune project and move forward with the beach sand restoration project instead.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. **DISCUSS APPROVING THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:**
 - a. **WORKSHOP MEETING – OCTOBER 7, 2019**
 - b. **REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 21, 2019**

No discussion.

2. **DISCUSS APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR WATER SUPPLY WITH THE CITY OF GALVESTON, TEXAS AND THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH, TEXAS, DESIGNATING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR AS THE AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL.**

City Administrator Hutchison explained the Interlocal Agreement; he noted the City of Jamaica Beach contracts with City of Galveston for its purchased water supply; the contract expired in 2008, so he has been consulting with Galveston's Utilities Manager to create a new contract; TCEQ requires the city to have a current contract on file.

3. **DISCUSS AWARDDING RFP 2019-6 BID FOR BANKING DEPOSITORY SERVICES, DESIGNATING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR AS THE CONTRACTING OFFICER.**

City Administrator Hutchison noted the city received two bids for RFP 2019-6 Bank Depository Services: Texas First Bank and Moody National Bank; he provided to Council a bid tabulation of the services and fees for them to review and for their consideration.

4. **DISCUSS AWARDDING RFQ 2019-7.1 BID FOR OPERATION & MANAGEMENT OF MUNICIPAL WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEM, DESIGNATING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR AS THE CONTRACTING OFFICER.**

Mayor Spicer noted the city's current contractor for water and wastewater services informed the city that he is retiring at the beginning of 2020, so the city developed and publicly advertised RFQ 2019-7.1 Operation & Management of Municipal Water and Wastewater System. City Administrator Hutchison noted the city received three bids: TOPS, Inframark and USW; the proposals were reviewed by an evaluation committee for conformity to specifications as well as to the terms and conditions outlined in the RFQ documents; the evaluation committee recommended the contract be awarded to USW Utility Group for an initial two-year period, with three renewable options not to exceed one-year each.

5. **DISCUSS SELECTING CANDIDATE(S) FROM THE 2020-2021 GALVESTON CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION BALLOT AND APPROVING A RESOLUTION CASTING THE CITY'S 5 VOTES IN SAID ELECTION.**

Mayor Spicer requested Council to review the list of candidates on the Galveston CAD Board of Directors Election ballot to be prepared to make a selection at the next meeting.

6. **DISCUSS AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH, TEXAS TO ADOPT THE 2018 SERIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODES: INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE WITH EXCEPTION TO SECTION R313 AND SECTION R309.5, INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE, INTERNATIONAL PLUMBING CODE, INTERNATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE, INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE, INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE, INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE; AND THE 2017 NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE WITH AN AMENDMENT TO STATE THE SMALLEST WIRE SIZE FOR RESIDENTIAL USE IS TO BE 12 GAUGE, INCLUDING AMENDMENTS, EXCEPTIONS AND SPECIAL JAMAICA BEACH REQUIREMENTS, RELATING TO INSPECTION ACTIVITIES OF THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH, GALVESTON COUNTY, TEXAS AND ENFORCEMENT OF BUILDING PROVISIONS AS PROVIDED IN SAID CODES.**

City Secretary Rushing noted the last series of codes adopted by Council was the 2012 Series of the International Building Codes and 2014 National Electrical Code; this is the latest series of codes. No further discussion.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

City Administrator Hutchison reported on the following: city staff will be working on various water & sewer rate options to present to Council in December; a project alert letter will be placed on the city's website and Facebook page informing affected residents on the timing the waterline replacements will be conducted; update on the award status of the Coastal Erosion Planning Grant; grant will cover 60% of the cost to obtain a Beach Nourishment Permit through the USACE; seeking volunteers to go through the observation training to locate turtle nests; warning that the Leave No Trace, Move It or Lose It Ordinance will be strictly enforced starting in January 2020.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Spicer thanked the JBPD for hosting National Night Out.

ALDERMEN REPORTS

Alderman Kurtz thanked everyone that volunteered during the Halloween event.

Alderman Rizzo announced if anyone would like to donate auction items for Officer Ornelas' Benefit to please contact Summer Bloom; benefit is expecting a large attendance.

MPT Green acknowledged the JBVFD for their services.

Alderman Morris & Alderman Rupertus – No Reports

POLICE REPORT

Police Chief Heiman provided a summary report on the internal investigation related to the vehicle accident involving JB Police Officer Ornelas; reported on Officer Ornelas' condition and recovery process; he thanked everyone that assisted at the scene; he also acknowledged there has been a lot of support shown for Officer Ornelas and he was grateful for it.

FIRE REPORT – Absent, No Report

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.