



CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH

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CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 5, 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 David Welch 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 Rosemary Lindley
Alderman Marci Kurtz*

The following Councilmember's were absent:

*Mayor Steve Spicer
Alderman Russell Rupertus*

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.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. DISCUSS APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:
 - a. WORKSHOP MEETING – OCTOBER 1, 2018
 - b. SPECIAL WORKSHOP & REGULAR CALLED MEETING – OCTOBER 15, 2018
 - c. SPECIAL CALLED MEETING – OCTOBER 22, 2018

No discussion.
2. DISCUSS REAPPOINTING DON JOHNSON TO THE HARRIS GALVESTON SUBSIDENCE DISTRICT BOARD.

No discussion.
3. DISCUSS ABOLISHING THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH PARK BOARD COMMITTEE.

City Administrator Hutchison asked if the discussion could be deferred until the Mayor was present, so he could participate in the discussion.

Ginger Jones, 16612 Curlew, inquired about the reasoning for abolishing the Park Board. MPT Green replied there are only two members on the Park Board Committee; the Park Board does not have a quorum to conduct meetings; the proposal to abolish the Park Board Committee is to eliminate the formality requirements; he noted he did not anticipate any changes to the annual functions held at the City Park.

City Secretary Rushing clarified reserve park funds would continue to be used for park expenses only.

4. DISCUSS APPROVING THE CITY TO USE RESERVE PARK FUNDS TO HOST THE DECEMBER HOLIDAY EVENTS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,000.

City Secretary Rushing noted the requested amount will be used to pay for Christmas lights to be installed at the City Park and any additional decorations and/or expenses for the annual event.

Terry Rizzo, 16502 Jamaica Inn, inquired if the requested amount included the cost for snow.

City Administrator Hutchison replied no; he said the event would not have snow this year.

5. DISCUSS THE RFP 2018-3 CULVERT CLEANING BIDS.

City Administrator Hutchison explained the Request for Proposal (RFP) to clean the city's main culvert from Blackbeard to Jolly Roger; the city received two bids that both exceeded \$50,000; he suggests the city revise the RFP to clean approximately 1/3 of the culvert then consider increasing the drainage budget next FY to allow for the completion of the cleaning project; he recommends rejecting the bids for the original RFP and the city seek bids for the revised RFP; he noted the Galveston County bond funds designated for roads and ditches cannot be used to fund this culvert cleaning project.

Jacob Grow, 16631 John Silver, comments that his street does not drain properly; inquired if the bond funds could be used for a future project pertaining to his street.

City Administrator Hutchison replied yes.

6. DISCUSS APPROVING A MUTUAL AID LAW ENFORCEMENT INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF GALVESTON COUNTY AND THE COUNTY OF GALVESTON.

Police Chief Heiman explained the Mutual Aid Law Enforcement Interlocal Agreement; he noted the mutual aid agreement was a renewal that the JBPD has participated in the program for multiple years.

7. DISCUSS ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH, TEXAS, AMENDING ORDINANCE 2018-5 PROVIDING CITY PARK LOCATIONS; ISSUANCE OF PARK PERMITS; PARK RESTRICTIONS AND PROHIBITED ACTS; PROVIDING VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AS AMENDED, TO PROVIDE FIREARM RESTRICTIONS THAT ARE NOT IN CONFLICT WITH STATE OR FEDERAL LAWS.

Police Chief Heiman explained the amendment; he noted the original ordinance concerning City Parks was adopted in 2014; the State and Federal Laws regarding firearm restrictions have changed over the years; the amendment to Section 3(3)(J) is necessary to comply with State or Federal laws.

8. DISCUSS ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO USE ITS POWER OF EMINENT DOMAIN TO ACQUIRE MULTIPLE EASEMENT TRACTS FOR A DUNE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT ALONG THE BEACHFRONT.

City Administrator Hutchison explained the proposed ordinance authorizing the city to use its power of eminent domain to acquire the beachfront easements for the dune construction project; he noted that good faith offers were provided to the landowners and negotiations were also attempted; the city has not been able to acquire the necessary land interests, so before a lawsuit may be filed, the city is required by Texas law to adopt an ordinance setting forth its intent to use eminent domain at a duly called public meeting.

Jacob Grow, 16631 John Silver, inquired about the city's cost for the properties.

City Administrator Hutchison replied the cost was not available at this time.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

City Administrator Hutchison reported he will continue to work with the City Attorney's concerning the beachfront easements for the dune project; he plans to consult with the City of Galveston regarding beach maintenance surveying; continuing to consult with GLO regarding the Buccaneer beach entrance washout area and figuring out a solution; announced the Army Corps of Engineers & GLO will be conducting a Public Meeting regarding barrier protection options for the Gulf Coast area on December 12th at the San Luis Convention Center; homeowners qualify for a 5% discount for flood insurance.

MAYOR'S REPORT – *Absent, No Report*

ALDERMEN REPORTS – *No Reports*

POLICE REPORT – *No Report*

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.