



# CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH

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## CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 3, 2014  
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  
MPT Eddie Burke  
Alderman Sherwood Green  
Alderman Mary Morse  
Alderman Gene Montgomery*

*The following Councilmember's were absent:*

*Alderman Brad South*

*The following staff was present:*

*City Administrator Brick  
City Secretary Rushing  
Police Chief Chapa*

### ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

#### 1. DISCUSS INVESTMENT REPORT.

*City Administrator Brick provided Council with the annual investment report; he said it was an annual requirement to provide the report to Council. No further discussion.*

#### 2. DISCUSS BIDS FOR INSTALLATION OF AUTOMATED WATER METERS.

*City Administrator Brick informed Council he received 3 bids to install the automated water meters; he said the lowest bid was from U.S. Bronco Services for \$42,900; the second was from National Metering Services for \$50,400 and the third bid was from Silvas Water & Wastewater Services for \$60,000. He recommended using Silvas since their bid was all-inclusive meaning any repairs needed during the change-out was included in the bid amount; the other two bidders provided separate fees for repair services. Alderman Green noted the fees provided by the other two bidders and said it would cost nearly \$600 to repair one meter.*

#### 3. DISCUSS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO LIFT STATIONS AND WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT.

*City Administrator Brick introduced Mr. John Mercer for him to explain the bids he received for the lift station and wastewater treatment plant improvements. Mr. Mercer said he received 4 bids; the*

lowest being CF McDonald Electric, Inc.; second was from Matula & Matula Construction Inc.; third was from Cruz Tec Inc. and the highest bid was from JS Haren Company. He recommended using CF McDonald, he said he was familiar with their work.

Gay Fundling, 16523 Trinidad Way, she inquired if everything was electric would the new system have a battery backup.

Mr. Mercer replied yes it would have a battery backup.

MPT Burke asked Mr. Brick his opinion if the city should replace the electrical panel at all the lift stations.

Mr. Brick and Mr. Mercer both agreed if the city wanted to do the improvements to all the lift stations then it would be cheaper to do them all at once; the city would save money by not having to go out for bids again. Mr. Mercer said it would cost an additional \$80,000 to do the other lift stations not included in the original bid.

#### **4. DISCUSS SWIMMING POOL BIDS.**

Alderman Montgomery provided an update on the swimming pool bids. He said the first set of plans were inadequate and had to be disregarded. The second group of bids originally varied from over \$300,000 to over \$900,000. The lowest bid was from USA Pools for \$319,880, but did not contain all the required items and was an Atlanta, GA base company; the second bid was from Premier Pools for \$451,740, but bid only included the pool not the pool house; the third bid was from Gautier Construction for \$591,890 and the highest bid was from McDaniel Construction for \$750,000. Alderman Montgomery said the Pool Committee recommended using Gautier Construction since they were the lowest turn-key bid; he also mentioned they were the company that did the repairs and remodel to City Hall after the fire. Alderman Montgomery said the Pool Committee also suggests allocating \$700,000 for the pool project to cover any overages and the cost for a project manager.

City Administrator Brick presented the plans to the audience.

Mayor Spicer opened the item for discussion:

Ginger Jones, 16612 Curlew, asked why the pool was only 3 ft. deep and inquired who was going to manage the pool; she comment, are we going to build the pool then get a management company.

Alderman Montgomery replied the deepest part of the pool was 4 ft. 6 in.; he said finding a company to construct the pool and figuring out the cost was the Pool Committee's main priority; they don't think it will be difficult to find a management company.

Boots Galli, 16639 Bahama Way, asked why the pool was so shallow; inquired about the entry fee to the pool; suggests the city send a notice to the public/residents about the pool providing details about the pool and it only being 4 ft. 6 in.

Multiple Councilmembers replied 4 ft. 6 in. is standard depth for a pool; the pool is not meant to dive into; they also noted her suggestions, but commented the pool is discussed during an open meeting and anyone wanting to voice concerns is more than welcome to attend the meetings.

Barbara Zimmerman, 16701 Cormorant, asked if the mechanical items associated with the pool would be placed high enough not to flood or will we have to replace everything if there was another flood; also inquired if the landscape was included in the bid.

Alderman Montgomery replied the mechanical items will be placed to code and yes the landscape is included in the bid.

Jan Krueger, 16618 Curlew, asked if there is a fee for every resident.

Mr. Brick replied there is only a fee to use the pool.

#### **CITIZEN INPUT**

(REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL MUST BE MADE TO CITY STAFF BY 5:45 P.M. ON FEBRUARY 3, 2014.)

Wallie Womack, 16605 Pelican Road, spoke about her concerns regarding the different deed restrictions and believes Jamaica Beach should have one homeowners association so everyone would be required to follow the same rules.

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

*City Administrator Brick noted he provided Council with an e-mail from Mark Stevens regarding his concerns and opinion that Jamaica Beach should have one homeowners association and follow the same deed restrictions; reminder that the water will be off for the entire city starting at 11:30 p.m. until approximately 6:00 a.m.*

**MAYOR'S REPORT** – *No Report*

**ALDERMEN REPORTS** – *No Reports*

**POLICE REPORT** – *No Report*

**ADJOURN**

*The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.*