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**CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MEETING
MINUTES**

FEBRUARY 4, 2013
6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

MPT Eddie Burke called the meeting to order.

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

Alderman Mary Morse led the Pledges of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas Flags.

ROLL CALL OF ALDERMEN

The following Councilmember's were present:

*MPT Eddie Burke
Alderman Sandy Denby
Alderman Mary Morse
Alderman Gene Montgomery*

The following staff was present:

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

The following Councilmember was absent:

*Mayor Victor Pierson
Alderman Brad South*

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

1. DISCUSS CALLING THE CITY OFFICERS' ELECTION FOR MAY 11, 2013.

MPT Burke read the Order of Election and Notice of Election.

City Secretary Rushing announced Applications for a Place on the Ballot are available on the city's website or her office; the dates to submit the application are January 30th thru March 1st until 5:00 p.m.

MPT Burke opened the item for discussion:

Ginger Jones, 16612 Curlew, inquired which Alderman terms were up.

MPT Burke replied Alderman Morse, Alderman South and Mayor Pierson.

2. DISCUSS ADOPTING A LOCAL FAIR HOUSING POLICIES AND PRACTICES RESOLUTION.

City Administrator Brick provided Council with a copy of the Resolution, he said it was a requirement and by adopting the Resolution we are stating we are in compliance with the Fair Housing policies and practices. No further discussion by Council.

3. DISCUSS ADOPTING A RECORDING AND REPORTING OF FAIR HOUSING COMPLAINTS RESOLUTION.

City Administrator Brick provided Council with a copy of the Resolution, he said it was another required Resolution. No further discussion by Council.

4. DISCUSS ADOPTING A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE COMMISSIONERS COURT NOMINATION OF TIM RAINEY TO THE GALVESTON COUNTY UNITED BOARD OF HEALTH.

City Administrator Brick provided Council with a copy of the Resolution, he said the Galveston County United Board of Health request Council to endorse their nomination of Tim Rainey by adopting the Resolution. No further discussion by Council.

5. DISCUSS ADDITIONAL COSTS FOR FUEL AND TANK FOR CITY HALL GENERATOR.

City Administrator Brick provided Council with the cost and installation of a propane tank for the City Hall generator; he said the propane tank would cost \$1,462, fuel \$1,000, the line is \$4.50 per ft. and labor is \$65; he said the propane tank would be mounted above ground to a concrete slab behind City Hall.

Alderman Montgomery inquired about burying the tank.

City Administrator Brick replied the company recommended leaving it above ground and installing bollards around it to prevent anyone from running into it; he also mentioned he preferred just having natural gas for the generator.

Alderman Montgomery said he was in-favor of the propane tank due to the fact natural gas was not available during Hurricane Ike and if another disaster was to occur and there was a fire or natural leak the gas company would shut down the lines

MPT Burke inquired if we could have both natural gas and propane.

City Administrator Brick replied the generator does have a switch mechanism to use either gas or propane.

6. DISCUSS INSTALLATION OF BENCHES ALONG FLAMINGO WAY AND MAIN CANAL.

City Administrator Brick said he received several e-mails from people supporting the installation of the benches.

MPT Burke inquired if the Flamingo Way and Main Canal was the area referenced as the "fishing park".

Alderman Morse replied yes and since the area was designated as a park it fell under the rule of the Park Board; the Jamaica Janes gave the Park Board a donation to purchase the benches; the Park Board and Jamaica Janes then collaborated on a location for the benches; she said the Jamaica Janes plan to landscape near the benches; she thinks residents that don't live on a canal would benefit and appreciate the benches to watch the boat parade or sit with their children or grandchildren.

MPT Burke opened the item for discussion:

Bunny Zapalac, 16603 Comorant, inquired who is going to clean the benches and the area around them when birds leave droppings and/or people leave trash; she spoke against the benches being installed near her house.

Ginger Jones, 16612 Curlew, provided Council with a packet explaining the benches and the location, which was approved by the Park Board when the idea was first proposed; she said the Jamaica Janes will install the landscape and take responsibility of cleaning and maintaining the benches and landscape.

Bunny Zapalac, inquired where are people going to park if you install trees and benches.

Ginger Jones, replied the trees are not going to line the park; they will be planted near the benches to give them shade.

Alderman Morse said the 2 benches have already been purchased and was approved by the Park Board; the discussion is the actual placement of the benches and landscape area at the fishing park; she said she welcomes any suggestions for consideration, but thinks the proposed plan is great and will be an improvement to the area.

7. DISCUSS CITIZENS REQUEST TO CONSTRUCT A SWIMMING POOL AT 16544 JOHN SILVER.

Item tabled – No discussion.

8. DISCUSS ADOPTING A SEX OFFENDER ORDINANCE.

City Administrator Brick said the ordinance was proposed by the JBPD; he provided Council with the draft ordinance.

Interim Police Chief Sedgwick explained the importance of the proposed ordinance; he mentioned he recently had a disturbing experience within the city; he said the proposed ordinance will cover the entire city limits and strongly recommends Council enacting the ordinance for the safety of the community children.

9. DISCUSS AMENDING ORDINANCE 2002-4 BY ADOPTING THE REVISED FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE.

City Administrator Brick provided Council with the draft ordinance; he mentioned the last ordinance was adopted in 2002 and a lot has changed, by adopting the revised Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance will bring the city more into compliance. No further discussion by Council.

CITIZEN INPUT

(REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL MUST BE MADE TO CITY STAFF BY 5:45 P.M. ON FEBRUARY 4, 2013.)

No requests to address Council.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

City Administrator reported an update to the website; he said a link has been added to provide Flood Information; Galveston County will be presenting new flood maps on February 19th at Moody Methodist Church and encourages Council to attend; the city needs another beach survey for the dune restoration project, the survey is going to cost \$5,000; he received notification from the GLO that our Erosion Response Plan has been sent to the Texas Register for approval of our amendments, they should be approved by February 22nd; he provided an update from the City Attorney regarding the last two properties on our damage houses list.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Absent, reported provided by MPT Burke.

ALDERMEN REPORTS

Alderman Montgomery provided an update on behalf of the Pool Committee; he said the plans were held up by the core samples results taking longer than planned; he hopes to have something by the next Council meeting.

Alderman Denby and Morse – No Reports

MPT Burke said he was unable to attend the JBIC meeting, but did get a report that they discussed rental signs and the city ditches being installed.

POLICE REPORT

Interim Police Chief Sedgwick reported there were no problems during the first weekend of Mardi Gras; he said Cpl. Todaro is recovering good from his knee surgery and should be back at work in about a month; Chief McLane is doing good, he is going for more treatment tomorrow which will be around 7 days, he added he tries to talk or visit with him daily.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.



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ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

- 1. CONSIDER FOR ACTION CALLING THE CITY OFFICERS' ELECTION FOR MAY 11, 2013.**
Alderman Denby motioned to approve Calling the City Officers' General Election for May 11, 2013. Second by Alderman Morse. Unanimously approved by those present.
- 2. CONSIDER FOR ACTION INSTALLATION OF BENCHES ALONG FLAMINGO WAY AND MAIN CANAL.**
Alderman Morse motioned the approval to allow the Jamaica Janes to install benches and landscape along Flamingo Way and Main Canal. Second by Alderman Montgomery. Unanimously approved by those present.

ADJOURN

MPT Burke said if there was no further business to come before Council he would call for a motion to adjourn. Alderman Morse motioned the meeting be adjourned. Second by Alderman Montgomery. Unanimously approved by those present. The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.