



CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH

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CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 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 Mary Morse 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 – arrived at 6:02 p.m.
Alderman Sherwood Green
Alderman Mary Morse
Alderman Gene Montgomery*

The following Councilmember's were absent:

MPT Eddie Burke

The following staff was present:

*City Administrator Brick
City Secretary Rushing
Police Chief Chapa*

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

- 1. DISCUSS RE-BID AWARD FOR LIFTSTATIONS & WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS.**
Mr. Mercer did not attend the meeting. No discussion.
- 2. DISCUSS RE-PLAT OF LOTS 89 & 90 IN SECTION 25.**
City Administrator Brick explained the variance request to combine the two lots; he said the owner wants to build a house in the center. Planning and Zoning recommended approval. Ginger Jones, 16612 Curlew, asked if the lots are combined is there still a 10 ft. easement. Alderman Montgomery replied the easement is determined by the size of the lot.
- 3. DISCUSS REQUEST TO BUILD A PALAPA AT 4419 PELICAN WAY.**
City Administrator Brick explained the request to build a palapa; he said the owner owns two lots next to each other; he has a home on one of the lots and would like to have a palapa on the other lot; he mentioned the owner does not plan to have electricity or water installed at the palapa. Planning and Zoning recommended approval.
- 4. DISCUSS RACIAL PROFILING REPORT FOR 2013 BY POLICE DEPARTMENT.**
Chief Chapa provided and explained the annual profiling report.
- 5. DISCUSS PURCHASE OF A GOLFCART FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

Chief Chapa explained his request for the purchase of a golf cart; he said the golf cart would benefit the Police Department when patrolling the beach during Spring Break and summer months when there are large crowds; he said he priced a use golf cart for \$5,000.

Russell Rupertus, 16522 Jolly Roger, suggests pricing a Polaris instead of a golf cart.

Ginger Jones, 16612 Curlew, inquired if the use golf cart comes with a warranty.

Council advised Chief Chapa to provide a quote for a new golf cart at the next Council Meeting.

6. DISCUSS APPROVING CONSTRUCTION OF A DRIVEWAY AT 16549 JOLLY ROGER.

City Administrator Brick explained the situation at 16549 Jolly Roger; due to the location of the property, it is not convenient for the lawn mower service to get to the property to cut the grass; the cost to install a driveway over the concrete culverts on Jolly Roger would be expensive.

Council advised Mr. Brick to inquire if one of the neighbors were willing to put a gate in the fence to allow the mower access to the property.

7. DISCUSS APPOINTMENT OF PARK BOARD MEMBERS.

Alderman Morse said she was down to two members on the Park Board; she said she received a request from Taz Jones to join the Park Board again; Taz also provided names of other citizens interested in joining the Park Board; Alderman Morse said a Park Board Meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, at which, appointing new members could be discussed; she plans to provide a list of recommended new members at the next Council Meeting.

8. DISCUSS APPROVING A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AERIAL SPRAYING FOR MOSQUITOS.

City Administrator Brick said the resolution is an annual request from the Galveston County Mosquito Control District; approval of the resolution is required for them to spray.

9. DISCUSS ADOPTING A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE COMMISSIONERS COURT NOMINATIONS TO THE GALVESTON COUNTY UNITED BOARD OF HEALTH.

City Administrator Brick said the resolution was another annual request from the Galveston County Health District. A list of the Commissioners' Court nominations was provided to Council.

10. DISCUSS APPROVING THE CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY OF GALVESTON FOR COUNTYWIDE ELECTION SERVICES NAMING THE CITY SECRETARY AS THE CONTRACTING OFFICER.

City Secretary Rushing informed Council the May 10th Election was going to be a countywide election; meaning if an entity was conducting an election a voter would be able to vote at any of the designated polling locations in the county; she announced the list of Candidates that applied for a Place on the Ballot: Russell Rupertus, Terry Hudson, Sherwood "Woody" Green & Gene Montgomery; she also mentioned the Alderman positions who's terms are expiring: Eddie Burke, Sherwood Green & Gene Montgomery.

CITIZEN INPUT

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

No citizens requests to address Council.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

City Administrator Brick announced the street improvements are scheduled to start on Monday, March 17th.

MAYOR'S REPORT – No Report

ALDERMEN REPORTS

Alderman Montgomery provided an update on the pool progress; he said the lots have been transferred to the city from the Friends of Jamaica Beach and the concrete structure was removed.

Alderman Morse mentioned the Park Board will be meeting on Wednesday.

Alderman Green & South – No Reports

POLICE REPORT – No Report

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.