



# CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH

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## CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 20, 2015  
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 Sherwood Green led the Pledges of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas Flags.*

### ROLL CALL OF ALDERMEN

*The following Councilmembers were present:*

*Mayor Steve Spicer  
MPT Gene Montgomery  
Alderman Brad South – arrived at 6:08 p.m.  
Alderman Sherwood Green  
Alderman Mary Morse  
Alderman Russell Rupertus*

*The following Staff was present:*

*City Administrator Brick  
City Secretary Rushing  
Cpl. Mike Todaro*

### ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

- 1. DISCUSS AUTHORIZING CITY STAFF TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR WATER LINE EXTENSIONS AND INSTALLATION OF THREE NEW FIRE HYDRANTS ON JAMAICA INN, JAMAICA COVE AND THE CORNER OF FM 3005 & BEACHCOMBER.**  
*City Administrator Brick asked Council for authorizing to advertise for bids. Mayor Spicer noted the 3 new fire hydrants were discussed at the FY 2014-2015 Budget Meetings. No further discussion.*
- 2. DISCUSS AUTHORIZING CITY STAFF TO ISSUE CITATIONS TO HOMEOWNERS IN VIOLATION OF THE JAMAICA BEACH FLOOD HAZARD REGULATIONS ORDINANCE.**  
*City Administrator Brick informed Council there were 9 homes in violation of the Jamaica Beach Flood Hazard Regulations Ordinance; he said a letter was sent regular and certified mail to the homeowners informing them of their violation(s), but they have yet contacted him of their plan(s) to comply. Mr. Brick noted the city's plan is to request a lower flood insurance rate once everyone is in compliance. Council discussed item and decided to send the homeowners a final letter warning they have 10 days to comply or a citation will be issue for \$500 per violation. Mayor Spicer opened the discussion:  
*Jan Krueger, 16618 Curlew, asked if the lower insurance rate for the city was explained to the homeowners in the original letter.**

*Mr. Brick replied yes.*

*Ginger Jones, 16612 Curlew, asked if everyone in the city is in compliance will it lower or insurance rate.*

*City Administrator Brick replied the city will request lower rates for being in compliance city-wide.*

3. **DISCUSS AUTHORIZING THE FUNDING OF THE MEMORIAL DAY DANCE WITH MONIES TO COME FROM THE PARK BOARD FUND, AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.**

*Alderman Morse noted the agenda item is an annual request. No further discussion.*

4. **DISCUSS APPROVING A 2015 BEACH RAKING CONTRACT WITH BEACHSIDE ENVIRONMENTAL, LLC.**

*City Administrator Brick provided Council a copy of the two contracts from Beachside Environmental; he noted one was for \$19,400, which included 9 beach rakes and the other was for \$28,500, which included 19 beach rakes. Council discussed the two contracts. Mayor Spicer asked Council to motion which contract they prefer during the Called Meeting.*

5. **DISCUSS APPROVING A VARIANCE FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 16511 JEAN LAFITTE (LEGAL 19-13-1R) TO ALLOW THIS PROPERTY TO REMAIN AS A "NONCONFORMING USE PROPERTY" AS DESCRIBED IN ORDINANCE 2007-07 AND NOT BE RE-ZONED; AND TO ALLOW THE SINGLE RENTAL STORAGE UNITS DESCRIBED AS "NONCONFORMING STRUCTURES" IN ORDINANCE 2007-07 TO BE RE-BUILT IN THE EVENT THEY WERE TO BE DAMAGED 50% OR MORE; THIS VARIANCE DOES NOT ALLOW ADDITIONAL BUSINESSES TO OFFICE OR OPERATE OUT OF THE UNITS; AND ONLY ALLOWS THE CURRENT USE OF THE PROPERTY TO BE "GRANDFATHERED".**

*City Administrator Brick said the Planning & Zoning Board met regarding the above property and made the above recommendations as a variance. Council discussed the Planning & Zoning recommendations.*

6. **DISCUSS APPROVING A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE MONTH OF APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH.**

*City Administrator Brick noted the Resolution as an annual request. No discussion.*

7. **DISCUSS APPROVING A RESOLUTION TO PASS AN ANTI-NIMBY ACTION PLAN.**

*City Administrator Brick mentioned the Resolution was part of the Fair Housing program and that "NIMBY" meant "Not In My Back Yard".*

8. **DISCUSS APPROVING A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CITY'S FAIR HOUSING ACTION PLAN BY THE END OF 2015.**

*City Administrator Brick noted the Resolution as another part of the Fair Housing program and all three Resolutions had to be approved to be eligible for grants.*

9. **DISCUSS APPROVING A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE GALVESTON COUNTY ASSESSOR AND COLLECTOR OF TAXES OFFICE TO PERFORM TAX ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH AS PERMITTED BY THE TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE.**

*City Administrator Brick explained the city currently uses the Galveston County Assessor and Collector of Taxes office to perform tax assessment and collection services for the city; as per the Texas Property Tax Code a Resolution or Ordinance must be approved to continue using the Galveston County services.*

## **CITIZEN INPUT**

(REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL MUST BE MADE TO CITY STAFF BY 5:45 P.M. ON APRIL 20, 2015.)

*No citizen requests to address Council.*

## **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

*City Administrator Brick reported on the city damages caused by Friday night's storm; the city's annual Spring Heavy Trash Clean-up is Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.*

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

*Mayor Spicer noted the city having new T-shirts, Tumblers and Koozies, all proceeds benefitting the Jamaica Beach Park Board; praised the JBVFD for doing a good job after the storm.*

## **ALDERMEN REPORTS**

*Alderman Rupertus reported he received great reviews from citizens regarding the JBVFD; glad no one was hurt during the storm.*

*Alderman Morse noted the Memorial Day Fundraiser Day will be held on Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>; Park Board needs volunteers and donation items to raffle.*

*MPT Montgomery, Alderman Green & Alderman South – No Reports*

## **POLICE REPORT**

*Cpl. Todaro attended the meeting on behalf of the Chief; he reported the JBPD will have Reserve Officer's assisting during the Prom season; the PD is currently testing a body camera, the cost to purchase is between \$400-500 each.*

## **ADJOURN**

*Meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.*



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*Alderman Morse motioned to authorize City Staff to send a letter to the homeowners warning them they have 10 days to comply or a citation will be issued for violating the Jamaica Beach Flood Hazard Regulations Ordinance. Second by Alderman Rupertus. Motion unanimously approved.*
3. CONSIDER FOR ACTION AUTHORIZING THE FUNDING OF THE MEMORIAL DAY DANCE WITH MONIES TO COME FROM THE PARK BOARD FUND, AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.  
*Alderman Green motioned to authorize the funding of the Memorial Day Dance with monies to come from the Park Board Fund, amount not to exceed \$10,000. Second by MPT Montgomery. Motion unanimously approved.*
4. CONSIDER FOR ACTION APPROVING A 2015 BEACH RAKING CONTRACT WITH BEACHSIDE ENVIRONMENTAL, LLC.

*Alderman Morse motioned to approve a 2015 Beach Raking Contract with Beachside Environmental, LLC for \$19,400, contract includes 9 beach rakes. Second by Alderman Rupertus. Motion unanimously approved.*

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*Alderman South motioned to approve the above variance recommended by the Planning & Zoning Board. Second by Alderman Green. Motion unanimously approved.*

6. **CONSIDER FOR ACTION APPROVING A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE MONTH OF APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH.**

*Alderman Morse motioned to approve a Resolution declaring the Month of April as Fair Housing Month. Second by Alderman Green. Motion unanimously approved creating Resolution 2015-2.*

7. **CONSIDER FOR ACTION APPROVING A RESOLUTION TO PASS AN ANTI-NIMBY ACTION PLAN.**

*Alderman Green motioned to approve a Resolution to pass an Anti-Nimby Action Plan. Second by Alderman South. Motion unanimously approved creating Resolution 2015-3.*

8. **CONSIDER FOR ACTION APPROVING A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CITY'S FAIR HOUSING ACTION PLAN BY THE END OF 2015.**

*Alderman Morse motioned to approve a Resolution to amend the City's Fair Housing Action Plan by the end of 2015. Second by MPT Montgomery. Motion unanimously approved creating Resolution 2015-4.*

9. **CONSIDER FOR ACTION APPROVING A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE GALVESTON COUNTY ASSESSOR AND COLLECTOR OF TAXES OFFICE TO PERFORM TAX ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH AS PERMITTED BY THE TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE.**

*Alderman Green motioned to approve a Resolution authorizing the Galveston County Assessor and Collector of Taxes Office to perform tax assessment and collection services for the City of Jamaica Beach as permitted by the Texas Property Tax Code. Second by MPT Montgomery. Motion unanimously approved creating Resolution 2015-5.*

## **ADJOURN**

*Mayor Spicer said if there was no further business to come before Council he would call for a motion to adjourn. Alderman Green motioned the meeting be adjourned. Second by Alderman South. Motion unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.*