



CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH

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CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 29, 2013
6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Victor Pierson 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 Victor Pierson
MPT Eddie Burke
Alderman Sandy Denby
Alderman Mary Morse
Alderman Gene Montgomery*

The following staff was present:

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

The following Councilmember was absent:

Alderman Brad South

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

1. **DISCUSS APPROVING A RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE THE GROWTH OF THE KEMP'S RIDLEY SEA TURTLE.**

Mayor Pierson explained the Resolution. No further discussion by Council.

2. **DISCUSS APPROVING A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE IKE DIKE.**

Mayor Pierson explained the Resolution; he mentioned the City of Galveston passed a Resolution and is asking Council to approve this Resolution; he said he will be attending the Mayor's and Councilmember's meeting on May 8th where he will be asking other cities to also adopt a Resolution; he said he is the co-chairman of the fund raising committee for the Ike Dike feasibility study along with Fredell Rosen who is the first lady of Galveston; he supports the study considering the devastation we experience after Hurricane Ike; the dike is estimated to cost between 5-7 billion after the feasibility study; he thinks it would be a national defense, about 70% of military fuel and 40% overall aviation fuel is processed through the Houston ship channel; the dike would be a 17 ft. barrier from Bolivar to a little past San Luis Pass; it would not let water in, it would keep water out; the only opposition he heard about the dike is it would be a 17 ft. wall in front of our beachfront properties, if they don't build it on our beachfront the other discussion is to raise 3005, which would give no protection to the beachfront properties and totally destroy them; he said it won't be like the seawall it would look more like a natural dune; he said another opposition from the SPEED Center and Rice University is to have a flood gate where the Harris County line is then run the dike around Galveston and end it at the end of the seawall, which would destroy us; he mentioned again he is in support of the Resolution and recommends approval.

Mayor Pierson opened the discussion:

Alderman Montgomery said this was the most information he's been provided on the Ike Dike; he heard the dike would run down 3005; inquired if the dike was placed along the beachfront what effects would it have to beachfront properties and the dune restoration project being funded by FEMA.

Ken Luce, 16626 Edward Teach, commented there would be no beach if they build a dike along the beachfront.

Mayor Pierson replied part of the discussion is the need for beach renourishment if the dike was built along the beachfront.

Alderman Montgomery noted the issues with the 4 ft. dune restoration project and it possibly impeding on private property; he questioned the amount of beach and private property that would use to construction the 17 ft. dike dune.

Mayor Pierson replied the dike dune would not impede on private property, because the side of the dune facing the properties would be more like a flat wall, however the beachside of the dune would slope towards the beach; he said the dike dune is not allowed to be built on private property it has to be on public beach; he explained the Resolution is not necessarily approving the Ike Dike, but more in support of the study.

MPT Burke inquired how would the dike affect the water that came from the bay.

Mayor Pierson replied the dike would keep the water from entering into the bay system; he said since Texas City has a Dike that's why the water pushed towards us; he said the concept of the Ike Dike is to not allow water into the bay; he said if Council is uncomfortable about it, he can ask Dr. Merrill to come do a presentation.

Alderman Montgomery said no one will have beachfront views depending how much your house is elevated, but his main concern is how much beach or lack of will be left if they build the dike dune.

Mayor Pierson replied the dike dune will take up about 50 ft. of the beach and if we keep experiencing these types of disasters eventually there won't be any beachfront properties.

Alderman Montgomery said he would personally like to see the presentation, because he has doubts a dike that size could can be constructed using the projected amount of money.

Mayor Pierson replied that is what the study is for, to answer those types of questions; he said they are going to protect the chemical plants, if the SPEED Center project is done instead we will be completely destroyed if we get another hurricane similar to Ike.

Ginger Jones, 16612 Curlew, asked for clarification about the proposed dike and inquired if residents would still have access to the beach.

Mayor Pierson replied it will be a big dune kind of like South Padre; he said it would be similar to the seawall except it wouldn't be made out of concrete; it will be made out of clay and natural vegetation.

3. DISCUSS AUTHORIZING A \$10,000 CONTRIBUTION TO THE IKE DIKE FUND WITH MONIES TO COME FROM UNDESIGNATED RESERVE FUND.

Mayor Pierson explained Texas A & M needs approximately 1½-2 million for the study; they have already received \$250,000 from the City of Galveston, \$250,000 from UTMB, \$1,000 from the West-end Property Owners Association, \$50,000 from a foundation, \$25,000 from a foundation in Texas City, and \$300,000 from other individuals; he is requesting the City of Jamaica Beach to donate \$10,000 from our undesignated reserve fund to be used for the study only, not the construction of the Ike Dike; he said he came up with the \$10,000 figure amount by comparing our size to the City of Galveston and their donation amount, but Council can decide on whatever dollar amount they think is fair.

4. 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 said the money raised during the Memorial Day Dance goes into the Park Board fund, which is used to purchase park equipment and other park related expenses, beautification and maintenance.

5. DISCUSS APPROVING A PERMIT REQUEST TO INSTALL A SWIMMING POOL AT 16544 JOHN SILVER. (THIS DISCUSSION WILL HAVE THE COUNCIL ACTING AS THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS.)

Item tabled - no discussion.

6. DISCUSS AUTHORIZING CITY STAFF TO REQUEST BIDS FOR CITY SWIMMING POOL.

City Administrator Brick presented the plot plans for the proposed pool; we are ready to request bids for the swimming pool.

Alderman Denby asked for confirmation if the pool would have a zero entry.

Alderman Montgomery replied yes, by have the zero entry area it eliminated having a baby pool and some of the handicap requirements.

Mayor Pierson opened the discussion:

Gay Fundling, 16523 Trinidad Way, said the lots are paid for and ready to be donated to the city for the pool.

Ginger Jones, 16612 Curlew, asked if the deepest part of the pool was only going to be 4.6 ft. deep and has the city found someone to manage it.

City Administrator replied yes, the deepest part of the pool will be 4.6 ft. deep.

Alderman Montgomery replied no, the city does not have a management company yet; they want to find out how much the construction and maintenance of the pool is going to cost and if it is even feasible before searching for a management company.

Bunny Zapalac, 16603 Cormorant, asked if residents will be able to vote on the pool.

Mayor Pierson replied no, the decision will be made by Council, but all citizens are welcome to provide their input.

7. DISCUSS AUTHORIZING CITY STAFF TO SEND A LETTER REGARDING STORM SURGE PROTECTION/PROPERTY EASEMENT TO THE BEACHFRONT PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE BOARDWALK SECTION OF JAMAICA BEACH.

Mayor Pierson explained the letter; he said the city is partnering with the GLO to rebuild a storm surge dune; he said there is enough beach between the 4½ ft. line and private property line to build the dune, except in front of the Boardwalk section; he said the city is requesting the beachfront property owners in the Boardwalk Section of Jamaica

Beach to donate 50 ft. of the southerly part of their property; he said the beachfront lots in Boardwalk are between 220-280 ft. lots; the decision is strictly up to them to donate their property to have the protection. No further discussion.

CITIZEN INPUT

(REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL MUST BE MADE TO CITY STAFF BY 5:45 P.M. ON APRIL 29, 2013.)

Ken Luce, 16626 Edward Teach, complained about a property on Capt. Kidd; he requested an update from City Administrator Brick.

City Administrator Brick said he received an update from the City Attorney today; he gave the City Attorney's response to Mr. Luce to read.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

City Administrator Brick reported the City Secretary along with the city staff were able to find 17 houses not paying Hotel Occupancy Taxes; the City of Jamaica Beach is now qualified as Storm Ready, which is an insurance benefit.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pierson encouraged Council to attend the Mayor's and Councilmember's meeting May 8th; also encouraged everyone to vote; he mentioned Early Voting started today.

ALDERMEN REPORTS

Alderman Montgomery – No Report

Alderman Morse encouraged everyone to attend the Memorial Day Dance on May 25th.

Alderman Denby thanked the Jamaica Janes and the city for doing a great job during the clean-up and garage sale.

MPT Burke – No Report

POLICE REPORT

Acting Police Chief Sedgwick thanked Harry Zamora for donating his boat slip to the JBPD then presented Joe Corbet with a plaque thanking him for volunteering his time and service to repair the JBPD boat; he mentioned receiving \$7,000 for the sale of the old Police truck and boat; he plans to give the military vehicles back; proposed naming the "fishing park" after Chief McLane.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.



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CITIZENS REQUESTING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

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No requests to address Council.

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Alderman Denby motioned to approve a Resolution to encourage the growth of the Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle. Second by Alderman Morse. Unanimously approved by those present.
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MPT Burke motioned to approve a Resolution to support the study of the Ike Dike. Second by Alderman Morse. Unanimously approved by those present.
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Alderman Morse motioned to authorize \$10,000 of funding for the Memorial Day Dance with monies to come from the Park Board fund. Second by MPT Burke. Unanimously approved by those present.
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Tabled – Lack of Motion
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Alderman Morse motioned to authorize city staff to send a letter to the beachfront property owners in the Boardwalk section of Jamaica Beach. Second by Alderman Montgomery. Unanimously approved by those present.

ADJOURN

Mayor Pierson 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 Denby. Unanimously approved by those present. The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.