



# CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH

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## PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

APRIL 3, 2017  
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

*MPT Gene Montgomery led the Pledges of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas Flags.*

### ROLL CALL

*The following Councilmember's were present:*

*Mayor Steve Spicer  
MPT Gene Montgomery  
Alderman Terry Hudson  
Alderman Marci Kurtz*

*The following Councilmember was absent:*

*Alderman Sherwood Green  
Alderman Rosemary Lindley*

*The following staff was present:*

*City Administrator Brick  
City Secretary Rushing  
Police Chief Heiman*

### THE SUBJECT OF THE PUBLIC HEARING IS AS FOLLOWS:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON APRIL 3, 2017 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 16628 SAN LUIS PASS RD., JAMAICA BEACH, TX 77554, GIVING ALL INTERESTED PARTIES THE RIGHT TO APPEAR AND BE HEARD ON THE FOLLOWING ITEM:

AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH, TEXAS, ZONING PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS, PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN REGULATIONS AND PENALTIES AS AUTHORIZED BY ARTICLE 1011A AND FOLLOWING ARTICLES, VERNON'S TEXAS CIVIL STATUES.

*City Administrator explained the proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance from the Planning and Zoning Committee; he said they recommend 8 feet side setbacks and all other side and front setbacks to align with JBIC. MPT Montgomery noted JBIC has a few side setbacks that are 10 feet.*

*Mayor Spicer opened the public hearing for comment:*

*Bruce Silvey, 16529 Barbados, inquired if it would be easier to just state "setbacks to match JBIC's".*

### ADJOURN

*Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.*



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## CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 3, 2017  
6:00 P.M.

### CALL TO ORDER

*Mayor Steve Spicer called the meeting to order.*

### ROLL CALL OF ALDERMEN

*The following Councilmember's were present:*

*Mayor Steve Spicer  
MPT Gene Montgomery  
Alderman Terry Hudson  
Alderman Marci Kurtz*

*The following Councilmember was absent:*

*Alderman Sherwood Green  
Alderman Rosemary Lindley*

*The following staff was present:*

*City Administrator Brick  
City Secretary Rushing  
Police Chief Heiman*

### ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

#### 1. DISCUSS APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:

- a. WORKSHOP MEETING – MARCH 6, 2017
- b. REGULAR CALLED MEETING – MARCH 20, 2017

*Mayor Spicer noted the above listed Minutes were provided to Council in advance to review. Council did not mention any corrections or additions to the minutes. No discussion.*

#### 2. DISCUSS AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH, TEXAS, ZONING PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS, PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN REGULATIONS AND PENALTIES AS AUTHORIZED BY ARTICLE 1011A AND FOLLOWING ARTICLES, VERNON'S TEXAS CIVIL STATUES.

*Council conducted a Public Hearing on the agenda item prior to the Workshop Meeting. No discussion.*

#### 3. DISCUSS A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE COUNTY OF GALVESTON MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN.

*City Administrator Brick provided a copy of the proposed Resolution to Council; he noted the Resolution had to be adopted to satisfy FEMA requirements. No discussion from Council. Mayor Spicer opened the item for public comment:*

*Jim Gentile, 16711 Cabeza De Vaca, requested the website link to view the Hazard Mitigation Plan.*

**4. DISCUSS A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING AN INVESTMENT POLICY AND STRATEGY FOR THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH AND TO DESIGNATE AN INVESTMENT OFFICER.**

*City Administrator Brick provided a copy of the proposed Resolution to Council; he noted the Resolution included updates to the policy and designated an Investment Officer. Alderman Kurtz inquired when was the policy last updated. City Administrator Brick replied 1979; he also mentioned the city currently only invest in certificate of deposits. No further discussion from Council. Mayor Spicer opened the item for public comment:*

*Penny Ignazio, 16634 Jamaica Inn, inquired who are the Investment Officers.*

*City Administrator Brick replied the City Administrator is usually designated as the Investment Officer.*

**5. DISCUSS A VARIANCE REQUEST AT 16720 SANDPIPER ROAD.**

*City Administrator Brick explained the variance request to allow the existing pool to remain at the property located at 16720 Sandpiper; he noted the property was a unique, corner, canal, L-Shaped lot on Sandpiper and Bob Smith. The pool was built 10 years ago on the part of the property that went along Bob Smith; the pool infringes 2 feet on the utility easement; the pool does not interfere with the utility or sidewalk easement. The original city records approving the building permit were damaged in the city fire. The house is currently for sale, so to avoid any potential concerns the homeowner is requesting the variance as documented approval from the city. Mayor Spicer opened the item for comment:*

*Penny Ignazio, 16634 Jamaica Inn, comment against Council granting variance request; said the city needs to follow their own guidelines and quit approving so many variance request.*

*MPT Montgomery replied the city has had plenty of discussions to have more uniformed regulations, unifying with JBIC and relying on Planning and Zoning recommendations.*

*David Lowrey, 16709 Capt. Hook, inquired how did the pool get passed.*

**6. DISCUSS ALLOWING THE RENTAL OF BEACH UMBRELLAS AND CHAIRS ON THE BEACHFRONT FROM BUCCANEER TO THE EASTERN BOUNDARY OF THE BEACH.**

*City Administrator Brick said he was contacted by an individual wanting to setup umbrellas and chairs on the beachfront for daily rental; he placed the item on the agenda for Council to decide if the city should issue vendor permits for beach umbrellas and chairs rentals and if so, how much should the city charge for the vendor permit. Alderman Kurtz spoke against permitting vendors to setup umbrellas and chairs on the beach; she said it would bring more attention to our small beach. Council agreed it would be a burden to other beachgoers and create safety issues. Item was opened for comment:*

*Terry Rizzo, 16502 Jamaica Inn, she agreed with the Alderman Kurtz and spoke against allowing the rentals.*

*Jay Aubin, 16712 Jolly Roger, inquired whose land does the beach belong to, to make the decision to allow vendors; comment it shouldn't be the beachfront property owners to decide.*

*Mayor Spicer replied the State of Texas owns the beach.*

*Russell Rupertus, 16522 Jolly Roger, spoke on behalf of JBVFD; he said it is already difficult for safety vehicles to maneuver on the beach; he thinks it will increase the problem.*

*Jim Gentile, 16711 Cabeza De Vaca, asked for more information to be provided before Council makes a decision.*

*Lorraine Jones, 16712 Jolly Roger, inquired if the vendor permit fee could go to the Park Board if Council approves it.*

*Mayor Spicer replied the revenue would have to go back towards the beach.*

*Police Chief Heiman agreed with Russell and thinks it will create a safety issue.*

*Cindy Bryson, 4522 Jamaica Cove, said the vendor will take up too much room; spoke against allowing the rentals.*

*Penny Ignazio, 16634 Jamaica Inn, said that too many cars are allowed on the beach; suggest charging a fee to access the beach.*

*Gil Madray, 16638 Bahama Way, agreed with Cindy Bryson; spoke against allowing the rentals.*

## **CITIZEN INPUT**

(REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL MUST BE MADE TO CITY STAFF BY 5:45 P.M. ON APRIL 3, 2017.)

*Joe Ignazio, 16634 Jamaica Inn, complained about house across the street from him; he said the owner of the house is creating drainage issues; covered ditch.*

*Jay Aubin, 16712 Jolly Roger, spoke against building a new park pavilion.*

*Lorraine Jones, 16712 Jolly Roger, invited everyone to the Park Board Easter Event; spoke against the building a new park pavilion.*

*Russell Rupertus, 16522 Jolly Roger, spoke in favor of adding a dog park at the city park.*

*Margaret Lloyd, 16643 Bahama Way, thanked Council for considering making the zoning setback to match JBIC's; thanked Council for helping with the beautification project at the park; suggested Council seek more citizens input on items that are not a city necessity before they make a decision.*

## **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

*City Administrator Brick mentioned Nola's mother in law passed and asked for everyone to keep her and her family in their thoughts & prayers.*

**MAYOR'S REPORT** – *No Report*

## **ALDERMEN REPORTS**

*Alderman Kurtz reported new street signs have been installed.*

*City Administrator Brick gave a report on behalf of the Park Board for Alderman Lindley in her absence; he noted a volleyball court & a ping pong table was setup at the park; both restrooms have been converted to unisex; new landscape at park provided by JBIC; April 15<sup>th</sup> - Annual Easter Egg Event; May 27<sup>th</sup> - Annual Memorial Day Event.*

*MPT Montgomery and Alderman Hudson – No Reports*

## **POLICE REPORT**

*Police Chief Heiman warned citizens of vehicles being vandalized on the west end; he noted public safety wouldn't be a concern for the JBPD if a new recreation center was constructed.*

## **ADJOURN**

*Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.*