



CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH

16628 San Luis Pass Road in City Council Chambers
5264 Jamaica Beach
Jamaica Beach, Texas 77554
PH (409) 737-1142 FAX (409) 737-5211
www.ci.jamaicabeach.tx.us



CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 7, 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 Eddie Burke 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
MPT Eddie Burke
Alderman Brad South – arrived at 6:24 p.m.
Alderman Mary Morse
Alderman Gene Montgomery*

The following Councilmember's were absent:

Alderman Sherwood Green

The following staff was present:

*City Secretary Rushing
Police Chief Chapa*

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

1. DISCUSS APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE TO USE BY CITY ATTORNEY STEVE SCHULZ.

City Attorney Steve Schulz attended the meeting to explain and provide Council with a draft ordinance concerning the issuance of a license to use a public right away.

Mayor Spicer opened the item for discussion:

Terri Rizzo, 16502 Jamaica Inn, inquired what was the purpose of the license; and why is it being brought up now.

Mark Stevenson, Attorney for Danny James, spoke on behalf of Danny James; Mr. Stevenson explained the legal use for a public right away.

Jay Pennison, 16702 Kingston Way, apologized to Council for putting the city through this 8 month process.

Ginger Jones, 16612 Curlew, comment if the city makes an exception to use the public right away for this situation then everyone will ask for exceptions.

2. DISCUSS RE-AWARDING OF CONTRACT FOR LIFTSTATIONS & WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS WITH JOHN MERCER.

John Mercer attended the meeting to explain the need to re-award the bid to McDonald Electric.

3. DISCUSS VARIANCE REQUEST FOR BOAT DOCK AT 4223 JOLLY ROGER.

The owners of 4223 Jolly Roger submitted a variance request to extend 22 feet into the canal due to the shape of their lot. Eddie Benavides, with Gulf Coast Marine, attended the meeting on behalf of the owners to explain and provide to Council the plans for the boat dock.

4. DISCUSS APPROVING A RESOLUTION TO PROCLAIM APRIL 2014 AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH.

City Secretary Rushing mentioned the Resolution is an annual request required by the GLO for the city to continue receiving grant funds.

5. DISCUSS PROPOSAL TO RAKE AND CLEAN BEACH FROM BEACHSIDE ENVIRONMENTAL.

A proposal from Beachside Environmental to rake and clean the beach was provided to Council; it was mentioned Beachside Environmental was previously named A Green Expectations, which is the company the city contracted with the past few years.

6. DISCUSS PURCHASE OF A GOLFCART FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Police Chief Chapa said he has the phone number to Golf Cars of Conroe.

MPT Burke said it was his opinion to purchase an electric golf cart; he advised Chief Chapa to provide at least 3 quotes for gas vs electric and for it to have 6 seats.

Mayor Spicer said his opinion was to purchase a gas golf cart since it was going to be driven on the sand.

Alderman Montgomery also directed Chief Chapa to provide the quotes at the next meeting for Council to vote on the best option.

Terri Rizzo, 16502 Jamaica Inn, inquired if the golf cart will be new or used.

Jay Hobbin, 16712 Jolly Roger, jokingly said to get a 6 seat gas and a 2 seat electric as a back-up.

7. DISCUSS APPOINTMENT OF PARK BOARD MEMBERS.

Alderman Mary Morse recommends appointing Taz Jones as a new Park Board member.

CITIZEN INPUT

(REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL MUST BE MADE TO CITY STAFF BY 5:45 P.M. ON APRIL 7, 2014.)

No citizens requests to address Council.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT - Absent

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Spicer encouraged everyone to attend the Annual Easter Party at the Park.

ALDERMEN REPORTS

Alderman Morse allowed Taz Jones to speak on her behalf about the upcoming events planned for the Annual Easter Celebration at the Park; Taz Jones, 16712 Jolly Roger, said it will be really fun, she created a website to provide details of the event, she encouraged everyone to come out and to please donate some eggs and candy. Alderman Montgomery said this Saturday is Meet the Candidate; he also provided an update on the pool progress.

MPT Burke and Alderman South – No Reports

POLICE REPORT

Police Chief Chapa said there was a house fire in Jamaica Beach; no major police calls other than the fire.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.