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CITY COUNCIL CALLED MEETING MINUTES

MAY 19, 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
Alderman Eddie Burke (step down after Russell Rupertus was sworn in)
Alderman Sherwood Green
Alderman Brad South
Alderman Mary Morse
Alderman Gene Montgomery
Alderman Russell Rupertus (took his seat after he was sworn in)*

The following staff was present:

*City Administrator Brick
City Secretary Rushing
Police Chief Chapa*

CITIZENS REQUESTING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

(REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL MUST BE MADE TO CITY STAFF BY 5:45 P.M. ON MAY 19, 2014.)

No citizens request to address Council.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

1. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR ACTION APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:
 - a. CALLED MEETING – MARCH 17, 2014
 - b. WORKSHOP MEETING – APRIL 7, 2014
 - c. CALLED MEETING – APRIL 21, 2014

Alderman motioned to approve the above listed minutes. Second by Alderman Burke. Unanimously approved.
2. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR ACTION CANVASS ELECTION RETURNS FROM THE MAY 10, 2014 CITY OFFICERS' GENERAL ELECTION.

Mayor Spicer and Council, sitting as the canvassing board to canvass the City Officers' Election on May 10, 2014, certified that the following is a total of all votes received by each candidate as shown on the precinct returns.

Name of Office	Name of Candidate	Total Votes Received
Alderman	Sherwood "Woody" Green	92
Alderman	Terry Hudson	63
Alderman	Gene Montgomery	95
Alderman	Russell Rupertus	64

Mayor Spicer said there was a total of 314 votes cast; he certified that the figures on the tally sheets correspond with the figures on the returns. Alderman South motioned Council approval of the canvass results. Second by Alderman Morse. Motion unanimously approved.

3. ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO CITY OFFICERS ELECTED IN THE MAY 10, 2014 GENERAL ELECTION.

Jamaica Beach Municipal Court Judge J. J. Brown administered the Oath of Office to Russell Rupertus who was elected to office during the May 10, 2014 General Election. Alderman Eddie Burke thanked everyone for allowing him to serve on Council. Alderman Rupertus took his seat.

4. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR ACTION APPOINTING GENE MONTGOMERY AS MAYOR PRO-TEM.

Alderman Green motioned to appoint Gene Montgomery as MPT. Second by Alderman South. Motion unanimously approved.

5. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR ACTION INSTALLING A STOP SIGN AT THE INTERSECTION OF BOB SMITH AND JOLLY ROGER.

MPT Montgomery motioned to install a stop sign at the intersection of Bob Smith and Jolly Roger. Second by Alderman Green. Motion unanimously approved.

6. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR ACTION ADDING THREE MORE DATES TO RAKE/REMOVE SEAWEED FROM THE BEACH.

City Administrator Brick mentioned this season as being one of the worst for seaweed on the beach and request Council to consider approving additional rakes to remove the seaweed. Alderman Morse motioned to approval additional rakes to remove the seaweed on the beach. Second by Alderman Green. Motion unanimously approved.

7. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR ACTION AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GALVESTON, THE PARK BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON AND THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH REGARDING COST SHARE FOR BEACH SURVEYS.

City Administrator Brick explained the Interlocal Agreement.

Mayor Spicer provided the percentage each entity would pay: City of Galveston 73.72%; Park Board 24.01%; City of Jamaica Beach 2.27%.

Mayor Spicer opened the item for discussion:

Ginger Jones, 16612 Curlew, inquired what the city's cost share is for the beach surveys.

Mayor Spicer provided the cost the city would pay over the 4 years, which equaled \$15,000.

Alderman Rupertus inquired how long has the city participated in the Interlocal Agreement.

City Administrator Brick replied this is a new type of survey; the city has done other types of surveys in the past, but they were not as detailed as this one would be.

Terri Rizzo, 16502 Jamaica Inn, inquired if the city will be able to use the survey in the future to help with grants.

Mayor Spicer replied yes.

Alderman South motioned to approve the Interlocal Agreement. Second by Alderman Morse. Motion unanimously approved.

8. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR ACTION A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE BEACH ACCESS ORDINANCE 93-5, TO ALLOW FOR ADDITIONAL PARKING ON THE BEACH.

City Administrator Brick explained the request to amend the beach access plan by allowing additional parking on the beach; he said the GLO requires the city to provide 150 spaces if the city amends their beach access plan; he mentioned the proposed plan would provide 159 spaces.

Mayor Spicer opened the discussion:

Terri Rizzo, 16502 Jamaica Inn, asked what the difference was between the current parking spaces and the proposed parking spaces.

Alderman South replied he believed the city currently provides 111 parking spaces.

Alderman Morse motioned to consider proposing an amendment to the city's beach access plan.

Second by Alderman Rupertus. Motion unanimously approved.

9. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR ACTION A DATE TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING FOR BEACHFRONT RESIDENTS TO ADVISE THEM OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE BEACH ACCESS PLAN FOR ADDITIONAL PARKING ON THE BEACH.

City Administrator Brick suggest Council conduct the Public Hearing on June 14, 2014 to give the city time to notify the beachfront homeowners.

Mayor Spicer opened the discussion:

Joe Deforke, 16526 Jamaica Cove, inquired where the 150 parking space requirement came from.

Mayor Spicer replied the number came from the GLO; the number of parking spaces is determined by the square footage of open beach.

Ginger Jones, 16612 Curlew, asked why is the city being required to remove the bollards and other beaches don't have too.

Mayor Spicer replied it was his suggestion to remove the bollards to allow for additional beach parking.

Virginia Deforke, 16526 Jamaica Cove, inquired if the city would provide additional signage promoting the beach access.

Mayor Spicer recommended the Public Hearing be conducted on June 14, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

Alderman South motioned to conduct the Public Hearing on June 14, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. Second by Alderman Morse. Motion unanimously approved.

10. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR ACTION THE PURCHASE OF TABLES AND CHAIRS BY THE CITY, THE PARK BOARD AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Alderman Rupertus proposed the city, Park Board and JBVFD split the cost to purchase tables and chairs that can be used during events to eliminate having to rent them like they currently do.

Alderman Morse motioned to approve the city splitting the cost to purchase tables and chairs.

Second by MPT Montgomery. Motion unanimously approved.

11. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR ACTION APPROVING A VARIANCE FOR A BOAT SLIP ON LOT 42 SECTION 29 OF POMPANO WAY.

City Administrator Brick explained the boat slip variance request; he said the variance request went to Planning & Zoning and they recommend approval.

Mayor Spicer opened the discussion:

Ginger Jones, 16612 Curlew, asked is it a large variance.

City Administrator Brick replied the request is to build a boat slip 5 ft. into the easement.

MPT Montgomery motioned to approve the variance request. Second by Alderman Morse. Motion unanimously approved.

12. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR ACTION APPROVING A VARIANCE FOR AN A/C PLATFORM AT 16509 ANCHOR WAY.

City Administrator Brick explained variance request to build an A/C platform on the side of the house; he mentioned the request was approved by JBIC.

Alderman Green motioned to approve the variance request. Second by Alderman South. Motion unanimously approved.

13. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR ACTION TO CONSTRUCT A FENCE ON THE EAST EASEMENT OF THE PROPERTY AT 4201 JOLLY ROGER.

City Administrator Brick explained the variance request to construct a fence on the East easement of the property at 4201 Jolly Roger to keep people from trespassing.

Mayor Spicer opened the discussion:

Mark Sloan, 16531 Jamaica Cove, comment people do abuse the referenced area; spoke in favor of variance request.

Chief Chapa said the trespassing issue was brought to his attention.

MPT Montgomery inquired if the homeowner would still have access to his property.

City Administrator Brick replied yes.

Terri Rizzo, 16502 Jamaica Inn, inquired if a person has to have a Texas State Park license to fish in that area.

City Administrator Brick replied the area described has the same rules as any other area.

Alderman South motioned to approve the variance request. Second by Alderman Morse. Motion unanimously approved.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

City Administrator Brick reported the disaster house on Capt. Kidd has been demoed; he said he has received a citizens request to paint the benches and tables at the park; he also mentioned all variance request need to go to JBIC first.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Spicer noted the Park Board dance is Saturday, May 24th.

ALDERMEN REPORTS

MPT Montgomery provided an update on the pool status; he said the contractor is having plaster problems.

Alderman Morse reminded everyone of the Park Board Memorial Day Dance from 6-11 at the park; crawfish plates are \$15, hamburgers are \$5, and hotdogs are \$3; she also mentioned the Jamaica Janes will have their annual sale Saturday morning.

Alderman Green, Rupertus & South – No Reports

POLICE REPORT

Chief Chapa said he has addressed the traffic issue on Bob Smith; golf cart issue; and the police received 20 calls concerning loud music during prom.

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 Rupertus. Motion unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.