



CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH

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CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

JULY 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 Pledges of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas Flags.

ROLL CALL OF ALDERMEN

The following Councilmember's were present:

*Mayor Steve Spicer
MPT Gene Montgomery
Alderman David Welch
Alderman Sherwood Green*

The following Councilmember was absent:

*Alderman Rosemary Lindley
Alderman Marci Kurtz*

The following staff was present:

*City Secretary Rushing
Police Chief Heiman*

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

1. DISCUSS APPROVING THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:

- a. WORKSHOP MEETING – JUNE 5, 2017
- b. REGULAR CALLED MEETING – JUNE 19, 2017

Minutes were provided to Councilmembers to review. No discussion.

2. DISCUSS A VARIANCE REQUEST TO ALLOW THE PORTION OF THE RESIDENCE AT 4302 SPANISH MAIN THAT EXCEEDS 20 FT. ABOVE GROUND TO ENCROACH IN THE AERIAL EASEMENT.

Mayor Spicer noted the city had a building height and aerial easement primarily for overhead power lines, but there are no overhead power lines where this house is located. A copy of the variance request, which included the property survey, was provided to Council; the survey indicated the portion of the house that was encroaching in the aerial easement; the variance request was reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Board whom recommended approval.

Mayor Spicer opened the item for public comment:

Jerry Jackson, 16712 Curlew, questioned what was being built in the aerial easement.

Penny Ignazio, 16634 Jamaica Inn, spoke against the variance request; thinks the city shouldn't allow any variance request.

Jim Gentile, 16711 Cabeza De Vaca, spoke as a member of the Planning and Zoning Board; he said the city does not do foundation inspections on new houses; he noted if the city required a survey after the pilings were installed, any height issues would be found at that time and could be corrected prior to completion of the house.

Russell Rupertus, 16522 Jolly Roger, inquired if JBIC was responsible for easement regulations.

Ginger Jones, 16712 Curlew, questioned if the house encroaching in the aerial easement will create power surges.

- 3. DISCUSS APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH AND THE CITY OF GALVESTON PERMITTING THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH TO UTILIZE THE CITY OF GALVESTON'S DEBRIS CONTRACTS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT.**

Mayor Spicer briefly explained the Interlocal Agreement; he noted the City of Galveston approved an Interlocal Agreement for the City of Jamaica Beach (COJB) to utilize their debris contracts; now the COJB has to do the same.

Mayor Spicer opened the item for public comment:

Jim Gentile, 16711 Cabeza De Vaca, questioned the FEMA requirements for debris reimbursement.

- 4. DISCUSS GIVING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR DIRECTION REGARDING THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 16635 JAMAICA INN.**

City Secretary Rushing spoke on behalf of Alderman Lindley who requested the item be placed on the agenda; she said Alderman Lindley recommended the City Administrator write a letter to the homeowner requesting him to address the complaints the city/Council has received from neighboring citizens.

Mayor Spicer opened the item for public comment:

Penny Ignazio, 16634 Jamaica Inn, spoke in favor of directing the City Administrator to write a letter to the homeowner; she noted multiple complaints about the property.

Jim Gentile, 16711 Cabeza De Vaca, mentioned the culvert is restricting the water from draining.

Jerry Jackson, 16612 Curlew, questioned if the city had a culvert size regulation.

CITIZEN INPUT

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

Jay Aubin, 16712 Jolly Roger, asked the city to seize any money/spending on the park plans; questioned if the city has notified or consulted with the Park Board about creating a dog park, butterfly park, etc.; he suggests Council listen to the citizens.

Lorraine Jones, 16712 Jolly Roger, asked Council to reconsider plans for the park recreation center and to please listen to the citizens, they do not want the recreation center.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Absent, no report

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Spicer reported the JBVFD Annual Fundraiser was wonderful, except for the mosquitos; noted the city will be spraying for mosquitos soon.

ALDERMEN REPORTS

MPT Montgomery – No Report

Alderman Green also reported the JBFVD Annual Fundraiser was a good event.

Alderman Welch provided a brief report of the JBIC meeting.

POLICE REPORT

Police Chief Heiman reported the Police Department staff is at its best; he plans to consult with the City Secretary about the Police Budget prior to presenting it at the next Budget Meeting; he will provide the June stats at the next Council Meeting.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.



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CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

JULY 3, 2017

6:00 P.M. (OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WORKSHOP MEETING)

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Steve Spicer called the meeting to order.

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ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

1. DISCUSS FY 2016/2017 BUDGETS.

Mayor Spicer asked Council to review the city's financials and any questions and/or recommendations will be discussed at the next Budget Meeting; he noted past FY Budgets can be found on the website; past FY Budgets and/or Audits can be requested from the City Secretary.

2. DISCUSS FY 2017/2018 PROPOSED BUDGETS.

Mayor Spicer explained the Budget process to the new Councilmember and attending citizens; he noted any questions could be directed to the City Secretary; he asked Council to have their proposed FY Budget recommendations available by the next Budget Meeting on July 17th.

Mayor Spicer opened the item for public discussion:

Penny Ignacio, 16634 Jamaica Inn, questioned the Hotel Occupancy Tax fund expenses and the funds for the bulkhead.

Jim Gentile, 16711 Cabeza De Vaca, questioned city employee salaries.

Ginger Jones, 16612 Curlew, asked Council to start utilizing the TV screens in the Council Chambers.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.