



# CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH

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## CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 4, 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 Brad South 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 Gene Montgomery  
Alderman Brad South  
Alderman Sherwood Green  
Alderman Russell Rupertus*

*The following Councilmember's were absent:*

*Alderman Mary Morse*

*The following staff was present:*

*City Administrator Brick  
City Secretary Rushing  
Cpl. Mike Todaro*

### PRESENTATIONS:

**1. PRESENTATION FROM LARRY NICHOLS, THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS FOR GALVESTON ISD REGARDING THE UPCOMING TAX RATIFICATION ELECTION.**

*Larry Nichols attended the meeting to provide information regarding the upcoming Tax Ratification Election, set for early voting on August 11<sup>th</sup> and regular voting on August 26<sup>th</sup>. He said voters are being asked to raise the Maintenance & Operations tax rate by two cents to pay for teacher and staff raises. Meanwhile, the Interest & Sinking tax rate will be reduced by three cents, lowering the overall school taxes from a total of \$1.165 to \$1.155 per \$100 valuation.*

### ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

**1. DISCUSS LICENSE TO USE APPLICATION FROM A PROPERTY OWNER TO USE CITY PROPERTY.**

*City Attorney, Steve Schultz, attended the meeting to explain the Draft License to Use Ordinance. He said there would be two different Licenses to Use Permit applications: a Temporary License to Use Permit for 0-30 days that can be approved by the City Administrator; the other permit will be for 31+ days that will need to be approved by Council. The City Administrator and/or Council could include any stipulations they see necessary and can terminate any License to Use Permit upon ninety days' written notice. The Ordinance*

*provides a description of the two Licenses to Use Permits; fees; application requirements and conditions; and violations. Mayor Spicer opened the item for discussion:*

*Ginger Jones, 16612 Curlew, inquired if the License to Use Permit will replace variances; and will it be per person/per case.*

*Response: a person requesting a variance will only need to apply for a License to Use Permit if their request is on a city easement; yes, each permit will need to be reviewed individually.*

**2. DISCUSS ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ABATEMENT FROM THE GALVESTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT.**

*City Administrator Brick informed Council the Galveston County Health Department requires the city to have a contract with them.*

**3. DISCUSS FY 2013/2014 BUDGETS.**

*Mayor Spicer noted Council having two Budget Meetings in July. No further discussion.*

**4. DISCUSS FY 2014/2015 PROPOSED BUDGETS.**

*Mayor Spicer said Council and city staff had two Budget Meetings in July to discuss the 2014/2015 proposed budgets; the 2014 Effective Tax Rate (EFT) provided by the Galveston County Tax Office is \$0.266334 per \$100; he plans to file the FY 2014-2015 Budgets with the City Secretary before August 15<sup>th</sup>; and conduct the Public Hearing, Special Workshop and Called Meeting to adopt the Budgets and Tax Rate on September 15, 2014. He opened the discussion:*

*Terry Rizzo, 16502 Jamaica Inn, inquired what last year's EFT was compared to this year.*

*Response: Last year's EFT was \$0.264380 per \$100; this year's ETR is \$0.266334 per \$100.*

*No further discussion.*

**CITIZEN INPUT**

**(REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL MUST BE MADE TO CITY STAFF BY 5:45 P.M. ON AUGUST 4, 2014.)**

*Ginger Jones & Bunny Zapalac, spoke about air boat business picking up and dropping off customer's at the public fishing park; complained about the parking their customers are using.*

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

*City Administrator Brick provided an update from the GLO regarding the reconstruction of the sand dunes; he asked Council to consider approving additional rakings of the beach seaweed; he mentioned over 700 electronic meters have been installed through-out the city; the striping at the Marina is done and additional signs have been installed.*

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

*Mayor Spicer said he did not receive any questions at the JBIC Meeting.*

**ALDERMEN REPORTS**

*Alderman Rupertus, Green & South – No Reports*

*MPT Montgomery mentioned the city pool is now open and the pool committee will discuss extra shading.*

**POLICE REPORT**

*Cpl. Todaro spoke on behalf of the Police Department; he said nothing major to report.*

**ADJOURN**

*Meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.*