



CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH

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CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP & SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 6, 2018
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 Sherwood Green 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 Sherwood Green
Alderman David Welch
Alderman Russell Rupertus
Alderman Marci Kurtz
Alderman Rosemary Lindley*

The following staff was present:

*City Administrator Hutchison
City Secretary Rushing*

PUBLIC COMMENTS (LIMITED TO THREE (3) MINUTES PER PERSON)

Jay Aubin, 16712 Jolly Roger, spoke on agenda item: Budgets.

PRESENTATION:

1. CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION TO LIBERTY COX.

Mayor Steve Spicer presented a Certificate of Recognition to Liberty Cox, a young Jamaica Beach resident, for noticing and taking action to reinstall a city street sign.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. DISCUSS FY 2017/2018 BUDGETS.

City Administrator Hutchison noted the July 2018 financials were provided to Council; he mentioned the city is 83.3% into the budgets and is track well; no unusual activity. No further discussion.

2. DISCUSS FY 2018/2019 PROPOSED BUDGETS.

City Administrator Hutchison explained the FY 2018/2019 Proposed Budgets; he noted the proposed budgets are based on the estimated revenue from Property Taxes, Hotel Occupancy Taxes, Sales Taxes and Utilities; no reserve funds or debt financing is currently included in the proposed budgets. City Administrator Hutchison noted a few of his budget concerns; he said the

proposed budget for pool M&R is budgeted for Palapas, but pool maintenance will be the 1st priority; he also explained a few expenses needed at the WWTP. Council openly discussed the proposed budget with City Staff.

3. **DISCUSS REPEALING RFP 2018-1: DISASTER RECOVERY ASSISTANCE FOLLOWING A NATURAL OR MANMADE DISASTER AND APPROVING THE CITY STAFF TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE RECREATED RFP 2018-1: DEBRIS REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL.**

City Administrator Hutchison explained his request to repeal and rebid RFP 2018-1; request is to meet State & Federal guidelines. No further discussion.

4. **DISCUSS APPROVING THE CITY STAFF TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE MONITORING OF DEBRIS REMOVAL (RFP 2018-2).**

City Administrator Hutchison noted the bid is to meet State & Federal guidelines. No discussion.

5. **DISCUSS APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:**

- a. **BUDGET WORKSHOP, WORKSHOP & EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING – JULY 2, 2018**
- b. **BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING – JULY 9, 2018**
- c. **BUDGET WORKSHOP & REGULAR CALLED MEETING – JULY 16, 2018**

No discussion.

6. **DISCUSS APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH AND THE GALVESTON COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT FOR 2018-2019 WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AND ABATEMENT SERVICES.**

City Administrator Hutchison noted the Interlocal Agreement includes a 3% increase for the 2018-2019 Water Pollution Control and Abatement Services. No discussion.

7. **DISCUSS THE DUNE RESTORATION PROJECT COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH AND THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.**

Mayor Spicer noted he requested the item be placed on the agenda; he explained his concerns regarding the Dune Project expenses; he noted the expenses to date have been \$83,579; if we continue with the project, the cost will be over \$142,000. Mayor Spicer opened the discussion for public comment:

Jake Grow, 16631 John Silver, inquired about the city's expenses if the city does not move forward with building the dune and FEMA does not assist with funding.

City Administrator Hutchison noted FEMA will not assist with future cost if dune is not restored to pre-Ike condition. Agenda item was discussed openly amongst all Councilmembers and City Staff.

8. **DISCUSS CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH PROPOSED BUDGETS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019.**

Council discussed conducting the Public Hearing on Monday, September 17, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

9. **DISCUSS PROPOSING A TAX RATE OF \$0.197135 PER \$100 OF PROPERTY VALUE FOR THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH.**

City Secretary Rushing explained the proposed tax rate, which is the effective tax rate calculated by the Galveston County Tax Office; the proposed tax rate will raise the same amount of revenue from property taxes as last year. No further discussion.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. **CONSIDER FOR ACTION REPEALING RFP 2018-1: DISASTER RECOVERY ASSISTANCE FOLLOWING A NATURAL OR MANMADE DISASTER AND APPROVING THE CITY STAFF TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE RECREATED RFP 2018-1: DEBRIS REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL.**

Alderman Rupertus motioned to repeal RFP 2018-1 and approve the City Staff to advertise for bids for the recreated RFP 2018-1: Debris Removal and Disposal. Second by MPT Green. Motion unanimously approved.

2. **CONSIDER FOR ACTION APPROVING THE CITY STAFF TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE MONITORING OF DEBRIS REMOVAL (RFP 2018-2).**

Alderman Rupertus motioned to approve the City Staff to advertise for bids for the Debris Monitoring of Debris Removal. Second by Alderman Welch. Motion unanimously approved.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

City Administrator Hutchison reported he met with the City of Galveston Emergency Management Coordinator to discuss re-entry to Jamaica Beach after a disaster; met with a Representative from the Army Corp of Engineers to discuss beach maintenance; he attended the JBIC meeting; toured the WWTP; plans to revise the procurement policy; pool closing after Labor Day.

MAYOR'S REPORT – *No Report*

ALDERMEN REPORTS

MPT Green, Alderman Kurtz, Alderman Rupertus & Alderman Welch – No Reports

Alderman Lindley reported she attended the JBIC meeting; JB Park Board will be hosting a "Back to School Drive" encouraged everyone to look for details posted on social media.

POLICE REPORT – *Absent, No Report*

ADJOURN

Mayor Spicer said if there was no further business to come before Council he would call for a motion to adjourn. Alderman Welch motioned the meeting be adjourned. Second by Alderman Rupertus. Motion unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.