



CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH

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CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 7, 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

Alderman David Welch 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 David Welch
Alderman Sherwood Green
Alderman Rosemary Lindley
Alderman Marci Kurtz*

The following staff was present:

*City Administrator Brick
City Secretary Rushing*

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

1. **DISCUSS LETTER FROM BEACHCOMBER PROPERTY OWNER BOB FRIEDMAN RECOMMENDING A PUBLIC HEARING BE CONDUCTED FOR THE BEACHCOMBER PROPERTY OWNERS TO DISCUSS THE BEACH DUNE PROJECT.**

Council and City Staff openly discussed the Beach Dune Project with the attending citizens. Mayor Spicer noted the dune project has been periodically discussed at Council Meetings for the past 8 years; if the city does not complete the dune project then FEMA will not help fund the dune to be reconstructed after the next disaster. Council recently approved hiring an attorney to assist with the easement condemnation process, because of the lack of response from 11 beachfront homeowners. GLO extended the Beach Dune Project until September 2018.

The following citizens spoke during the open discussion:

Bob Friedman, 16903 Beachcomber, attended the meeting to explain his request for a Public Hearing; he questioned the Beach Dune Project, flood rates and flood maps; spoke about the rainfall flooding on Beachcomber being problematic.

Rod Crosby, 16918 Beachcomber, questioned the Beach Dune Project, spoke against the dune project.

Larry Brasfield, 16922 Beachcomber, spoke about the drainage issues on Beachcomber; spoke in favor of having a Public Hearing on the issue.

Anna Beth Hill, 16631 Jamaica Beach Rd, questioned the GLO timeline/expiration date for the Dune Project; inquired about funding and/or FEMA reimbursement for the easement condemnation of properties.

Richard Beard, 16635 Jamaica Beach Rd, inquired about dune walkovers for beach access; questioned the beachfront survey from the GLO; noted he constructed his own beach dune.

Maudie Beard, 16635 Jamaica Beach Rd, questioned the Beach Dune Project.

Debra Tabbert, 16916 Beachcomber, spoke about the drainage issues on Beachcomber; inquired about the city's drainage budget.

Penny Ignazio, 16634 Jamaica Inn, spoke in favor of the Beach Dune Project.

2. DISCUSS A PROPOSAL FROM A JAMAICA BEACH CITIZEN TO ALLOW A "FREE LITTLE LIBRARY" BE INSTALLED AS A GIRL SCOUT PROJECT.

City Administrator Brick noted he was contacted by Sidney Livingston about a Girl Scout project she is proposing to do in the City of Jamaica Beach and is seeking Council's approval. Ms. Livingston attended the meeting to explain the "free little library" project. Council discussed the construction and location options with Ms. Livingston. Mayor Spicer opened the item for public discussion:

Penny Ignazio, 16634 Jamaica Inn, said she thinks it's a great idea.

3. DISCUSS ADOPTING THE GALVESTON COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT 2018 WATER POLLUTION AND ABATEMENT CONTRACT.

City Administrator Brick explained the 2018 Water Pollution Control and Abatement Contract; he noted the 2018 contract fee was \$3,021, a \$3 increase from the 2017 contract. No discussion. Mayor Spicer opened the item for public discussion:

Jim Gentile, 16711 Cabeza De Vaca, asked what work the Galveston County Health District will be doing in the contract.

4. DISCUSS CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGETS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018.

City Secretary Rushing informed Council the proposed Effective Tax Rate from the Galveston County Tax Office was \$0.193754/\$100; she suggests that Mayor Spicer submit the proposed FY 2017-2018 Budgets to her by August 18th and they conduct the Public Hearing on the Budgets on September 18th prior to the Council Meeting.

CITIZEN INPUT

(REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL MUST BE MADE TO CITY STAFF BY 5:45 P.M. ON AUGUST 7, 2017.)

No requests to address Council.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – No Report

MAYOR'S REPORT – No Report

ALDERMEN REPORTS

Alderman Kurtz reported an update on the new beach signs; signs are complete just need to be installed.

Alderman Welch reported he attended the JBIC meeting; he noted there was no change to the JBIC Committee Members; JBIC spent \$11,000 on beautification projects.

MPT Montgomery, Alderman Lindley and Alderman Green – No Reports

POLICE REPORT – Absent, No Report

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.



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CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 7, 2017

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Steve Spicer called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL OF ALDERMEN

The following Councilmember's were present:

*Mayor Steve Spicer
MPT Gene Montgomery
Alderman David Welch
Alderman Sherwood Green
Alderman Rosemary Lindley
Alderman Marci Kurtz*

The following staff was present:

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City Secretary Rushing*

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

1. DISCUSS FY 2016/2017 BUDGETS.

No discussion. Mayor Spicer opened the item for public discussion:

Penny Ignazio, 16634 Jamaica Inn, questioned the funds for drainage; recommended inquired about the broken cement around the marina boat dock.

2. DISCUSS FY 2017/2018 PROPOSED BUDGETS.

Mayor Spicer, Council and City Staff openly discussed the recommendations proposed at the last Budget Workshop Meeting. Mayor Spicer noted he reviewed the Police Chief's proposed budget recommendations; he commended the Police Chief's budget report; the Mayor said he agrees with most of the Police Chief's proposals, except for the K-9 unit. Council discussed funding and necessity of a K-9 unit in Jamaica Beach. Mayor Spicer said he did not think there was a need or funding to hire a new employee to manage the pool, parks and beach. Council discussed giving all employees a 3% cost of living increase with the exception of giving the Court Clerk a 5% increase. Council discussed the following for the FY 2017-2018 Municipal Services Fund Budget: the sewer and wastewater contract and the possibility of increasing the city's water rates. Mayor Spicer opened the item for public discussion:

Jim Gentile, 16711 Cabeza De Vaca, inquired if any of the Police Chief's budget recommendations included grant funding; noted the city's water rates were already high.

Jay Aubin, 16712 Jolly Roger, suggests the Police Department use a rent-a-pup program.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.



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CITY COUNCIL NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 7, 2017

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Steve Spicer called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL OF ALDERMEN

The following Councilmember's were present:

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ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

- 1. THE CITY COUNCIL WILL HOLD A CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW, CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 551.074 – TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL – EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES OR DISCIPLINE OF THE CITY SECRETARY.**

Mayor Spicer read the above caption before Council convened in Executive Session at 7:28 p.m.

- 2. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION TO CONSIDER ACTION, IF ANY, ON THE ITEM(S) DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

Council reconvened in Open Session at 7:40 p.m. Mayor Spicer noted no action was taken during Executive Session.

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 Kurtz. Motion unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.