

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, HELD ON JULY 20, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CIVIC CENTER, 16327 LAKEVIEW, JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hamley at 7:02 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor, Russell Hamley
Council Member, Joyce Berube
Council Member, Rod Erskine
Council Member, Curtis Haverty
Council Member, Ernie English
Council Member, Jill Klein

City Manager, Mike Castro
City Secretary, Lorri Coody
City Attorney, Martha Williams

Staff in attendance: Mark Bitz, Fire Chief, Charles Wedemeyer, Chief of Police; Danny Segundo, Director of Public Works; Isabel Kato, Director of Finance; and Michael Brown, Director of Parks.

CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE A QUORUM IS PRESENT

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATION

1. Presentation of Police Department Employee of the Second Quarter, 2009.

Howard Mead, Commander of American Legion Post #324 along with Mayor Hamley made the presentation of the Police Department Employee of the Second Quarter, 2009 to Officer Kelly Lewis. He has five years of law enforcement experience with two of those years being in the City of Jersey Village. He is an accomplished officer with many arrests made within our City. He consistently does well and goes above and beyond his assigned duties.

2. Recognize members of the Planning and Zoning Commission for their service to the City of Jersey Village.

Council Member English and Mayor Hamley recognized the members of the Planning and Zoning Commission which is a seven member board. Council Member English outlined some of the responsibilities of this Commission which are follows:

- a. Advise the city council in the preparation and maintenance of a comprehensive plan and related studies;
- b. Advise the city council in establishing criteria for development of land;
- c. Approve or disapprove all subdivision and development plats within the city and its extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ);
- d. Assist the city council in conducting public hearings as may be required to gather information necessary for the drafting, establishment and maintenance of the comprehensive plan and ordinances and regulations related to it;
- e. Recommend policies to the city council for guiding action affecting development in the city and its environs; and

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- f. Perform other duties that may be specifically assigned to it by the city council that may have a bearing on the preparation or accomplishment of the comprehensive plan.

The following citizens from Jersey Village are serving on this Commission and received certificates of recognition:

	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>FIRST APPOINTED</u>	<u>TERM ENDS</u>
HARRY BECKWITH, III	1	11/08	10/09
VACANT	2		10/09
JOHN HANLEY	3	06/04	10/09
TOM EUSTACE	4	6/08	10/09
DEBRA MERGEL	5	8/06	10/10
DAVID PAUL *CHAIRMAN	6	12/96	10/10
RICK FAIRCLOTH	7	02/08	10/10

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Citizens who have signed a card and wish to speak to the City Council will be heard at this time. In compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, unless the subject matter of the presentation is on the agenda, the City staff and City Council Members are prevented from discussing the subject and may respond only with statements of factual information or existing policy. Citizens are limited to five (5) minutes for their presentation to the City Council.

Jim Fields, 16413 St. Helier, Jersey Village, Texas 77040 (713) 466-0804 – Mr. Fields addressed Council concerning the responsibility of citizen recognition. He believes Mark Maloy should be recognized for the accomplishments he made on achieving noise abatement with the Harris County Toll Road Rubberized Asphalt Project. Mr. Fields also thanked the City for being proactive with code enforcement and recognized public works for their hard work.

Jeff Kopecky, 16125 Delozier, Jersey Village, Texas 77040 (713) 849-2918 – Mr. Kopecky also spoke to Council concerning Mark Maloy’s noise abatement work and believes Mr. Maloy should be recognized for this work since he accomplished most of this work on his own, and the results of his accomplishments affect many City of Jersey Village residents. Mr. Kopecky told Council that public recognition is warranted.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

City Manager Castro introduced Chief of Police Charles Wedemeyer who presented Angela Miller, a new officer with the Jersey Village Police Department. Council welcomed this new officer. She has 8 years of experience in law enforcement.

City Manger Castro also gave an update concerning the recreational vehicle registration process. He told council that the registration process ended July 15, 2009 with 29 residents registering their vehicles and staff fielding 81 calls. In addition to the 29 registrations, two applications

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have been deferred for processing until December 15, 2009, due to the residents being out of town on extended visits. These residents have completed all aspects of the registration process with the exception of presenting the vehicles for measurement.

Mr. Castro reminded Council of the steps that were taken to notify residents of the new zoning change and briefly outlined the various steps.

In item 13 on the report, Mr. Castro called Council's attention to the Moody Bond rating upgrade for the Water and Sewer Fund.

Other items on the City Manager's report are as follows:

1. Monthly Fund Balance Report, Enterprise Funds Report, Governmental Funds Report, Red Light Camera Fund, and Quarterly Investment Report.
2. Departmental Request Report and Open Records Request
3. Fire & Emergency Services Departmental Report
4. Police Activity Report, Crime Prevention Unit, Warrant Report, and Investigations/Calls for Service Report.
5. Municipal Court Collection Report, Municipal Court Activity Report, Municipal Court Courtroom Activity Report, Detailed Report, and Revenue Comparison Report.
6. Public Works Departmental Report and Construction Update Detail
7. Combined Monthly and Annual Mileage Report
8. Golf Course Monthly Report; Golf Course Financial Statement Report, and the Parks and Recreation Departmental Report
9. Capital Improvements Projects Report
10. Code Enforcement Monthly Report
11. Introduction of Police Officer Angela Miller
12. Update on Recreation Vehicle Registration Program
13. Ratings Upgrade from Moody's for Water and Sewer System

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items are considered routine in nature by the City Council and will be enacted with one motion and vote. There will not be separate discussion on these items unless requested by a Council Member, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered by separate action.

- 1. Consider approval of the Minutes of the Regular Session Meeting held on June 15, 2009.**

Council Member Berube moved to approve item 1 on the consent agenda. Council Member English seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Council Members Berube, Erskine, Haverty, English, and Klein

Nays: None

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The motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Receive Kimley-Horn presentation of results from Notice to Proceed No. 2 of the Transit Oriented Development Feasibility Study.

City Manager, Mike Castro explained that in May 2009, Council authorized Kimley-Horn to undertake work associated with NTP # 2 of the TOD feasibility study. Accordingly, Kimley –Horn interviewed several agencies and individuals on June 17 and June 18. Those interviewed included both public and private entities. The purpose of the interviews was to determine stakeholder interest in potential development within the study area. Stakeholders were asked their concerns regarding Jersey Village’s actions to develop this area.

Mr. Castro explained that Sam Lott from Kimley-Horn was present to answer questions. Mr. Lott addressed Council. He told Council that he believed that the stakeholders appeared to be encouraged and believed this project to be beneficial to all concerned. Mr. Lott reported that the conclusions of the study thus far are that there are no fatal flaws.

Council engaged in discussion about the projected time table. Mr. Lott advised council that the study is on schedule and if we are still on time in accomplishing tasks. There was also discussion about the selection process on how the developers were chosen for the interviews. It was explained that the developers were selected who were familiar with this northwest quadrant of the County. A brief discussion was had concerning the responsiveness of the landowners and this being positive for the TOD.

With no further discussion on this matter, Mayor Hamley called the next item.

2. Receive Storm Water Management Presentation by Jones & Carter.

Danny Segundo, Director of Public Works introduced the representative from Jones & Carter to give a presentation regarding the City’s Storm Water Management Program.

Joseph Ruhnke with Jones and Carter gave the presentation, which covered the following areas:

- History and Background
- General Permit
- Record Keeping
- The Six Minimum Control Measures and Best Management Practices

Council engaged in discussion about using detention ponds constructively to clean storm water, a method called constructive wetlands. No action was required on this item and the Mayor called the next item for consideration.

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3. Consider Ordinance No. 2009-38, adopting a Storm Water Management Program for the City of Jersey Village to promote storm water quality.

Danny Segundo, Public Works Director explained that the purpose of this ordinance is to provide for the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of Jersey Village through the regulation of discharges to the storm drainage system to the maximum extent practicable as required by federal and state law. This ordinance establishes methods for controlling the introduction of pollutants into the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) in order to comply with requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) permit process.

Council Member Haverty moved to approve Ordinance No. 2009-38, adopting a Storm Water Management Program for the City of Jersey Village to promote storm water quality. Council Member English seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Council Members Berube, Erskine, Haverty, English, and Klein

Nays: None

The motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-38

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE XXI TO CHAPTER 14 THEREOF; PROVIDING RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO STORMWATER MANAGEMENT; REQUIRING A PERMIT; CONTAINING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; AND PROVIDING A PENALTY AS PROVIDED BY SECTION 1-8 OF THE CODE.

4. Discuss and review the status report on the current medical plan as presented by Richard Hillyer.

Group Medical Insurance Consultant, Richard Hillyer gave the status report on the current medical plan to Council. He began by giving the history of the program. He also gave information to Council concerning the status of current claims with TML which have continued to be positive. He stated that it is too early to predict what TML will do during the bid process. He explained that we have visited self funding in the past and have received a proposal on self funding but the providers in the proposal were limited. With the change in our claim status this year, the self funding option may prove to be more positive.

Discussion was had concerning employee satisfaction as well as the percentage paid for by the employee as opposed to the percentage paid for by the City. There was also discussion concerning the number of employees participating in the program which went down 15%

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in total. Council also asked about the City's plan compared to other cities. Mr. Hillyer believes we are competitive with other cities.

5. Consider Resolution No. 2009-41, authorizing an agreement with Richard Hillyer for consultant services for the review of the employees' group medical insurance plans.

Karen Farris, Human Resources Generalist told Council that this item is a request for a consultant to assist the City of Jersey Village in the review of the group medical insurance plans and in the preparation and review of bid documents for proposals received for insurance coverage. Mr. Dick Hillyer has been a consultant for the City since 1998. Funds were approved and appropriated in the current fiscal year budget for such services. Ms. Farris told Council that the bid process will begin in September upon approval by Council of the bid document and authorization to solicit for proposals.

Council Member Berube moved to approve Resolution No. 2009-41, authorizing an agreement with Richard Hillyer for consultant services for the review of the employees' group medical insurance plans. Council Member Erskine seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Council Members Berube, Erskine, Haverty, English, and Klein

Nays: None

The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-41

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH RICHARD HILLYER FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR THE REVIEW OF THE EMPLOYEES' GROUP MEDICAL INSURANCE PLANS.

6. Consider Resolution No. 2009-42, authorizing Utility Adjustment Agreement Contracts with Centerpoint Energy, TEPPCO Crude Pipeline and Union Pacific Rail Road for the Jones Road Extension Project.

Project Manager, Erik Tschanz explained to Council that there are three utility adjustments necessary prior to construction of the Jones Road Extension Project. The utility adjustments agreements are from CenterPoint Energy, TEPPCO, and Union Pacific Rail Road. These utility adjustment agreements are part of a formal process and must be signed between the City and each company prior to the project commencing. The utility adjustment agreements are for the following work:

CenterPoint Energy – The relocation of 3-phase electrical primary from nine (9) electrical poles from existing CenterPoint Energy easement at the proposed intersection of Jones Road / Charles Street into road right of way.

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TEPPCO Crude Pipeline – The lowering of two (2) eight-inch (8”) crude oil pipelines to accommodate the extension of Jones Road.

Union Pacific Rail Road - The installation of a 96’ track crossing and related automatic flashing light signals with gates at the proposed U.S. 290 / Jones intersect.

Council Member Berube moved to approve Resolution No. 2009-42, authorizing Utility Adjustment Agreement Contracts with CenterPoint Energy, TEPPCO Crude Pipeline, and Union Pacific Rail Road for the Jones Road Extension Project. Council Member Klein seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Council Members Berube, Erskine, Haverty, English, and Klein

Nays: None

The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-42

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING UTILITY ADJUSTMENT AGREEMENT CONTRACTS WITH CENTERPOINT ENERGY, TEPPCO CRUDE PIPELINE AND UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD FOR THE JONES ROAD EXTENSION PROJECT.

7. Consider Ordinance No. 2009-39, amending the City of Jersey Village fiscal year 2008-09 annual budget (Utility Adjustment Cost for Jones Road Extension Project).

Project Manager, Erik Tschanz explained that this item is the budget amendment that is associated with agenda item number 6 which was just reviewed by Council.

Mr. Tschanz explained that the City received a check from Harris County on June 30, 2009 in the amount of 1,019,660.34; check # 02356290 for utility adjustment costs. However, a budget amendment is needed for an additional 10% above the estimated cost for these utility adjustments or \$101,966.03 for unknown material and labor adjustments which might fluctuate prior to this project commencing. He explained that the 10% contingency difference will come from the City’s general fund.

This item is to first approve the \$1,019,660.34 check received from Harris County for utility adjustment costs associated with the Jones Road Extension Project and second to approve the additional 10% contingency amount (\$101,966.03) from the general fund.

After brief discussion on this matter, Council Member Berube moved to approve Ordinance No. 2009-39, amending the City of Jersey Village fiscal year 2008-09 annual budget for the Utility Adjustment Cost for Jones Road Extension Project. Council Member English seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Council Members Berube, Erskine, Haverty, English, and Klein

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Nays: None

The motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-39

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, AMENDING THE BUDGET OF SUCH CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2008, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2009; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.

8. Consider Ordinance No. 2009-40, amending the City of Jersey Village fiscal year 2008-09 annual budget (Retainage fee for North Tahoe Street Improvements).

Project Manager, Erik Tschanz explained that this item is a budget amendment pertaining to the retainage fee for Tahoe Street Improvements, not North Tahoe Street Improvements. He explained that Staff is in the process of closing out the street bond project. The City will pay SER eight percent of the ten percent retainage fee and hold the final 2 percent until the completion of Tahoe.

The Carlsbad portion of paving and drainage and water line repairs were paid out of the Tahoe line item.

The additional monies requested primarily resulted from overruns which occurred during construction of the project with the following:

- a) A “bust” with over all calculated quantities for some of the streets concerning additional concrete paving.
- b) Extra quantities in cost with placing down sod versus hydro-mulching which would not have taken hold in the City’s right of way in the summer’s extreme heat.
- c) An additional fire hydrant, extra water services, and removal of an additional 700 linear feet of storm sewer piping.

The funds will be transferred from the fund balance of Argentina.

After brief discussion on this matter, Council Member Haverty moved to approve Ordinance No. 2009-40 as amended (for Tahoe Street and not North Tahoe Street), which amends the City of Jersey Village’s fiscal year 2008-09 annual budget for the retainage fee for the Tahoe Street Improvements. Council Member Berube seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Council Members Berube, Erskine, Haverty, English, and Klein

Nays: None

The motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-40

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, AMENDING THE BUDGET OF SUCH CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2008, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2009; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.

9. Discuss with possible action Ordinance No. 2009-41, amending the City of Jersey Village fiscal year 2008-09 annual budget (2008-09 – Utility Fund Department 45 Salaries Appropriation).

Isabel Kato, Finance Director explained that while preparing the 2010-2011 salary projections, an error in the formula to determine the projected 2008-2009 salaries for the Water Sewer Utility Fund, Department 45 was discovered. Without the necessary corrections, this error will result in a shortage for different line items related to salaries for the Fiscal Year 2008-2009. This item is a request to correct the appropriate line items to cover the shortages connected with the error.

Council Member Berube moved to approve Ordinance No. 2009-41, amending the City of Jersey Village fiscal year 2008-09 annual budget for to correct the 2008-09 – Utility Fund Department 45 Salaries Appropriation. Council Member English seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Council Members Berube, Erskine, Haverty, English, and Klein

Nays: None

The motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-41

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, AMENDING THE BUDGET OF SUCH CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2008, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2009; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.

10. Consider Resolution No. 2009-43, appointing a member to fill the unexpired term for Position Two on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Lorri Coody, City Secretary reported to Council that on June 16, 2009, John Adriance, who serves in position two on this Commission tendered his resignation via telephone stating that he has sold his home and will be moving to Conroe, Texas. As a result of the move, Mr. Adriance will no longer be a resident of Jersey Village; and therefore, is resigning his position on the Commission. Mr. Adriance has served on this Commission since November 2008 and his current term expires September 30, 2009.

Seven applicants seek appointment to this position. The applications were submitted for Council's review.

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Discussion was had on the applicants. A recommendation was made for Mr. O’Neal and Mr. Knerr.

Council Member English moved to appoint Michael O’Neal as Commissioner to fill the unexpired term ending September 30, 2009 for Position Two on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Council Member Klein seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Council Members Berube, Erskine, English, and Klein

Nays: Council Member Haverty

The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-43

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, APPOINTING A MEMBER TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM FOR POSITION TWO ON THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION.

- 11. Consider Ordinance No. 2009-42, establishing thirty-six (36) hours as a reasonable limit on the amount of time that personnel are required to spend producing public information to a requestor without recovering its costs attributable to that personnel time; amending Chapter 2, Article IV, Division 2, Section 2-142(e) by adding a new subsection (14) to the Jersey Village Code of Ordinances.**

Lorri Coody, City Secretary explained that the purpose of this item is to establish thirty-six (36) hours as the reasonable amount of cumulative time that personnel are required to spend producing public information for a requestor without recovering costs attributable to that personnel time and to amend Chapter 2 “Administration,” Article IV “Schedule of Fees and Special Funds,” Division 2 “Schedule of Fees,” Section 2-142(e) “Records charges enumerated” of the Jersey Village Code of Ordinances by adding a new subsection numbered subsection (14) to authorize personnel charges after such period of time.

She told Council that the Public Information Act was changed on October 1, 2007 when the 80th Texas Legislature passed HB 2564, which addresses High Volume Public Information Requestors. This bill was introduced because a School District was inundated with public information requests by the parents of a child who had become irate over a decision the school had made regarding a particular situation concerning their child. The requests became financially burdensome and pulled staff away from more important tasks. As a result, HB 2564 was passed which amended Subchapter F, Chapter 552, of the Government Code, adding Section 552.275.

With the amendments to the Public Information Act, governmental entities are now able to establish a reasonable limit (but not less than 36 hours) on the amount of time that personnel are required to spend producing public information for inspection or

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duplication by a requestor, providing copies to the requestor, or complying with a request submitted in the name of a minor without recovering costs attributed to that personnel time.

Staff is requesting that Council establish thirty-six (36) hours as a reasonable limit on the amount of time that personnel of the city are required to spend producing public information to a requestor.

Council engaged in discussion about this change and Ms. Coody and City Manager Mike Castro answered questions accordingly.

Council Member Berube moved to approve Ordinance No. 2009-42, establishing thirty-six (36) hours as a reasonable limit on the amount of time that personnel are required to spend producing public information to a requestor without recovering its costs attributable to that personnel time; amending Chapter 2, Article IV, Division 2, Section 2-142(e) by adding a new subsection (14) to the Jersey Village Code of Ordinances. Council Member English seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Council Members Berube, Erskine, Haverty, English, and Klein

Nays: None

The motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2009-42

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING THIRTY-SIX (36) HOURS AS A REASONABLE LIMIT ON THE AMOUNT OF TIME THAT PERSONNEL OF THE CITY ARE REQUIRED TO SPEND PRODUCING PUBLIC INFORMATION TO A REQUESTOR WITHOUT RECOVERING ITS COSTS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THAT PERSONNEL TIME; AMENDING CHAPTER 2 “ADMINISTRATION,” ARTICLE IV “SCHEDULE OF FEES AND SPECIAL FUNDS,” DIVISION 2 “SCHEDULE OF FEES,” SECTION 2-142(E) “RECORDS CHARGES ENUMERATED” OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, TO ADD A NEW SUBSECTION TO BE NUMBERED SUBSECTION (14) TO ESTABLISH A REASONABLE LIMIT ON THE AMOUNT OF TIME THAT CITY PERSONNEL ARE REQUIRED TO SPEND PRODUCING PUBLIC INFORMATION FOR INSPECTION OR DUPLICATION BY A REQUESTOR, OR PROVIDING COPIES OF PUBLIC INFORMATION TO A REQUESTOR, WITHOUT RECOVERING ITS COSTS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THAT PERSONNEL TIME; CONTAINING A REPEALING CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

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12. Discuss with possible action either a contract extension with the audit firm of Null-Lairson, PC or the preparation of an RFP for audit services for a period of three year.

Isabel Kato, Director of Finance explained to Council that the contract between the City of Jersey Village and the audit firm of Null-Lairson, PC has expired. Null-Lairson has been the external auditors for the City of Jersey Village since September 2003. They have offered to extend their relationship with the City of Jersey Village in order to perform the end of the year audit for fiscal year 2008-2009.

Ms. Kato told Council that due to the personal service nature of this agreement, staff is respectfully requesting recommendations from Council in either extending the contract with our current auditors Null-Lairson, PC or the preparation of an RFP for audit services for a period of three year.

Discussion was had on the options. The consensus of Council was that the City should take bids and/or proposals for these services.

Council Member English moved to direct staff to prepare an RFP and/or Bid for audit services for a period of three year commencing with the current year. Council Member Berube seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Council Members Berube, Erskine, Haverty, English, and Klein

Nays: None

The motion carried.

13. Discuss and determine the preferred recreational amenities for the 43-acre detention basin.

Michael Brown, Director of Parks reminded Council about the meeting had with Harris County Flood Control District on June 9, 2009. One of the items discussed in this meeting related to potential recreational amenities located within the detention basin, north of Jersey Meadow. Flood Control requested that the city provide a list of desired amenities for planning purposes. Anything provided by the city will not be used to undertake detailed planning: Flood Control will not undertake detailed planning. Rather, the list will be used to gauge the impact of the amenities on the flood-reduction capacity of the basin.

In subsequent conversation with Flood Control officials, it was determined that they only require a broad level of detail at this point. They want to know if Jersey Village wants team fields (softball, football, soccer, cricket, polo, etc.) or “passive” recreation. Passive recreation includes hike and bike trails, bird-watching sites, gazebos, and mostly individual sport activities.

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Mr. Brown told council that this item is to discuss at a broad level, the preferences of council. Input from this discussion will be provided to Flood Control. It is anticipated that once made, this decision will be difficult to reverse.

Discussion was had concerning the available options for the detention area. There was discussion about the needs of the people with consideration given for an adult type park where residents can bring their pets. There was also discussion that consideration should be given to the Park Review Committee's recommendations/survey which suggested that a hike and bike trails are needed and wanted. Mr. Castro read information from the survey for Council regarding the results of this survey.

Walking, jogging, biking, and dog walking were at the top of the survey results with team sports being less important. There was discussion about the possibility of having both passive recreation and team sport recreation venues. There was discussion that Harris County Flood Control wants a general decision from Jersey Village on this item. Jim Pulliam was asked for input on behalf of the Park's Committee. He told Council that the Committee has recommended trails and passive type arrangements.

The consensus of Council was to recommend to the Harris County Flood Control the passive recreational venue options.

14. Discussion with possible action the nomination of a qualified candidate to the Board of Trustees of TML Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool, Region 14.

Mike Castro, City Manager explained that the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Board of Trustee Terms for Region 14 will expire on September 30, 2009. The Pool Trust Agreement provides that the term of office is three years and that Pool Members have the opportunity to submit nominations, but must do so by August 12, 2009.

Mr. Ron Crabtree is the incumbent Board Member for Region 14. Mr. Crabtree or any other employee or elected official within Region 14 who is a member of the Pool may be nominated. There are specific rules for qualifying as is outlined in the attached TML Election Policy.

He told Council that this item is to consider and nominate a qualified candidate to the Board of Trustees of TML Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool, Region 14.

Council did not take any action on this item.

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

1. Discussion of upcoming budget dates and meetings.

City Manager Mike Castro told Council that August 3, 4 and 5 are the dates set to review the Budget. Tuesday, August 4 will be the CCPD meeting. Mr. Castro also reviewed the other dates that are important to the budget process.

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MAYOR'S COMMENTS

- 1. Comments concerning Harris County Flood Control District's work on the Jersey Village Channel Project and the upcoming Neighborhood Meeting to be held on July 23, 2009.**

Mayor Hamley gave information about the Neighborhood Meeting to be held on July 23, 2009.

ADJOURN

There being no further business on the Agenda the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Lorri Coody, City Secretary