

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, HELD ON JULY 30, 2008 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE CIVIC CENTER, 16327 LAKEVIEW, JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS.

A. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hamley at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor, Russell Hamley
Council Member Ernie English
Council Member, Frances Wubbenhorst
Council Member Joyce Berube
Council Member Greg Holden
Council Member Jill Klein

City Manager Mike Castro
City Secretary, Lorri Coody

Staff in attendance: Mark Bitz, Fire Chief; Charles Wedemeyer, Chief of Police; Danny Segundo, Director of Public Works; Isabel Kato, Director of Finance; Michael Brown, Director of Parks; Bob Blevins, IT Administrator; Michelle Yi, Assistant Director of Finance and Tracy Martin, Communications Supervisor.

B. Review and discuss the proposed fiscal year 2008-2009 municipal budget.

The budget review session began with a presentation from City Manger, Mike Castro on Commuter Rail and the HGAC Commuter Rail Study Results for the Harris County Commuter Rail System. City Manager Castro told Council that commuter rail is designed to move high volumes of people with fewer stops and the study reviewed 18 corridors that was narrowed down to 5 and County Judge Emmett is looking at two. The two are – the US290 corridor and IH-45 (Houston to Galveston) corridor.

The study looked at areas such as:

- Ridership
- Feasibility
- Cost and
- Potential for moving People

The US290 corridor had the most support. With that said, City Manager Castro told Council that he has met with the Consultants that performed the HGAC study to inquire as to their input on Jersey Village being a station stop. They felt like our city would be a good choice. That being said, City Manger Castro suggested that Council has an opportunity to move forward should they choose to do so during this budget year.

Mayor Hamley gave an update concerning his meeting with Judge Emmett on this topic. Council engaged in discussion on this topic. The consensus of Council was to do a feasibility study to determine what the city's needs are in terms of this project.

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Council proceeded with discussion on the Supplemental Requests for the 2008-09 budget. Discussion was had on the 3% COLA and 2% merit. Council reached a consensus on these percentages.

Council agreed with Supplemental requests 1, 2, 3, 4 and the police overtime. The rest of the supplemental requests were reviewed item by item and were presented by each department head requesting the item with Council making a decision concerning inclusion in the budget.

C. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Lorri Coody, City Secretary