

MINUTES OF A REGULAR SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, HELD ON AUGUST 20, 2007, AT 7:00 P.M., IN THE CIVIC CENTER AUDITORIUM, 16327 LAKEVIEW, JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS.

The meeting was called to order with the following present:

Mayor	Russell Hamley
Mayor Pro-Tem	Frances Wubbenhorst
Councilmember	Joyce Berube
Councilmember	Ernie English
Councilmember	Jill Klein
Councilmember	Greg Holden
City Manager	Mike Castro
City Attorney	Kenneth Wall
City Secretary	LaKeisha Cannon-Scott

Additional Staff in attendance: Finance Director Isabel Kato, Fire Chief Mark Bitz, Director of Parks and Recreation Michael Brown, Police Chief Charles Wedemeyer, Public Works Director Danny Segundo, and City Engineer Frank Brooks.

Kyle of Scout Troop 277 gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Mark Maloy, 7803 Hamilton Circle, addressed Council and stated his concerns regarding the noise generated by the Harris County Toll Road.

PROCLAMATION

None

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Mike Castro reported the following:

1. July 2007 Monthly Fund Balances Report, Governmental Funds, Enterprise Funds, Detail Collection Summary Report.
2. Departmental Request Report and Open Records Request Report for July 2007.
3. Fire & Emergency Services Departmental Report for July 2007.
4. Jersey Village Police Activity Report, Crime Prevention Unit, Warrant Report and Calls for Service Reports for July 2007.
5. Municipal Court Collection Report, Municipal Court Activity Report, Municipal Court Courtroom Activity Report, Detailed Report, and Revenue Comparison Report for July 2007.
6. Public Works Departmental Report for July 2007.

7. Combined Monthly and Annual Mileage Report.
8. Golf Course Monthly Report, Golf Course Financial Statements Report, and Parks & Recreation Departmental Report for July 2007.

In addition, the City Manager reported information regarding hurricane preparation for Hurricane Dean. He also reported that the elevation project for Dr. Montgomery's property has been completed.

DOCKETED JOINT PUBLIC HEARING:

TO RECEIVE WRITTEN OR ORAL COMMENTS FROM ANY INTERESTED PERSON(S) CONCERNING TEXAS LEGISLATURE - SENATE HOUSE BILL 621 AMENDING THE TEXAS TAX CODE TO EXEMPT "GOODS-IN-TRANSIT" FROM PROPERTY TAXATION AND AUTHORIZING ENTITIES TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO CONTINUE TAXATION ON "GOODS-IN-TRANSIT".

Mayor Russell Hamley called the Public Hearing to order at 7:11 p.m.

No citizen comments.

Mayor Russell Hamley closed the Public Hearing at 7:12 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Minutes of the July 16, 2007, Regular Session held at 7:00 p.m.
2. Minutes of the August 13, 2007, Special Session held at 6:00 p.m.

B. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – ORDINANCE NO. 2007-30 – AMENDING SECTION 4 OF ORDINANCE 90-31; DESIGNATING THE CITY SECRETARY AS RECORDS MANAGEMENT OFFICER. *Ms. LaKeisha Cannon-Scott, City Secretary.*

C. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – ORDINANCE NO. 2007-31 – AMENDING THE FY2006-2007 BUDGET (AMBULANCE BILLING). *Mr. Mark Bitz, Fire Chief.*

D. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – ORDINANCE NO. 2007-32 – AMENDING THE FY2006-2007 BUDGET (TAHOE REPLACEMENT). *Mr. Charles Wedemeyer, Chief of Police.*

Councilmember Berube made the motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Wubbenhorst, to approve Consent Agenda Items A through D as presented.

Voting "Aye" Councilmembers Wubbenhorst, Berube, Holden, Klein, and English.

Voting "No" None.

Passed 5 to 0.

MATTERS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Russell Hamley removed New Business Item No. 7 from the agenda.

- 1. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – RESOLUTION NO. 2007-32 – RED LIGHT CAMERAS/CONTRACT WITH ATS.** *Mr. Charles Wedemeyer, Police Chief and Mr. Bob Barnard of American Traffic Solutions.*

Councilmember Holden made the motion, seconded by Councilmember English, to approve Resolution No. 2007-32.

Police Chief Charles Wedemeyer gave brief comments regarding the proposed contract with ATS.

A brief discussion ensued among Council and Staff regarding the fees associated with the contract.

Voting "Aye" Councilmembers Wubbenhorst, Berube, Holden, Klein, and English.

Voting "No" None.

Passed 5 to 0.

- 2. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – RESOLUTION NO. 2007-33 – AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH BROOKS AND SPARKS, INC. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR PAVING, WATER LINE AND STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENTS.** *Mr. Mike Castro, City Manager.*

Councilmember Holden made the motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Wubbenhorst to approve Resolution No. 2007-33.

A brief discussion ensued among Council and Staff regarding the Project Manager fees.

Voting "Aye" Councilmembers Wubbenhorst, Berube, Klein, Holden, and English.

Voting "No" None.

Passed 5 to 0.

3. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – RESOLUTION NO. 2007-34 – COLLECTION OF AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES BY HARRIS COUNTY. Ms. Isabel Kato, Finance Director.

Councilmember Berube made the motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Wubbenhorst to approve Resolution No. 2007-34.

Finance Director Isabel Kato gave a brief overview regarding the tax collection services provided by Harris County.

Voting "Aye" Councilmembers Wubbenhorst, Berube, Klein, Holden, and English.

Voting "No" None.

Passed 5 to 0.

4. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – ORDINANCE NO. 2007-33 – AMENDING CHAPTER 62 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS BY CONTINUING TO TAX CERTAIN GOODS-IN-TRANSIT. Mr. Mike Castro, City Manager.

Councilmember Berube made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Klein, to approve Ordinance No. 2007-33.

City Manager Mike Castro gave a brief explanation of goods in transit and the Prologis warehouse and how this could impact the city's taxation.

Voting "Aye" Councilmembers Wubbenhorst, Berube, Klein, Holden, and English.

Voting "No" None.

Passed 5 to 0.

5. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – ORDINANCE NO. 2007-34 – CREATING A PARKS REVIEW COMMITTEE; APPOINTING MEMBERS AND A CHAIRPERSON OF SAID COMMITTEE. Mr. Michael Brown, Parks & Recreation Director.

Councilmember Holden made the motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Wubbenhorst, to approve Ordinance No. 2007-34.

A brief discussion ensued among Council and Staff regarding the timeline of the committee and the understanding of the committee and its role.

Additional discussion took place regarding the advertising of the committee openings.

Voting "Aye" Councilmembers Wubbenhorst, Berube, Klein, Holden, and English.

Voting "No" None.

Passed 5 to 0.

**6. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – DISCUSSION
REGARDING WATER RATE INCREASE. *Mr. Danny Segundo,
Public Works Director.***

A lengthy discussion ensued among Council and Staff regarding a possible water rate increase and what percentage of increase is necessary to recoup the additional costs from the rate increase from the City of Houston and the Harris County pumpage fee.

Additional discussion took place regarding the last water rate increase.

COUNCIL ACTIVITY REPORTS/COMMENTS

Mayor Pro-Tem Wubbenhorst gave brief comments regarding the Staff and citizen participation during National Night Out.

Councilmember Holden had no reports or comments.

Councilmember Berube gave brief comments regarding the Staff and citizen participation during National Night Out. She made additional comments regarding the preparation by Staff for Hurricane Dean.

Councilmember English had no reports or comments.

Councilmember Klein gave brief comments regarding the Staff and citizen participation during National Night Out. She asked everyone to attend the Ice Cream Social on September 9th.

MAYOR'S ACTIVITY REPORT/COMMENTS

Mayor Hamley gave brief comments regarding the Staff and citizen participation during National Night Out.

Mayor Russell Hamley adjourned the regular session at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes approved as submitted and/or corrected this the 17th day of September, A.D., 2007.

Russell Hamley
Mayor

ATTEST:

LaKeisha Cannon-Scott
City Secretary