

MINUTES OF A REGULAR SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, HELD ON JUNE 19, 2006, 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	Ed Heathcott
Mayor Pro-Tem	Frances Wubbenhorst
Councilmember	Joyce Berube
Councilmember	Greg Holden
Councilmember	Ernie English
Councilmember	Jill Klein
City Manager	Mike Castro
City Attorney	Kenneth Wall
City Secretary	LaKeisha Cannon-Scott

Additional Staff in attendance: Director of Parks and Recreation Michael Brown, Police Chief Charles Wedemeyer, Personnel Generalist Karen Farris, and Accounting Specialist Michelle Yi.

The invocation was given by Mayor Ed Heathcott and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Ed Heathcott.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Nosayaba Aye, 13919 Danton Falls, addressed Council and gave a brief report regarding the renovation of the fire home located at 15817 Congo Lane.

Nancy Becker, 15710 Congo Lane, addressed Council and stated her concerns regarding the fire home located at 15817 Congo Lane.

Jim Fields, 16413 St. Helier, addressed Council and stated his concerns regarding flooding in the city.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Mike Castro reported the following:

1. May 2006 Financial Statements for Governmental Funds, May 2006 Financial Statements for Enterprise Funds, Investment Report, and Detail Collection Summary Report.
2. Departmental Request Report and Open Records Request Report for January through June 2006.
3. Fire & Emergency Services Departmental Report for May 2006.

4. Warrant Officer, Police, Calls for Service/Major Crime Index, and Crime Prevention Unit Departmental Reports for May 2006.
5. Municipal Court Departmental Report, Warrant History Comparison Report, General Revenue Report, and Charges Filed Report for May 2006.
6. Public Works Departmental Report for May 2006.
7. Combined Monthly and Annual Mileage Report.
8. Golf Course Advisory Committee Detailed Reports/History (Memo, Golf Course Monthly Report, Meeting Attendance, and Golf Course Financial Statements for May 2006.
9. Discussion regarding abandoned homes.
10. Discussion regarding approval for usage of mechanically applied epoxy barrier coating for pipe restoration in Jersey Village.

In addition, City Manager Mike Castro gave a brief report regarding the fire home located at 15817 Congo Lane. He also gave a brief description of mechanically applied epoxy barrier coating for pipe restoration.

DOCKETED JOINT PUBLIC HEARING: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Minutes of the May 15, 2006, Regular Session held at 7:00 p.m.
2. Minutes of the May 17, 2006, Special Session held at 7:00 p.m.
3. Minutes of May 20, 2006, Council & Staff Retreat held at 8:30 a.m.
4. Minutes of the May 20, 2006, Special Session held at 1:00 p.m.

B. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – ORDINANCE NO. 2006-19 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS AMENDING SECTION 66-71(a) AND SECTION 66-72(a) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY; ESTABLISHING A NO PARKING ZONE ON EQUADOR STREET.
Mr. Mike Castro, City Manager

C. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – AMENDING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR USE OF PUBLIC FACILITIES TO INCLUDE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL. *Mr. Mike Castro, City Manager.*

Mayor Pro-Tem Wubbenhorst made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Holden, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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

Voting "No" None.

Passed 5 to 0.

MATTERS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – ADOPTION OF AN ORDER FINDING AND DECLARING THE STRUCTURE AT 15817 CONGO LANE TO BE A SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE AND PUBLIC NUISANCE AND ORDERING THAT IT BE REPAIRED OR DEMOLISHED.** *Mr. Mike Castro, City Manager.*

Councilmember Holden made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Wubbenhorst, to approve Council Order No. 2006-02.

A lengthy discussion ensued among Council, Staff, and Mr. Aye regarding the proposed the structure at 15817 Congo Lane.

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

Voting "No" None.

Passed 5 to 0.

- 2. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – DISCUSSION REGARDING CENTERPOINT ENERGY FRANCHISE AGREEMENT AND PENDING RATE CASE WITH THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION.** *Mr. Ken Wall, City Attorney.*

Jim Barkely, Attorney representing CenterPoint Energy gave a brief summary regarding the request for a new franchise agreement.

City Attorney Ken Wall gave some comments regarding a new franchise agreement and summarized possible changes the city should make within the agreement and possible benefits of the new agreement.

A brief discussion ensued among Council, Staff, and Mr. Barkely regarding a new franchise agreement.

- 3. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – RESOLUTION NO. 2006-18 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF**

THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING AND ADOPTING EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL POLICY ESSENTIAL/NONESSENTIAL EMPLOYEE DESIGNATION. *Ms. Karen Farris, Personnel Generalist.*

Councilmember Berube made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Klein, to approve Resolution No. 2006-18.

Personnel Generalist Karen Farris gave a brief overview regarding the Emergency Management Personnel Policy Essential/Nonessential Employee Designation.

A brief discussion ensued among Council and Staff regarding the policy.

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

Voting "No" None.

Passed 5 to 0.

4. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – RESOLUTION NO. 2006-21 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, OPPOSING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CHARGES FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY THE HARRIS COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINERS OFFICE. *Mr. Charles Wedemeyer, Police Chief.*

Councilmember Holden made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Berube, to approve Resolution No. 2006-21.

Police Chief Wedemeyer gave an overview of the charges for services rendered by the Harris County Medical Examiners Office.

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

Voting "No" None.

Motion Passed 5 to 0.

5. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – ORDINANCE NO. 2006-20 – AMENDING SECTION 2-142 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; ESTABLISHING A PROCESSING FEE FOR RETURNED CHECKS. *Ms. Michelle Yi, Accounting Specialist.*

Councilmember English made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Holden, to approve Resolution No. 2006-20.

Accounting Specialist Michelle Yi gave a brief overview of the current rate charged by Sterling Bank for returned checks.

A brief discussion ensued among Council and Staff regarding the implementation of a processing fee for returned checks and meeting with Sterling Bank to discuss current city rates.

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

Voting "No" None.

Motion Passed 5 to 0.

6. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – ORDINANCE NO. 2006-21 – BUDGET AMENDMENT (FUEL COSTS).
Ms. Michelle Yi, Accounting Specialist.

Councilmember Berube made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Klein, to approve Ordinance No. 2006-21.

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

Voting "No" None.

Motion Passed 5 to 0.

7. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING GUIDANCE TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION ON REVISIONS TO CODE ON THE REGULATION OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLES, LARGE BOATS, AND TRAILERS. *Mr. Ernie English, Councilmember.*

A lengthy discussion ensued among Council and Staff regarding the revisions to code on the regulation of commercial vehicles, large boats, and trailers. Item will be placed on the next Planning & Zoning Agenda.

8. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING FORMATION OF A CITY COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE. *Mr. Ernie English, Councilmember.*

A lengthy discussion ensued among Council and Staff regarding the formation of a City Communications Committee. Item will be discussed during the next Council Work Session.

9. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – DISCUSSION REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A LAWN CARE FEE AND PERMIT PROCESS. *Mr. Ernie English, Councilmember.*

No Council action taken.

MAYOR’S ACTIVITY REPORT/COMMENTS

Mayor Ed Heathcott reminded Council and Staff about the upcoming meeting with Harris County Flood Control District on July 13th.

COUNCIL ACTIVITY REPORTS/COMMENTS

Mayor Pro-Tem Wubbenhorst asked that Council receive resumes on new City Department Heads for possible questions from citizens. She also stated during the discussions with Harris County Flood Control District the city should remind them of the maintenance agreement.

Councilmember Holden made no comments.

Councilmember Berube thanked the citizens for being present at the meeting.

Councilmember English thanked the citizens for voting in the election. He thanked former Councilmembers for their service. He also thanked City Staff for being helpful. He asked that ProLogis give a status report during the next Council Meeting. He stated additional comments regarding concerns with Harris County Flood Control District. In closing he made suggestions regarding the detention pond facility and AFIS machine.

Councilmember Klein commended the Fire Department for putting out the kitchen fire on Wall Street. She has some concerns regarding the recovery operations/businesses approaching the family immediately after the fire.

Councilmember Berube made the motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Wubbenhorst, to adjourn the regular session.

Voting “Aye” Councilmembers Wubbenhorst, Berube, Holden, English, and Klein.

Voting “No” None.

Motion Passed 5 to 0.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Minutes approved as submitted and/or corrected this the 17th day of July, A.D., 2006.

/s/

ATTEST:

Ed Heathcott
Mayor

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LaKeisha Cannon-Scott
City Secretary