

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

Absent: Councilmember Ernie English.

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

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

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Dale Schuster, 16409 Delozier, addressed Council and stated his concerns of opposition regarding the placement of a gate to address the Seattle Street area traffic concerns.

Nancy Boelliter, 15805 Congo Lane, addressed Council and stated her concerns regarding the increased traffic and speeding on Congo.

Joe Brothers, 15710 Australia, addressed Council and stated his concerns regarding the Seattle Street area traffic concerns.

Lisa Tyler, 8202 Achgill, addressed Council and stated her concerns of opposition regarding the placement of a gate in the Seattle Street area.

Ed Bluestone, 15717 Australia Street, addressed Council and stated his concerns of opposition regarding the placement of a gate in the Seattle Street area.

Lynn Hooper, 15722 Acapulco, addressed Council and stated his concerns regarding the lack of citizens who showed interest in being on the traffic committee.

Jeff Skweres, 15802 Singapore, addressed Council and stated his concerns regarding the traffic in the Seattle Street area and advised speed bumps.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Mike Castro reported the following:

1. February 2007 Monthly Fund Balances Report, Governmental Funds, Enterprise Funds, and Detail Collection Summary Report.
2. Departmental Request Report and Open Records Request Report for February 2007.
3. Fire & Emergency Services Departmental Report for February 2007.
4. Jersey Village Police, Activity Report, and Crime Prevention Unit, and Warrant Departmental Reports for February 2007.
5. Municipal Court Collection Report, Municipal Court Activity Report, Municipal Court Courtroom Activity Report, Detailed Report, and Revenue Comparison Report for February 2007.
6. Public Works Departmental Report for February 2007.
7. Combined Monthly and Annual Mileage Report.
8. Golf Course Monthly Report, Golf Course Financial Statements Report, and Parks & Recreation Departmental Report for February 2007.
9. City of Jersey Village Police Department 2006 Racial Profiling Report.
10. Discussion regarding retirement celebrations.

In addition, he gave a brief report regarding retirement celebrations, changes in the Court Reports, and announced that Cable Channel 16 is now showing City of Jersey Village slides.

DOCKETED JOINT PUBLIC HEARING: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Minutes of the February 19, 2007, Regular Session held at 7:00 p.m.
2. Minutes of the February 26, 2007, Special Session held at 7:00 p.m.

B. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – RESOLUTION NO. 2007-13 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, REQUESTING REFUND OF PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENTS. Ms. Isabel Kato, Finance Director.

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

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

Voting "No" None.

Passed 4 to 0 with Councilmember English absent.

MATTERS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – PRESENTATION FROM HARRIS COUNTY OFFICE OF PAUL BETTENCOURT REGARDING TAX COLLECTIONS. *Mr. Don Sumners, Office of Paul Bettencourt Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector.*

Don Sumners, Director of Audit, Office of Paul Bettencourt Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector gave a brief presentation regarding their collection services.

A brief discussion ensued among Council and Staff regarding the fees for the collection services.

No Council action taken. An item for action will be placed on a future agenda.

2. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – RESOLUTION NO. 2007-10 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2006 COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT. *Ms. Isabel Kato, Finance Director.*

Mayor Pro-Tem Wubbenhorst made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Greg Holden, to approve Resolution No. 2007-10.

Christopher L. Breaux of Null Lairson gave a brief report regarding the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

A brief discussion ensued among Council, Staff, and Mr. Breaux regarding the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

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

Voting "No" None.

Passed 4 to 0 with Councilmember English absent.

3. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – REGARDING SEATTLE STREET TRAFFIC CONCERNS. *Mr. Mike Castro, City Manager.*

City Manager Mike Castro gave a brief overview regarding the traffic concerns of Seattle Street.

City Attorney Ken Wall gave a brief overview of the legalities regarding the placement of a gate for the purpose of a temporary street closure in the Seattle Street area.

Councilmember Jill Klein gave a brief overview regarding the traffic committee meetings.

Lengthy discussion ensued among Council and Staff regarding the meetings of the traffic committee and the possible placement of a gate and other alternatives (no left turn signage) to assist in cutting down the traffic in the Seattle Street area.

No Council action taken. An item for action will be placed on a future agenda.

4. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – RESOLUTION NO. 2007-11 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING A CONSENT LEASE AGREEMENT WITH CHRIS AND TRAN BOELSTERLI, ALLOWING THEM TO ENCROACH LAND INTO RIGHT-OF-WAY OF REAR YARD UTILITY EASEMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF LANDSCAPE AND FENCING. *Mr. Danny Segundo, Public Works Director.*

Councilmember Berube made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Klein, to approve Resolution No. 2007-11.

Chris Boelsterli, 12 Epernay Place, addressed Council and gave a brief explanation regarding his request.

A brief discussion ensued among Council and Staff.

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

Voting “No” None.

Passed 4 to 0 with Councilmember English absent.

5. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – UPDATE AND DISCUSSION REGARDING SIX MONTH REVIEW-GARBAGE SERVICES WITH WCA. *Mr. Mike Castro, City Manager.*

City Manager Mike Castro gave a brief overview regarding the garbage services provided by WCA.

Council gave brief comments regarding the garbage service.

No Council action taken.

6. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – RESOLUTION NO. 2007-12 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT FOR COLLECTION OF RECYCLABLES WITH TACSON ENTERPRISES, INC. *Mr. Mike Castro, City Manager.*

Mayor Pro-Tem Wubbenhorst made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Berube, to approve Resolution No. 2007-12.

City Manager gave a brief overview regarding the collection of recyclables with Tacson Enterprises, Inc.

Assistant City Secretary Courtney Rutherford gave a brief overview regarding the survey process and the proposed recyclables with Tacson Enterprises, Inc.

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

Voting “No” None.

Passed 4 to 0 with Councilmember English absent.

7. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – UPDATE REGARDING JOGGING TRAIL AROUND 43-ACRE DETENTION FACILITY. *Mr. Michael Brown, Parks & Recreation Director.*

Parks & Recreation Director Michael Brown gave a brief update regarding the proposed jogging trail around the 43-acre detention facility.

8. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – ORDINANCE NO. 2007-8 – ADOPTING THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE, 2006 EDITION; ADOPTING THE INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE, 2006 EDITION; ADOPTING THE INTERNATIONAL PLUMBING CODE, 2006 EDITION; ADOPTING THE INTERNATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE, 2006 EDITION; ADOPTING THE INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE, 2006 EDITION; ADOPTING THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE, 2006 EDITION. *Mr. Cruz Hernandez, Building Official.*

Building Official Cruz Hernandez gave a brief overview regarding changes to the codes.

Councilmember Berube made the motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Wubbenhorst, to approve Ordinance No. 2007-8.

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

Voting "No" None.

Passed 4 to 0 with Councilmember English absent.

9. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – ORDINANCE NO. 2007-9 – ADOPTING THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE, 2006 EDITION. *Mr. Cruz Hernandez, Building Official.*

Councilmember Berube made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Klein, to approve Ordinance No. 2007-9.

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

Voting "No" None.

Passed 4 to 0 with Councilmember English absent.

10. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – ORDINANCE NO. 2007-10 – ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS FOR WORK SITES. *Mr. Cruz Hernandez, Building Official.*

Building Official Cruz Hernandez gave a brief overview regarding establishing requirements for work sites.

Councilmember Berube made the motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Wubbenhorst, to approve Ordinance No. 2007-10.

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

Voting "No" None.

Passed 4 to 0 with Councilmember English absent.

11. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – RESOLUTION NO. 2007-9 – ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT TO LEASE MOBILE DATA TERMINAL (MDT) COMPUTERS. *Mr. Bob Blevins, Information Technology Administrator.*

Councilmember Holden made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Klein, to approve Resolution No. 2007-9.

Information Technology Administrator Bob Blevins gave a brief overview regarding the leasing of MDT computers.

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

Voting "No" None.

Passed 4 to 0 with Councilmember English absent.

12. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – RESOLUTION NO. 2007-14 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF BROADBAND SERVICES FROM VERIZON WIRELESS.

Mr. Bob Blevins, Information Technology Administrator.

Mayor Pro-Tem Wubbenhorst made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Holden, to approve Resolution No. 2007-14.

A brief discussion ensued among Council and Staff regarding the number of aircards being purchased.

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

Voting "No" None.

Passed 4 to 0 with Councilmember English absent.

13. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: REGARDING THE 2007 BOND ELECTION AND THE PROPOSED STREET, DRAINAGE, & WATER LINE PROJECTS IN REGARDS TO THE ISSUANCE OF \$8,500,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS. *City Council.*

Councilmember Berube made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Klein, to approve Tahoe (east of Carlsbad), Chichester, Argentina, Equador (Congo to White Oak Bayou), Shanghai, Glamorgan, and Leeds as the streets designated for the proposed street, drainage, and water line projects in regards to the issuance of \$8,500,000 general obligation bonds.

A brief discussion ensued among Council and Staff regarding the designated streets for the bond issuance.

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

Voting "No" None.

Passed 4 to 0 with Councilmember English absent.

MAYOR'S ACTIVITY REPORT/COMMENTS

Mayor Ed Heathcott commended staff on the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and good audit review.

COUNCIL ACTIVITY REPORTS/COMMENTS

Mayor Pro-Tem Wubbenhorst commended staff on the CAFR and good audit review. She also commended staff on the recycling efforts and thanked the EMS Department for the annual dinner. She congratulated the personnel in the EMS Department for their continued success with certifications.

Councilmember Holden stated he enjoyed the EMS Department Annual Dinner. He briefly made remarks regarding the median on West Road and maintenance. In addition, he stated his concerns regarding his city email account and the receipt of spam mail.

Councilmember Berube thanked the city for the ongoing events and training. She asked staff to look into getting a new telephone system for the city.

Councilmember Klein asked everyone to attend An "Udder" 50 years Event on April 28th. In addition, she made brief comments regarding the success of the Fire Academy.

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

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

Voting "No" None.

Passed 4 to 0 with Councilmember English absent.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Minutes approved as submitted and/or corrected this the 16th day of April, A.D., 2007.

ATTEST:

Ed Heathcott
Mayor

LaKeisha Cannon-Scott
City Secretary