

MINUTES OF A REGULAR SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, HELD ON APRIL 16, 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
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

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Frances Wubbenhorst.

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

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

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Jeff Kopecky, 16125 Delozier, addressed Council and stated his concerns regarding lawn maintenance in the city.

Frank Maher, 16514 St. Helier, addressed Council and stated his concerns regarding the proposed gate on Solomon and Gulf Bank.

James Farris, 8621 Kari Court, addressed Council and stated his concerns regarding speeding in the area.

Tom Seibel, 15714 Seattle Street, addressed Council and stated his support for the proposed gate on Solomon and Gulf Bank.

Mark Maloy, 7803 Hamilton Circle, addressed Council and stated his concerns regarding the additional lane being constructed on Beltway 8.

Jim Fields, 16413 St. Helier, addressed Council and stated his concerns regarding the proposed gate on Solomon and Gulf Bank.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Mike Castro reported the following:

1. March 2007 Monthly Fund Balances Report, Governmental Funds, Enterprise Funds, and Detail Collection Summary Report.
2. Departmental Request Report and Open Records Request Report for March 2007.
3. Fire & Emergency Services Departmental Report for March 2007.
4. Jersey Village Police Activity Report, and Crime Prevention Unit, and Calls for Service Reports for March 2007.
5. Municipal Court Collection Report, Municipal Court Activity Report, Municipal Court Courtroom Activity Report, Detailed Report, and Revenue Comparison Report for March 2007.
6. Public Works Departmental Report for March 2007.
7. Combined Monthly and Annual Mileage Report.
8. Golf Course Monthly Report, Golf Course Financial Statements Report, Golf Course Committee Meeting Attendance, and Parks & Recreation Departmental Report for March 2007.

DOCKETED JOINT PUBLIC HEARING: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Minutes of the March 19, 2007, Regular Session held at 7:00 p.m.

B. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – RESOLUTION NO. 2007-15 – AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH HARRIS COUNTY FOR ELECTION SERVICES. *Ms. LaKeisha Cannon-Scott, City Secretary.*

C. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – APPROVAL OF GOLF COURSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO CHANGE THE BI-MONTHLY MEETINGS TO QUARTERLY MEETINGS. *Mr. Michael Brown, Parks & Recreation Director.*

D. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – ORDINANCE NO. 2007-11 – AMENDING THE FY 06-07 BUDGET (RECYCLING PROGRAM). *Mr. Danny Segundo, Public Works Director.*

Councilmember Holden made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Berube, to approve Consent Agenda Items A through D as presented.

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

Voting "No" None.

Passed 4 to 0 with Councilmember Wubbenhorst absent.

MATTERS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – RESOLUTION NO. 2007-16 – APPOINTING JUDGE GENE W. FROHBIETER AS A MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE.** *City Council.*

Councilmember Holden made the motion, seconded by Councilmember English to approve Resolution No. 2007-16.

Gene Frohbieter gave a brief introduction of himself to Council.

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

Voting "No" None.

Passed 4 to 0 with Councilmember Wubbenhorst absent.

- 2. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – UPDATE REGARDING JOGGING TRAIL AROUND 43-ACRE DETENTION FACILITY AND UPDATE FROM RECREATION & EVENTS COMMITTEE.** *Mr. Michael Brown, Parks & Recreation Director and Dorothy Starkey, Chairperson of Recreation & Events Committee.*

Dorothy Starkey gave a brief update regarding An "Udder" 50 Years Event. In addition, she gave a brief update regarding the proposed jogging trail around 43-acre detention facility.

Lengthy discussion ensued among Council, Staff, and Ms. Starkey regarding the proposed jogging trail.

No Council action taken.

- 3. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – ORDINANCE NO. 2007-12 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 66 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADDING SECTION 66-7 THERETO; PROHIBITING LEFT TURNS ONTO SEATTLE STREET, SINGAPORE STREET, AUSTRALIA STREET, CONGO LANE, AND**

SHANGHAI STREET ON WEEKDAYS BETWEEN 4:30 P.M. AND 6:30 P.M. *Mr. Danny Segundo, Public Works Director.*

Councilmember Berube made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Holden to approve Ordinance No. 2007-12.

Lengthy discussion ensued among Council and Staff regarding the ordinance, no-left turn signage, and the current temporary barriers.

Mayor Heathcott called the question.

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

Voting "No" Councilmember Klein.

Passed 3 to 1 with Councilmember Wubbenhorst absent.

Councilmember Berube made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Klein to amend the ordinance to exclude signage on Seattle Street and take down the barriers with the exception of Seattle.

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

Voting "No" None.

Passed 4 to 0 with Councilmember Wubbenhorst absent.

4. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – ORDINANCE NO. 2007-13 – AMENDING THE FY 06-07 BUDGET (INSTALLATION OF ELECTRIC GATE ACROSS SOLOMON AT GULF BANK). *Mr. Danny Segundo, Public Works Director.*

Tabled.

No Council action taken.

5. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – ORDINANCE NO. 2007-14 – AMENDING THE FY 06-07 BUDGET (POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE REPLACEMENT). *Mr. Charles Wedemeyer, Police Chief.*

Councilmember English made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Klein, to approve Ordinance No. 2007-14.

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

Voting "No" None.

Passed 4 to 0 with Councilmember Wubbenhorst absent.

6. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – RESOLUTION NO. 2007-17 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH OFFICIAL PAYMENTS FOR THE PROCESSING OF MUNICIPAL COURT PAYMENTS. Ms. Isabel Kato, Finance Director.

Councilmember Holden made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Berube, to approve Resolution No. 2007-17.

A brief discussion ensued among Council and Staff regarding the installation cost.

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

Voting “No” None.

Passed 4 to 0 with Councilmember Wubbenhorst absent.

7. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – ORDINANCE NO. 2007-15 – AMENDING THE FY 06-07 BUDGET (ANNUAL FEE FOR THE INTERNET AND TELEPHONE COURT CITATION COLLECTIONS). Ms. Isabel Kato, Finance Director.

Councilmember English made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Holden, to approve Ordinance No. 2007-15.

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

Voting “No” None.

Passed 4 to 0 with Councilmember Wubbenhorst absent.

8. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – ORDINANCE NO. 2007-16 – AMENDING THE FY 06-07 BUDGET (BOOSTER PUMP FOR SEATTLE WATER PLANT). Mr. Danny Segundo, Public Works Director.

Councilmember Berube made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Klein, to approve Ordinance No. 2007-16.

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

Voting “No” None.

Passed 4 to 0 with Councilmember Wubbenhorst absent.

9. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – RESOLUTION NO. 2007-18 – RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY

OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE FOR ELECTRICITY. *Mr. Danny Segundo, Public Works Director.*

Tabled.

No Council action taken.

- 10. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – ORDINANCE NO. 2007-17 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 14 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS; ADOPTING THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE, 2005 EDITION. *Mr. Cruz Hernandez, Building Official.***

Councilmember Holden made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Berube, to approve Ordinance No. 2007-17.

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

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

Voting “No” None.

Passed 4 to 0 with Councilmember Wubbenhorst absent.

- 11. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – ORDINANCE NO. 2007-18 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 14-553 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS RELATING TO ISLAND FIXTURE VENTING. *Mr. Cruz Hernandez, Building Official.***

Councilmember Holden made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Berube, to approve Ordinance No. 2007-18.

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

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

Voting “No” None.

Passed 4 to 0 with Councilmember Wubbenhorst absent.

- 12. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – RESOLUTION NO. 2007-19 – EMERGENCY REPAIR (WATER LINE CONNECTION TO THE CITY OF HOUSTON). *Mr. Danny Segundo, Public Works Director.***

Councilmember English made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Klein, to approve Resolution No. 2007-19.

A brief discussion ensued among Council and Staff regarding the emergency repair needed for the water line connection to the City of Houston.

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

Voting "No" None.

Passed 4 to 0 with Councilmember Wubbenhorst absent.

- 13. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – ORDINANCE NO. 2007-19 – AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR FY 06-07 BY APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$100,000.00 FROM THE UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCE IN THE UTILITY FUND FOR REPAIRS NECESSARY TO REESTABLISH THE CONNECTION TO THE CITY OF HOUSTON'S WATER SYSTEM WHICH WAS DISABLED AS A RESULT OF UNFORSEEN DAMAGE. THE REPAIRS ARE AN URGENT PUBLIC NECESSITY AND ARE REQUIRED TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY.**
Mr. Mike Castro, City Manager.

Councilmember Berube made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Holden, to approve Ordinance No. 2007-19.

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

Voting "No" None.

Passed 4 to 0 with Councilmember Wubbenhorst absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE

- 1. SECTION 551.074 – PERSONNEL MATTERS; CLOSED MEETING – EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DELIBERATE THE EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT DUTIES, DISCIPLINE OR DISMISSAL OF THE MUNICIPAL JUDGE AS PERMITTED BY SECTION 551.074 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE.** *City Council.*

Council did not convene into executive session.

No Council action taken.

MAYOR'S ACTIVITY REPORT/COMMENTS

Mayor Ed Heathcott had no comments.

COUNCIL ACTIVITY REPORTS/COMMENTS

Councilmember Holden had no comments.

Councilmember Berube had brief comments regarding house on Congo.

Councilmember English stated the improvements to the parking lots at City Hall and the Golf Course are great.

Councilmember Klein stated the Easter Egg Hunt went well. High School students sponsored the event. She asked everyone to attend the "Udder 50 Years" Event on the 28th.

Councilmember Berube made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Holden, to adjourn the regular session.

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

Voting "No" None.

Passed 4 to 0 with Councilmember Wubbenhorst absent.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Minutes approved as submitted and/or corrected this the 21st day of May, A.D., 2007.

ATTEST:

Ed Heathcott
Mayor

LaKeisha Cannon-Scott
City Secretary