

MINUTES OF A REGULAR SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, HELD ON FEBRUARY 18, 2008, 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:

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| 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 |
| Assistant City Secretary | Courtney Rutherford |

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, Code Enforcement Officer Gordon Gibson.

Clayton Marshall gave the invocation and Johnathan Wieser led the Pledge of Allegiance, both from Boy Scout Troop 1987.

PROCLAMATION

No proclamations this month.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Earl Layton, 16019 Singapore Lane, addressed Council and stated his concerns regarding code enforcement issues that he recently distributed in a letter to City Council and staff.

Jim Fields, 16413 St. Helier Street, addressed Council and stated his concerns regarding code enforcement, commercial vehicle parking, closed in carport, and a backhoe in a residential backyard.

Jeff Kopecky, 16125 Delozier Street, addressed Council and stated his concerns regarding code enforcement, burn barrels on driveways, and a backhoe in a residential backyard.

Mark Malloy, 7803 Hamilton Circle, addressed Council and stated his concerns regarding the noise abatement for the toll road and US 290. He read a letter he recently sent to Commissioner Eversole.

Clayton Marshall, 16320 Smith Street, addressed Council and asked that they consider legalizing air soft guns. He suggested an ordinance requiring a permit and an arm band for anyone wanting to have an air soft gun.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Mike Castro reported the following:

1. January 2008 Monthly Fund Balances Report, Governmental Funds, Enterprise Funds and Quarterly Investment Report.
2. Departmental Request Report and Open Records Request Report for January 2008.
3. Fire & Emergency Services Departmental Report for January 2008.
4. Jersey Village Police Activity Report, Crime Prevention Unit, Warrant Report and Investigations/Calls for Service Report for January 2008.
5. Municipal Court Collection Report, Municipal Court Activity Report, Municipal Court Courtroom Activity Report, Detailed Report, and Revenue Comparison Report for January 2008.
6. Public Works Departmental Report for January 2008.
7. Combined Monthly and Annual Mileage Report.
8. Golf Course Monthly Report, Golf Course Financial Statements Report, and Parks & Recreation Departmental Report for January 2008.
9. Standard & Poor's Rating Services raises its Standard & Poor's underlying ratings (SPUR) on the City of Jersey Village water & sewer system revenue debt two notches from A- to A+.
10. Jersey Village Intersection Safety Site Evaluation Report
11. Update from Code Enforcement Officer, Gordon Gibson

DOCKETED JOINT PUBLIC HEARING:

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Minutes of the January 21, 2008, Regular Session held at 7:00 p.m.
2. Minutes of the February 4, 2008, Special Session held at 7:00 p.m.

B. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – Acceptance of the resignation of LaKeisha Cannon-Scott as City Secretary.

Councilmember English made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Wubbenhorst to approve Consent Agenda Items A and B 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

1. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – Presentation regarding the master plan for the expansion of police department facility. *Mr. Bill Hall, Hall Barnum Lucchesi Architects.*

Bill Hall presented the master plan for the expansion of police department facility.

A brief discussion ensued among Council and Mr. Hall regarding the police department expansion. The Finance Director, Isabel Kato is going to review the City's finances and report to council next month with possibilities for funding.

2. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – Update regarding Parks Review Committee. *Mr. Jim Pulliam, Parks Review Committee Chairman.*

Jim Pulliam updated Council on the committee's progress since he last reported to Council at the December 17, 2007, meeting.

A brief discussion ensued among Council, Staff, and Mr. Pulliam.

Mike Castro reported that a total of 220 surveys were returned to the City.

Councilmember English thanked the Parks Review Committee for all of their hard work.

3. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – Resolution 2008-04 – Consider action regarding the appointment of Courtney Rutherford as Interim City Secretary. *Mr. Mike Castro, City Manager.*

Councilmember Berube made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Klein to approve Resolution 2008-04 appointing Courtney Rutherford as Interim City Secretary.

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

Voting "No" None.

Passed 5 to 0.

4. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – Determine a process for filling the City Secretary position. *Mr. Mike Castro, City Manager.*

Discussion ensued among Council and the City Manager on the process of recruiting applicants, reviewing applicants and filling the position of City Secretary.

Councilmember Holden made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Wubbenhorst to instruct Human Resources to recruit for a new City Secretary.

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

Voting "No" None.

Passed 5 to 0.

5. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – Resolution 2008-05 – to accept proposed agreement with Texas First Group for Interim City Secretary services. *Mr. Mike Castro, City Manager.*

Discussion ensued among Council and the City Manager about hiring an Interim City Secretary from Texas First Group.

Councilmember Berube made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Holden to approve Resolution 2008-05 accepting the agreement with Texas First Group for an Interim City Secretary.

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

Voting "No" None.

Passed 5 to 0.

6. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – Ordinance 2008-03 – ordering a general election on May 10, 2008, for the purpose of electing three (3) council positions (Positions 1, 4, and 5). *Ms. Courtney Rutherford, Interim City Secretary.*

Councilmember Holden made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Wubbenhorst to approve Ordinance 2008-03 ordering a general election on May 10, 2008.

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

Voting "No" None.

Passed 5 to 0.

7. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – Ordinance 2008-04 – an ordinance amending the FY2007-2008 Street Bond 2003 budget (Engineering services for Jones Rd). *Ms. Isabel Kato, Finance Director.*

Councilmember Holden made the motion, seconded by Councilmember English to approve Ordinance 2008-04 approving the \$100,000.00 budget amendment for the Engineering services for Jones Road.

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

Voting "No" None.

Passed 5 to 0.

8. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – Ordinance 2008-05 – an ordinance amending the FY2007-2008 budget for Court Travel and Training. *Ms. Isabel Kato, Finance Director.*

Councilmember Wubbenhorst made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Berube to approve Ordinance 2008-05 approving the budget amendment from Court Restricted Fund.

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

Voting "No" None.

Passed 5 to 0.

9. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – To discuss long-term code enforcement issues in the City. *Mr. Russell Hamley, Mayor..*

Lengthy discussion ensued among the Council and Staff regarding code enforcement and possible solutions.

Councilmember Holden suggested that Council drive around the City and see what some of the biggest problems are with code enforcement. He suggested that these issues may need to be addressed by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mayor Hamley suggested that the City may need to bring in a code enforcement officer on weekends and after hours.

10. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – to discuss the activity sign located at Jones Road and Jersey Meadow intersection. *Mr. Ernie English, Councilmember..*

Lengthy discussion ensued among the Council and Staff regarding the activity sign on Jersey Meadow as well as all activity signs in the City. They discussed getting prices for electronic signs and possibly purchasing one a year until all signs are replaced.

Mayor Hamley closed the regular session at 9:05 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE:

1. Executive session to seek the advice of the City Attorney regarding potential litigation as authorized by Section 551.071 of the Texas Government.

Reconvene regular session at 9:20 p.m.

COUNCIL ACTIVITY REPORTS/COMMENTS

Councilmember Wubbenhorst stated that she would like to help beautify the City and inspire City pride.

Councilmember Holden asked if there was an ordinance that made air soft guns illegal as Clayton Marshall had stated in public comments. The Police Chief said that yes they are illegal.

Councilmember Klein stated that she was part of the Cert team paired with the team from Tomball for the Cert Rodeo. Their team came in 6th place out of 12 teams. She also reminded everybody about the Easter Egg Hunt on March 9th at the Carol Fox Park.

MAYOR'S ACTIVITY REPORT/COMMENTS

No comments.

Mayor Russell Hamley adjourned the regular session at 9:30 p.m.

Minutes approved as submitted and/or corrected this the 17th day of March, A.D., 2008.

Russell Hamley
Mayor

ATTEST:

Kaythie Darnell,
Interim City Secretary