

MINTUES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, HELD ON MAY 23, 2008 AT 8:00 A.M. IN THE HERITAGE ROOM AT HOUSTON NATIONAL GOLF, 16500 HOUSTON NATIONAL BLVD., HOUSTON, TX 77095

The meeting was called to order at 8:14 a.m. with the following present:

Mayor, Russell Hamley
Council Member Ernie English
Council Member, Frances Wubbenhorst
Council Member Joyce Berube
Council Member Greg Holden
Council Member Jill Klein

City Manager Mike Castro
City Secretary, Lorri Coody

Additional Staff in attendance: Mark Bitz, Charlie Wedemeyer, Danny Segundo, Isabel Kato, Michael Brown, Bob Blevins, Michelle Yi, Tracy Martin, and Courtney Rutherford.

ACTION ITEM

Discussion with possible action regarding additional engineering cost for the Jones Road Extension.

City Manager Castro explained that the City is responsible for administration and oversight of the Engineer costs on this project and on May 15 Pate Engineering has requested four additional items related to the project at a cost of \$42,484. It is possible that the County may reimburse the City for these costs but the reimbursement process will take several months which will delay the project. Council considered two options: (1) authorize the additional engineer work once the reimbursement funds are in hand from Harris County or (2) authorize the additional engineer work in advance of the County's payment which will keep the project on schedule and if the County does not offer reimbursement our only option will be to withdraw from the project.

After engaging in limited discussion, a motion was made by Council Member Holden to approve Option 2 and seconded by Council Member English, with each Council Member voting AYE, the motion carried.

WORK SESSION

Overview by Mike Castro, City Manager

City Manager Castro began the session by giving an overview of the overall condition of the City. He told Council that the overall financial condition of the City is healthy, with revenue at 81% of the budgeted amount and expenditures at 53% of budgeted amounts. The City is not feeling the full impact of national economic troubles and while there are some concerns about commodities cost, contract services, and interest earnings our enterprise funds are doing well.

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Some of the positive actions that have been taking place this budget year are:

- Municipal Court Efficiency Improvements
- Strategic Planning / Teamwork
- Flood Control Progress
- Hurricane Exercise / NIMS Compliance
- Tax Appraisal / Collection Transfer
- Vehicle Auction of surplus vehicles
- Continue with Police and Fire Academy

Council was brought up to date as to the status of the fiscal year 2008 Supplements and City Manager Castro informed them about the short term concerns regarding rising fuel costs, public safety recruiting, lower interest earnings, health insurance costs and up coming legislation.

Council was advised of the initiatives for Fiscal Year 2009 as follows:

- Roadway & Drainage Project, Jones Rd. Extension, 290 Widening
- Continue Communications Initiatives
- Recycling Program
- Staff Strategic Planning
- Continue Court Transition
- Marquee Enhancements
- New Waste Contract
- Continue to address audit concerns
- Personnel Policy Rewrite
- 2009 is a Charter Year

And the long-term concerns of public safety staffing, continued infrastructure redevelopment, municipal facilities, 290 expansion, build-out of city, full-time personnel – emergency services, growth in dependence on IT systems, increased emphasis on audits, security and control systems, and the need to develop a relationship with the Legislature.

City Manager Castro closed with a summary. He explained that each year a department is chosen to be highlighted during the retreat. This year, Council heard information about the City's Police Department. Additionally, the remaining departments gave presentations concerning supplemental expectations for fiscal year 2008-09. The agenda order was as follows:

Departmental Presentations:

- a. Police Services
- b. Parks and Recreation
- c. Emergency Services
- d. Finance Department and Municipal Court

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LUNCH 12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.

- e. I.T.
- f. City Secretary
- g. Communications Division
- h. Public Works

ADJOURN

There being no further business on the agenda the meeting was adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

Lorri Coody, City Secretary