



# CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH

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## CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 4, 2019  
6:00 P.M.

### CALL TO ORDER

*Mayor Steve Spicer called the meeting to order.*

### PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. AND TEXAS FLAGS

*Alderman Russell Rupertus led the Pledges of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas Flags.*

### ROLL CALL OF ALDERMEN

*The following Councilmember's were present:*

*Mayor Steve Spicer  
MPT Sherwood Green  
Alderman David Welch  
Alderman Russell Rupertus  
Alderman Marci Kurtz  
Alderman Rosemary Lindley*

*The following staff was present:*

*City Administrator Hutchison  
City Secretary Rushing  
Police Chief Heiman*

### PUBLIC COMMENTS (LIMITED TO THREE (3) MINUTES PER PERSON)

*No requests to address Council.*

### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. DISCUSS APPROVING THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:
  - a. WORKSHOP MEETING – JANUARY 7, 2019
  - b. REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 21, 2019

*City Secretary Rushing informed Council of a typo on the agenda; she mistakenly typed 2018 instead of 2019 as the year for the above meetings. Alderman Rupertus and Alderman Lindley noted a few grammatical edits. City Secretary Rushing said she will make the corrections prior to the next Council meeting.*

2. DISCUSS STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE GALVESTON COUNTY MOBILITY BOND.

*City Administrator Hutchison noted in November 2017 residents of Galveston County approved the Galveston County Mobility Bond which allocated \$430,000 to the City of Jamaica Beach for roadway improvements and drainage improvements associated with roadway; he conducted a survey of all the streets in Jamaica Beach then created a 2019 Street Maintenance List (List) identifying which roadway*

segments require rehabilitation and/or reconstruction; the List was provided to Galveston County's contract engineering firm for them to provide the cost estimates for the individual projects; Mr. Hutchison highlighted the street projects he proposed needed improvements based on a street analysis. Council openly discussed a few of the street projects on the List with the City Administrator. Mayor Spicer asked Council to assess the projects being proposed before the next Council Meeting; he opened the item for public comment:

(Mr. Hutchison made extra copies of the 2019 Street Maintenance List for the audience.)

Terry Rizzo, 16502 Jamaica Inn, said the List indicates Buccaneer to Termini, she questioned the term "Termini."

City Administrator Hutchison clarified that he used the term as its definition (i.e. end for "end of road") not as a street name.

**3. DISCUSS PLACEMENT OF ROADWAY REFLECTIVE DELINEATORS ON JAMAICA COVE.**

Mayor Spicer said he's received a few citizen complaints about the appearance of the pole delineators installed along the roadway on Jamaica Cove; he suggests removing the pole delineators and replacing them with street reflectors. Alderman Lindley stated safety should be the priority over aesthetics. Council briefly discussed the item before the Mayor opened it for public comment:

Terri Rizzo, 16502 Jamaica Inn, comments no one pays attention to the safety aspects; suggests installing the reflective delineators on street signs.

Mayor Spicer asked Police Chief Heiman to comment on the item being discussed.

Police Chief Heiman said he could purchase barricades with flashing lights that could be placed on the roads as a warning during bad weather conditions.

**4. DISCUSS AWARDING A BID TO INSTALL PALAPAS AT THE CITY POOL, FUNDING FROM 40090 BUILDING/POOL M&R.**

City Administrator Hutchison explained the two types of construction material used for palapas: natural or synthetic material; he further explained the cost and warranty differences; he said the city received 3 bids, which were provided to Council to review; he noted the project funding was budgeted at \$40,000, but the actual cost for 3 synthetic palapas would be \$28,650 upon Council's approval of the lowest bid.

**5. DISCUSS APPROVING THE PARK BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT, FUNDING FROM 50035 RESERVE PARK FUNDS.**

Terry Rizzo was asked to speak on behalf of JBIC about the Park Beautification Project.

Terry Rizzo, 16502 Jamaica Inn, said JBIC and the city have been collaborating about the Park Beautification Project since last fall; she explained the plans being proposed at the city park; noting the plans include adding shade trees, palapas, a picnic area and walkway connecting the pool and park; the funding for the beautification project would be split between the city and JBIC.

Alderman Lindley had concerns about the blooms from the proposed shade trees blowing into the pool and/or clogging the pool filters; she noted the pool currently has an issue each time the grass is cut.

Ms. Rizzo mentioned multiple types of trees were discussed; JBIC wanted to pick a tree that would provide the most shade, could withstand Jamaica Beach's environment and had color during the year; she agreed with Alderman Lindley that the trees shouldn't cause additional issues at the pool.

Alderman Rupertus noted a couple concerns regarding the proposal; he said it did not address the sod and gravel conditions in the area the beautification is being proposed; he also spoke against using solar lights stating they do not do well in our environment.

City Administrator Hutchison and Alderman Lindley both suggest a comprehensive plan be prepared for the city park.

**6. DISCUSS APPROVING THE MARDI GRAS AND EASTER EVENTS AT THE CITY PARK, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,500, FUNDING FROM 50035 RESERVE PARK FUNDS.**

City Administrator Hutchison said he contacted the city's lawn contractor about cutting the grass for Easter and the contractor assured him he would not mow near the date of the Easter event.

**7. DISCUSS APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A POLICE DEPARTMENT BOAT, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$16,000, FUNDING FROM 35180 TOURISM SECURITY AND 50026 PD VEHICLE/EQUIPMENT PURCHASE.**

Police Chief Heiman explained his request to purchase a boat for the Police Department; he noted Council approved the funding (\$15,000) in the budget to purchase a set of jet skis for the Police

*Department Marine Patrol Unit; he feels it is in the best interest of the JBPD to purchase a patrol boat vs the jet skis.*

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

*City Administrator Hutchison reported the portion of the ditch approved by Council to clean was complete; the sediment that was removed from the ditch was tested and can now be disposed of properly; he provided a status update on the Seaweed Removal Permit; he informed Council that the accommodations for emergency personnel and emergency vehicles have been confirmed at Moody Gardens for the 2019 hurricane season; the city's Beachfront and Dune Protection Permit was approved to clean the dry area of the beach.*

**MAYOR'S REPORT** – *No Report*

**ALDERMEN REPORTS** – *No Reports*

**POLICE REPORT**

*Police Chief Heiman reported the Police Department received a grant for \$6,000 from the National Christian Foundation in behalf of Lynn Elliott and a \$1,000 donation from resident Michael Lawson; he presented the 2018 Racial Profile Report.*

**ADJOURN**

*Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.*