

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT WORK SESSION MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, AND THE JERSEY VILLAGE PLANNING AND ZONING HELD ON MARCH 16, 2009 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE CIVIC CENTER, 16327 LAKEVIEW, JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS.**

**A. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro tem English at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:**

Mayor Pro tem, Ernie English	City Manager, Mike Castro
Council Member, Greg Holden	City Secretary, Lorri Coody
Council Member, Frances Wubbenhorst	Charles Wedemeyer, Chief of Police
Council Member Joyce Berube	Danny Segundo, Director of Public Works
Council Member Jill Klein	Isabel Kato, Director of Finance
	Michael Brown, Director of Parks
	Mark Bitz, Fire Chief

Mayor Russell Hamley was not present.

**B. Open Meeting. Call to Order and the roll of appointed P&Z officers taken.**

The following City of Jersey Village Planning and Zoning Commission members were present:

1. Chairman David Paul
2. Commissioner John Hanley
3. Commissioner Richard Faircloth
4. Commissioner Debra Mergel
5. Commissioner Tom Eustace
6. Commissioner John Adriance; and
7. Commissioner Harry Beckwith, III

**C. Discussion with possible action regarding the proposed amendments to Section 14-5 and 14-88a of the City's comprehensive zoning ordinance regulating the parking and storage of recreational vehicles, boats and similar items in zoning districts A, C and C-2.**

David Paul, Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z), addressed Council and gave an overview of the process that the P&Z had taken to arrive at the proposed amendments. He explained that the Commission had held many meetings, had requested that staff take an inventory of the recreational vehicles in the city, that inventory was reviewed and discussed and then the Commission reviewed the City's current ordinance as well as ordinances from other Cities.

In considering all the information before the P&Z, Chairman Paul explained that it was decided that it was best to address the oversized recreational vehicles by stating that recreational vehicles would be permitted in yards if they could be kept from public view. Therefore, if vehicles were so large that they could not be screened by a fence, then these recreational vehicles would not be permitted.

Council engaged in discussion about the number of recreational vehicles on the inventory that staff prepared. Chairman Paul reported that there were 32 vehicles on the inventory list.

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There were questions about how the proposed ordinance compared to that of the other cities that were looked at, which Chairman Paul explained accordingly.

Council engaged discussion about the wording of the amendments, suggesting that it might be advisable to state that recreational vehicles must be “completely” screened from public view. There was also concern that the amendment did not contain wording about the parking of vehicles in the driveway. However, after a brief discussion, it was determined that the adding of the driveway language would not be necessary.

Council also discussed the “grandfathering clause” which had not been recommended by the P&Z and they discussed that only allowing 3 days to pack and unpack the recreational vehicles within a 30 day period may be unreasonable. Council was also concerned about the enforcement aspect of this 3 day within a 30 day rule and how that would work. Chairman Paul explained that the actual enforcement of this rule would be done on a complaint basis as it would be impossible for staff to monitor this situation.

There was discussion about the need for paving in the back yard area should residents want to park their recreational vehicles there and were able to screen same behind a fence. Some members of the Council felt that this would place un-due hardship on residents.

Gordon Gibson, Code Enforcement Officer for the City, was asked to explain the proposed enforcement process for this ordinance once a complaint is received. Mr. Gibson explained that the process would be handled the same as it is for the truck ordinance that was recently passed.

**D. Adjourn**

There being no further business on the Agenda the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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Lorri Coody, City Secretary