

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, HELD ON MAY 28, 2009 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE CIVIC CENTER, 16327 LAKEVIEW, JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS.

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  
Council Member, Curtis Haverty  
Council Member Rod Erskine  
Council Member, Jill Klein

City Manager, Mike Castro  
City Secretary, Lorri Coody  
City Attorney, Martha Williams

Mayor Hamley and Council Member Joyce Berube were not present.

Staff in attendance: Charles Wedemeyer, Chief of Police

**CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE A QUORUM IS PRESENT**

**A. Consider Resolution No. 2009-30, extending the existing contract with American Traffic Solutions to furnish a photographic traffic enforcement system for the City of Jersey Village.**

City Manager, Mike Castor introduced the item. He told Council that On August 20, 2007, city council authorized a contract with American Traffic Solutions to furnish a photographic traffic enforcement system for the City of Jersey Village. The term of the contract is five years, with an automatic extension period of five additional years, unless the city provides written notification of its intent not to extend the contract.

On May 8, 2009, the Texas House passed HB 300, the Texas Department of Transportation Sunset Bill. The Bill contained a provision that added a sunset clause to state approval for the use of automated ticketing machines. The effective date of the bill is June 1, 2009. The bill would allow current traffic enforcement camera contracts to play out, but would not allow new contracts. If passed as proposed, HB 300 would allow the city to operate its photographic traffic enforcement program until August 20, 2017.

Mr. Castro told Council that there are many unknowns with regard to legislation on photographic traffic enforcement, and it is still unknown what actions the Texas Senate will take regarding this bill. Subsequent to passage of the bill in both the house and senate, a conference committee must act on the bill.

Mr. Castro told Council that ATS has over 60 clients in Texas. He explained the amendments that staff is recommending to the existing contract. Basically, the amendments will extend the existing contract 15 years with the ability to extend the contract beyond that 15 year period with a 5 year extension. It also provides for termination of the contract if the City experiences 3 consecutive months of deficit revenue upon 60 days notice after 24 months of enactment of the contract. There were a few other changes that were discussed by Mr. Castro.

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Council engaged in discussion about the fees due to ATS and various other topics concerning the red light camera program. City Manger Castro fielded these questions and answered accordingly.

Council Member Klein moved to approve Resolution 2009-30, extending the terms of agreement with American Traffic Solutions for the provision of photographic traffic enforcement within Jersey Village. Council Member Haverty seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Council Members Klein, Haverty, and Erskine  
Mayor Pro tem English

Nays: None

The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-30

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE EXTENDING THE AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN TRAFFIC SOLUTION, INC., FOR THE PROVISION OF A PHOTOGRAPHIC TRAFFIC SIGNAL ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM AND RELATED SERVICES.

**B. Consider Resolution No. 2009-31, approving the registration procedures for the City of Jersey Village Recreational Vehicle Registration Program.**

City Secretary, Lorri Coody presented the item. She reminded Council that during the May 18, 2009 Council Meeting, Ordinance No. 2009-22 was passed by Council amending the city's comprehensive zoning ordinance which permits resident owners having vehicles over eight feet in height the option to register vehicles with the City Secretary in order to continue parking/storing these vehicles on their property until July 1, 2019.

Ms. Coody explained that in order to provide for program implementation, staff is suggesting the registration procedures for the City of Jersey Village Recreational Vehicle Registration Program in this agenda item be adopted. While much thought was put into the creation of these procedures we realize that there will be a need for revisions along the way, but the proposed document is a starting point.

Ms. Coody pointed out that since this is a new program with much public interest, the goal with this item is to make Council aware of the registration process, in order that you will be informed of what is being done to accommodate resident owners.

She specifically addressed the following areas of the procedures with Council stating:

Basically the Procedures require that resident owners of Recreational Vehicles meeting the definition outlined in the ordinance that are over 8 feet in height and wish to continue to park or store their vehicles on their lots in zoning districts A C or C2 must register their vehicles.

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The registration period will begin on June 1 and ends on July 15, 2009.

The ordinance is specific about the July 15, 2009 deadline. So there should be no extension of this period. In order to help resident owners become aware of this deadline the City Secretary intends to take the following steps to notify them about this program:

1. Letters will be mailed to citizens appearing at public meetings on this topic as well as to all citizens on the staff inventory presented to the P&Z Committee Report (71)
2. An insert will be included in the May City Water Bill
3. An e-Blast email will be sent out
4. The City's web site will be updated
5. Marquee Signs will direct them to the City web site

The procedures require that owners physically produce their vehicle at 16327 Lakeview Drive during the registration process. This requirement is included as part of the process for several reasons:

1. For measurement purposes – vehicles less than 8 feet can remain parked within the City until the effective date and then must comply with the Ordinance.
2. To insure that all vehicles being registered into the program are in good working condition.
3. To verify the registration, inspection and vehicle inspection stickers with VIN number of vehicle.

Council discussed the proposed procedures. Discussion was had on the need for residents to bring the vehicles in for measurements and the various kinds of registrations required for different vehicles. The consensus of Council was that residents should present their vehicles the first year and from this experience a review of the process will take place to see if the vehicles will need to be presented during the renewal process. Discussion was also had about the renewal process and how this will be handled in terms of residents being away on vacation. Discussion was had about how the City's renewal process should be no different than that of the registration renewal for the State. Resident's will know that it expires on July 1 and that it must be renewed. Additionally, City Manager Castro reminded them that staff will be sending out renewal letters.

Council Member Haverty moved to approve Resolution No. 2009-31, approving the registration procedures for the City of Jersey Village Recreational Vehicle Registration Program. Council Member Erskine seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Council Members Klein, Haverty, and Erskine  
Mayor Pro tem English

Nays: None

The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-31

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, APPROVING AND ADOPTING PROCEDURES FOR THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE RECREATIONAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION PROGRAM

**C. Consider Ordinance No. 2009-27, amending Section 2-142(b) of the City of Jersey Village Code of Ordinances establishing subsection (12) for the purpose of setting a Recreational Vehicle Registration Fee.**

City Secretary, Lorri Coody, presented the item. She explained this item is a request to update Section 2-142(b) of the City of Jersey Village Code of Ordinances by adding subsection (12) in order to assess a \$25.00 fee for the registration process outlined in the new zoning ordinance.

Ms. Coody explained that in recommending a fee amount the following consideration was given:

- The City's permitting software and database will be used to electronically store, track, and produce these permits. The minimal charge for all permits issued by this permitting system is \$25. A \$25 recreational vehicle registration fee (RV Fee) maintains consistency with other City standards.
- The fee for issuing a solicitor's permit is \$25 and that for issuing an alcoholic beverage permit is \$30. It is staff's opinion that these type permits require about the same amount of preparation work in terms of data input, file setup, and recordkeeping and processing. However, there will be a vehicle inspection component to the Recreational Vehicle Registration to insure that the vehicle presented matches the one being registered and meets the height requirement.

Ms. Coody called Council's attention to a memo, which outlined the costs associated with registering a vehicle with no problems. That cost was \$28.82.

Council engaged in discussion about the fee and asked about the expected number of residents that would be enrolled into the program. Ms. Coody stated that according to the information gathered from the public meetings and from the information it is estimated that approximately 75 residents will register for this program. City Manager Castro explained the responsibility of the City to assess fees in order to recapture the costs associated with programs. There was additional discussion about the amount of the fee in relation to the costs and then to the number of expected registrants.

Council Member Haverty moved to approve Ordinance No. 2009-27 amending Section 2-142(b) of the City of Jersey Village Code of Ordinances to establish subsection (12) for the purpose of setting a Recreational Vehicle Registration Fee. Mayor Pro tem English second the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Council Members Haverty and Mayor Pro tem English

Nays: Council Members Klein and Erskine

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The motion failed.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business on the Agenda the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

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Lorri Coody, City Secretary