

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, HELD ON JANUARY 16, 2006 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:

Mayor	Ed Heathcott
Mayor Pro-Tem	Frances Wubbenhorst
Councilmember	Joyce Berube
Councilmember	Greg Holden
Councilmember	Russell Hamley
Councilmember	A.J. Widacki
City Manager	Mike Castro
City Attorney	Kenneth Wall
City Secretary	LaKeisha Cannon-Scott

Additional Staff in attendance: Director of Finance Isabel Kato, Director of Public Works Kimberly Olsen, Building Official John Brown, Interim Director of Parks and Recreation Michael Brown, Police Chief Charles Wedemeyer, Fire Chief Kathy Hutchens, and Court Administrator Maria Busche.

The invocation was given by Mayor Heathcott and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Heathcott.

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

Lynn Hooper, 15722 Acapulco, addressed Council and stated he would like to see some adjustments in capital improvements. He commented on areas of the city that need sidewalk improvements.

Building Official John Brown gave brief comments addressing capital improvement needs.

Jim Pulliam, 15713 Tenbury, addressed Council and stated his concerns regarding possible future flooding in Jersey Village due to drainage problems.

Arthur Jones, 15318 Mauna, addressed Council and gave brief comments in support of the current City Manager.

Jim Fields, 16413 St. Helier, addressed Council and gave brief comments in support of the current City Manager. He gave additional comments regarding positive issues with code enforcement within the city.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Mike Castro reported the following:

1. December 2005 Financial Statements for Governmental Funds, December 2005 Financial Statements for Enterprise Funds, Investment Report, and Detail Collection Summary Report.
2. Departmental Request Report and Open Records Request Report for December 2005.
3. Code Enforcement Departmental Report for December 2005.
4. Fire & Emergency Services Departmental Report for December 2005.
5. Warrant Officer, Police, Crime Prevention Unit & Police Training & Activity Departmental Reports for December 2005.
6. Municipal Court Departmental Report, Warrant History Comparison Report, General Revenue Report, and Charges Filed Report for December 2005.
7. Public Works Departmental Report for December 2005 and Capital Improvement Plan Update for 2004-2005.
8. Combined Monthly and Annual Mileage Report.
9. Parks & Recreation Departmental Report for December 2005
10. Golf Course Advisory Committee Attendance Report.

In addition, City Manager Mike Castro gave comments regarding House Bill 914 - Disclosure Statement and Public Officials Open Government Training. He also gave a brief update regarding the Jones Road Extension and Capital Improvements.

City Attorney Kenneth Wall gave brief comments regarding Public Officials' Open Government Training.

**DOCKETED PUBLIC HEARING: None**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**A. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. Minutes of the December 19, 2005, Regular Session held at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmember Hamley made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Wubbenhorst, to adopt Consent Agenda Item A as presented on the Consent Agenda.

Voting "Aye" Councilmembers Wubbenhorst, Berube, Holden, Hamley, and Widacki.

Voting "No" None.

Motion Passed 5 to 0.

## **MATTERS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – RESOLUTION NO. 2006-3 SUPPORTING THE HIGHWAY 290 PASSENGER RAIL COALITION.**

*Mr. Mike Castro, City Manager*

Councilmember Widacki made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Holden, to approve Resolution No. 2006-3.

City Manager Mike Castro gave brief comments regarding Resolution No. 2006-3. He introduced the speakers.

Darcy Mingoia, President of the Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce, gave a slide presentation regarding the Highway 290 Passenger Rail Coalition.

Additional speakers gave closing statements regarding the Highway 290 Passenger Rail Coalition.

Discussion ensued among Council, Staff, and speakers regarding the Highway 290 Passenger Rail Coalition.

Voting “Aye” Councilmembers Wubbenhorst, Berube, Holden, Hamley, and Widacki.

Voting “No” None.

Motion Passed 5 to 0.

### **2. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – DISCUSSION OF HOUSE BILL 914 REGARDING LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICER CONFLICTS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT. *Mr. Ken Wall, City Attorney.***

City Attorney Ken Wall gave a brief summary regarding House Bill 914.

No Council action taken.

### **3. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – RELATING TO THE COMPENSATION OF MUNICIPAL JUDGES IN THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE. *City Council.***

A brief discussion ensued among Council and Staff regarding current compensation for Municipal Judges.

No Council action taken.

**4. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – RESOLUTION NO. 2006-1 APPOINTING JUDGE THOMAS B. DUPONT AS A MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE. *City Council.***

Councilmember Widacki made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Berube, to approve Resolution No. 2006-1 as amended, to appoint Judge Thomas B. Dupont as presiding Municipal Court Judge.

Voting “Aye” Councilmembers Wubbenhorst, Berube, Holden, Hamley, and Widacki.

Voting “No” None.

Motion Passed 5 to 0.

**5. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – RESOLUTION NO. 2006-2 APPOINTING JUDGE MARTIN HALLICK AS A MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE. *City Council.***

Councilmember Berube made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Holden, to approve Resolution No. 2006-2.

Voting “Aye” Councilmembers Wubbenhorst, Berube, Holden, Hamley, and Widacki.

Voting “No” None.

Motion Passed 5 to 0.

**6. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – RESOLUTION NO. 2006-4 ENTERING INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH HARRIS COUNTY REGARDING EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. *Mr. Mike Castro, City Manager.***

Councilmember Berube made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Widacki, to approve Resolution No. 2006-4.

City Manager Mike Castro gave a brief overview of the Interlocal Agreement with Harris County regarding Emergency Management.

Voting “Aye” Councilmembers Wubbenhorst, Berube, Holden, Hamley, and Widacki.

Voting “No” None.

Motion Passed 5 to 0.

**7. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – ORDINANCE NO. 2006-1 – AMENDING CHAPTER 6 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES (ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS FOR VARIOUS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PERMITS AND BEER LICENSES).** *Mr. Mike Castro, City Manager.*

Councilmember Berube made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Holden, to approve Ordinance No. 2006-1.

City Manager Mike Castro gave a brief overview of current issues surrounding the issuance of Alcoholic Beverage Licenses.

Voting “Aye” Councilmembers Wubbenhorst, Berube, Holden, Hamley, and Widacki.

Voting “No” None.

Motion Passed 5 to 0.

**8. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – ORDINANCE NO. 2006-2 – AMENDING CHAPTER 30 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES (FIRE CODE).** *Ms. Kathy Hutchens, Fire Chief.*

Councilmember Holden made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Berube, to approve Ordinance No. 2006-2.

Fire Chief Kathy Hutchens gave a brief update regarding the proposed changes to the Fire Code in regards to sprinklers and the use of fireworks.

Brief discussion ensued among Council and Staff regarding Ordinance No. 2006-2.

Voting “Aye” Councilmembers Wubbenhorst, Berube, Holden, Hamley, and Widacki.

Voting “No” None.

Motion Passed 5 to 0.

**9. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – DISCUSSION REGARDING DRAINAGE STUDY PREPARED BY BROOKS & SPARKS FOR TAHOE AND CAPRI.** *Ms. Kim Olsen, Public Works Director.*

Frank Brooks of Brooks & Sparks gave a brief update regarding the drainage study prepared for the City of Jersey Village.

A brief discussion ensued among Council and Frank Brooks of Brooks & Sparks regarding drainage concerns for portions of Tahoe and additional streets within Jersey Village.

No Council action taken.

**10. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – ORDINANCE NO. 2006-3  
– CALLING JOINT PUBLIC HEARINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE  
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION (VARIOUS PROPOSALS TO  
AMEND THE CITY’S COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE).**

*Mr. John Brown, Building Official.*

Councilmember Berube made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Widacki, to approve Ordinance No. 2006-3.

Building Official John Brown gave a brief overview regarding various proposals to amend the City’s Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance. He stated each proposed amendment.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff regarding the proposed amendments.

Voting “Aye” Councilmembers Wubbenhorst, Berube, Holden, Hamley, and Widacki.

Voting “No” None.

Motion Passed 5 to 0.

**11. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – DISCUSSION  
REGARDING THE DUTIES AND EVALUATION OF THE CITY  
MANAGER. *City Council.***

City Manager Mike Castro gave an update regarding the mediation process for the City Manager and Staff.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff regarding the mediation process for the City Manager and Staff.

No Council action taken.

**MAYOR’S ACTIVITY REPORT/COMMENTS**

Mayor Heathcott gave an update regarding the Municipal Facilities Review Committee and its progress.

**COUNCIL ACTIVITY REPORTS/COMMENTS**

Councilmember Wubbenhorst gave comments regarding the Director of Public Works and wished her well in her new employment. She reminded everyone to attend the Founder's Day Event on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember Holden thanked the Fire Department for their service during the Christmas Events with Mr. & Mrs. Claus. He gave comments wishing the Director of Public Works Kim Olsen well with her new employment in the City of Rosenberg. In addition, he stated his concerns regarding Code Enforcement with signage for Walgreens and a storage facility on Jones Road.

Councilmember Berube congratulated the Director of Public Works Kim Olsen in her new employment. She gave a brief report regarding a citizen's complaint with lighting issues in the park areas.

Councilmember Hamley congratulated the Director of Public Works Kim Olsen in her new employment.

Councilmember Widacki congratulated the Director of Public Works Kim Olsen in her new employment. He stated his concerns regarding vacant lots within the city.

Mayor Ed Heathcott gave brief comments regarding a thank-you letter from Bill Harry of the Harris County Appraisal District. He thanked the Fire Department for the Christmas Services provided to the city. He wished the Director of Public Works Kim Olsen well in her new employment.

Councilmember Hamley made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Wubbenhorst, to adjourn the regular session.

Voting "Aye" Councilmembers Wubbenhorst, Berube, Holden, Hamley, and Widacki.

Voting "No" None.

Motion Passed 5 to 0.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Minutes approved as submitted and/or corrected this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, A.D., 2006.

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Ed Heathcott  
Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
LaKeisha Cannon-Scott  
City Secretary