

MINUTES OF A WORK SESSION WITH PLANNING AND ZONING HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2008 AT 6:00 P.M. AND REGULAR SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, HELD ON APRIL 21, 2008, AT 7:00 P.M., IN THE CIVIC CENTER AUDITORIUM, 16327 LAKEVIEW, JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS.

The work session was called to order 6:06 pm with the following present:

Mayor	Russell Hamley
Mayor Pro-Tem	Frances Wubbenhorst
Councilmember	Joyce Berube
Councilmember	Ernie English
Councilmember	Jill Klein
Councilmember	Greg Holden
City Manager	Mike Castro
City Attorney	Kenneth Wall
Interim City Secretary	Phyllis Jeffers
Assistant City Secretary	Courtney Rutherford

Planning and Zoning Commission Members in attendance: Chairman David Paul, Debra Mergel, Rick Faircloth, and John Hanley.

Commission members absent: Vice-chair George Ohler, Darcy Mingoia and Keith Ormston

Additional Staff in attendance: Finance Director Isabel Kato, Fire Chief Mark Bitz, Police Chief Charles Wedemeyer, Public Works Director Danny Segundo, Code Enforcement Officer Gordon Gibson, and Building Official Christian Somers.

Absent Staff: Director of Parks and Recreation Michael Brown.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Mike McDaniel, 16202 Lakeview Drive, stated concerns regarding parking over a sidewalk.

Cliff Beckmeyer, 16025 Tahoe Drive, stated his support for increased education on ordinances and code enforcement.

Fannie Messec, 8406 Argentina, stated concerns regarding code enforcement and trash citations.

Michael Mauer, 15417 Shanghai, stated concerns regarding code enforcement and trash citations.

John Singletary, 8614 Senate Avenue, stated concerns regarding drainage during construction.

Sonja Cordova, 16310 Jersey Drive, stated concerns regarding placement of trash cans and citations for trash violations.

Jim Fields, 16413 St Helier Street, stated concerns regarding concern about citations for code enforcement.

Wesley Johnson, 15302 Colwyn Lane, stated concerns regarding noise from the Beltway.

Cindy Rodriguez, 16001 Singapore Lane, stated concerns regarding parking over sidewalks.

J. W. Keithley, 15725 Elwood, stated concerns regarding code enforcement and citations for code enforcement.

Roger Barfield, 15306 Leeds Lane, stated concerns regarding code enforcement and citations.

William Ensell, 16110 Crawford Street, stated concerns regarding code enforcement and junk vehicles.

Paul Mitchell, 15434 Chichester Street, stated concerns regarding construction fencing and contractor's parking in front of mailboxes.

Earl Layton, 16109 Singapore Lane, stated that he was resident requesting stronger code enforcement.

Kay Plaisance, 15526 Shanghai Street, stated concerns regarding code enforcement.

Virginia Hill, 15917 Juneau, stated concerns regarding citations for code enforcement.

Mary Ormston, 39 Parkway Place, stated concerns regarding code enforcement in the Park of Jersey Village.

Jeff Kopecky, 16125 Delozier, stated concerns regarding code enforcement.

Thomas Mosman, 16125 Singapore Lane, stated concerns regarding code enforcement and parking on short driveways over sidewalks.

Charles Felchak, 15926 Lakeview Drive, stated concerns regarding parking on short driveways.

Mark Maloy, 7803 Hamilton Circle, stated concerns regarding noise abatement.

Lengthy discussion ensued among, City Council, Planning and Zoning Commission, staff and residents regarding code enforcement issues. Some items that Council asked Planning and Zoning to discuss at their upcoming meeting were garbage bags, boats, trailers and RVs, commercial vehicles, and deterioration of houses.

Work Session Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Regular session called to order at 8:40 p.m. and the following were present:

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Councilmember Ernie English gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATION

No proclamations this month.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Mark Malloy, 7803 Hamilton Circle, stated his concerns regarding the noise abatement for the toll road and US 290.

William Ensell, 16110 Crawford Street, stated concerns regarding code enforcement and junk vehicles.

Jim Fields, 16413 St Helier Street, stated his appreciation to council and staff for code enforcement.

Jeff Kopecky, 16125 Delozier, stated his appreciation to council for code enforcement.

Fannie Messec, 8406 Argentina, stated concerns regarding code enforcement and trash citations. She also stated concerns about noise abatement and traffic on Argentina during construction.

Michael Mauer, 15417 Shanghai, stated concerns regarding code enforcement. He also stated that he was appreciative of council and the help he has received from staff regarding code enforcement.

A. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Mike Castro reported the following:

1. March 2008 Monthly Fund Balances Report, Governmental Funds, Enterprise Funds and Quarterly Investment Report.
2. Departmental Request Report and Open Records Request Report for March 2008.
3. Fire & Emergency Services Departmental Report for March 2008.
4. Jersey Village Police Activity Report, Crime Prevention Unit, Warrant Report and Investigations/Calls for Service Report for March 2008.
5. Municipal Court Collection Report, Municipal Court Activity Report, Municipal Court Courtroom Activity Report, Detailed Report, and Revenue Comparison Report for March 2008.
6. Public Works Departmental Report for March 2008.
7. Combined Monthly and Annual Mileage Report.
8. Golf Course Monthly Report, Golf Course Financial Statements Report, and Parks & Recreation Departmental Report for March 2008.
9. Update from Code Enforcement Officer, Gordon Gibson and Citations written during night and weekend enforcement.

City Manager Castro reported that staff had performed a four hour Hurricane Table Top exercise last week that went well. He also reported that staff has attended over 100 hours of emergency management training in the last year.

DOCKETED JOINT PUBLIC HEARING:

None

B. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of minutes of the March 17, 2008 regular Council meeting.
2. Resolution No. 2008-12 – Approval of Lease Agreement 5002B4F6 from HP for the lease of a wide format scanner / plotter per HP State of Texas DIR Contract DIR-SDD-223.
3. Authorization to participate in FEMA flood buy-out program for residence located at 7815 Zilonis Court.
4. Resolution No. 2008-13 – Appointment of Finance Director as Investment Officer.
5. Resolution No. 2008-14 – Authorization to participate in Mobile Radio Contract through Harris County.
6. Resolution No. 2008-15 – Approval of City of Jersey Village Fraud Policy.

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7. Ordinance 2008-09 – Establishing a penalty for delinquent taxes under section 33.07 of the Texas Property Tax Code.

Councilmember Berube made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Holden to approve all Consent Agenda Items as presented.

Voting “Aye” Council members Berube, Holden, Wubbenhorst, Klein, and English

Voting “No” None.

The motion passed 5 to 0.

C. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Discussion with possible action relative to self funding option for health insurance. *Mr. Dick Hillyer*

Dick Hillyer gave a report that reviewed the City’s claim history. He also stated that he would need more time to review a new plan and look at self funding.

No action was taken on this item.

2. Discussion with possible action relative to report from the Park Review Committee. *Mr. Jim Pulliam, Committee Chair*

Jim Pulliam reported on behalf of the Parks Review Committee and asked Council if they would like to extend or modify the charge of the Committee.

Councilmember English made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Holden to extend the charge of the Committee until October 1, 2008 and focus attention to the development of items 1, 2, 4, and 5 of the Park Committee Review Report.

Voting “Aye” Council members Berube, Holden, Wubbenhorst, Klein, and English

Voting “No” None.

The motion passed 5 to 0.

3. Discussion with possible action relative to Code Enforcement issues. *Mr. Mike Castro, City Manager*

There was brief discussion among Council and staff regarding current code enforcement issues and issuance of citations.

Councilmember English made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Holden to curtail issuance of citations for minor infractions unless at least one reasonable notice or warning has

been provided, except for repeat or flagrant violations and further to develop a process to identify repeat offenders.

Voting “Aye” Council members Berube, Holden, Wubbenhorst, Klein, and English

Voting “No” None.

The motion passed 5 to 0.

4. Discussion with possible action relative to the process of selecting a City Secretary.
Mr. Russell Hamley, Mayor

City Manager Mike Castro reported that the City received 51 applications. Of those he supplied Council with resumes from eight, four of which he did interview. He recommended three applicants for Council to interview that he thought would be acceptable for the position.

Councilmember Holden made the motion, seconded by Councilmember English to have the City Secretary arrange staggered interviews on one night with the three candidates to interview with all six members of Council.

Voting “Aye” Council members Berube, Holden, Wubbenhorst, Klein, and English

Voting “No” None.

The motion passed 5 to 0.

E. MAYOR’S ACTIVITY REPORT/COMMENTS

Mayor Hamley stated his disappointment in HCTRA not being able to provide the reports or meet with the City. He stated that he and Mike would be meeting with Commissioner Eversole on Thursday, April 24, 2008. He also said that he appreciated all of the help with Code Enforcement.

F. COUNCIL ACTIVITY REPORTS/COMMENTS

Councilmember Klein stated that Spring Fling had their lowest turn out due to weather being cold and raining. The next event that Recreation and Events will host will be the Ice Cream Social.

Councilmember English stated his concern about the noise abatement and meeting with HCTRA. He also stated his support for Planning and Zoning Commission.

Councilmember Berube thanked Danny for following up on the complaint she received regarding the lights along Senate.

Councilmember Holden thanked Jim Pulliam and the Parks Review Committee for their work. He also stated that staff did as directed on code enforcement and is doing a good job.

Councilmember Wubbenhorst thanked the Parks Review Committee and the Planning Zoning Commission for all of their work. She also thanked staff for their help with code enforcement and dealing with the day to day complaints and issues.

Mayor Russell Hamley adjourned the regular session at 10:25 p.m.

Minutes approved as submitted and/or corrected this the 19th day of May, A.D., 2008.

Russell Hamley
Mayor

ATTEST:

City Secretary