

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, HELD ON JUNE 15, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M. PURSUANT TO SECTION 418.016 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE.

Pursuant to Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code, on March 16, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas granted the Office of the Attorney General's request for the temporary suspension of certain provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act to allow for telephonic or videoconference meetings of governmental bodies that are accessible to the public in an effort to reduce in-person meetings that assemble large groups of people, as a precautionary measure to contain the spread of novel coronavirus COVID-19.

Accordingly, the public was not allowed to be physically present at this Regular Session of the City Council of the City of Jersey Village, Texas, but the meeting was available to members of the public and allowed for two-way communications for those desiring to participate via telephone with the following toll-free number: **346-248-7799 along with Webinar ID: 926 4226 6695**. Those not participating via telephone were encouraged to view the live broadcast of the meeting on YouTube at <https://www.jerseyvillagetx.com/page/city.livestream>. The agenda follows:

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE A QUORUM IS PRESENT

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mitcham at 7:00 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor, Andrew Mitcham	City Manager, Austin Bless
Council Member, Drew Wasson	City Secretary, Lorri Coody
Council Member, Greg Holden	City Attorney, Justin Pruitt
Council Member, Bobby Warren	
Council Member, James Singleton	
Council Member, Gary Wubbenhorst	

Staff in attendance: Mark Bitz, Fire Chief; Kirk Riggs, Chief of Police; Isabel Kato, Finance Director; Harry Ward, Director of Public Works; Bob Blevins, IT Director; and Christian Somers, Building Official.

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. Prayer and Pledge by: Drew Wasson, Council Member

C. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Any person who desires to address City Council regarding an item on the agenda will be heard at this time. In compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, unless the subject matter of the comment is on the agenda, the City staff and City Council Members are not allowed to discuss the subject. Each person is limited to five (5) minutes for comments to the City Council.

David Bolado, 8301 Rio Grande Street, Jersey Village, Texas (713) 702-6698 – Mr. Bolado spoke to City Council about the Code of Ordinance Section 14-88 (a)(2). He has lived in Jersey Village for 21 years and received a notice for blocking the sidewalk. He spoke with City Staff who have stated that anyone with a corner property was grandfathered from the requirements of Section 14-88(a)(2). He pointed out that neighbors are blocking the sidewalk. He feels singled out. He stated that the ordinance is not being universally enforced. His home was designed to park across the sidewalk. He explained how it was constructed for this purpose. The home was built in the mid 1980's but the Ordinance went into effect in 1995. He read the code aloud. He

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then gave his perspective of how the Ordinance should be enforced. He stated that he sent pictures of his drive as well as homes throughout Jersey Village blocking the sidewalk. He wants to know how he can comply with the Ordinance given his home was built with the intent that vehicles are to be parked across the sidewalk.

Phyllis Camarata, 8314 Achgill Street, Jersey Village, Texas (713) 937-1558 – Ms. Camarata spoke about residents blocking sidewalks who claim they have been grandfathered. She stated that many residents are blocking the sidewalk, some parking four (4) vehicles wide. She complained that blocking the sidewalk makes it difficult to walk around vehicles safely. She wants to confirm if the City has grandfathered these residents. She also complained that these residents are not using their garages. She built her home over 30 years ago and paid for sidewalks. She does not like to walk around these vehicles when residents could use their garages for parking these vehicles. She closed her comments by stating that there are solutions to the problem of blocking city sidewalks.

Mark Maloy, 7803 Hamilton Circle, Jersey Village, Texas (713) 461-1430 – Mr. Maloy spoke to City Council concerning Regular Session item #5 – Grey Water Project. He stated that the original estimates for this project were at a cost of \$750,000 and the project would pay for itself in 5 to 6 years. However, the recent bids for this project were extremely high and over the original estimates ranging from \$1.4 million to \$2.3 million. Based upon the bids, staff recommends that all bids be rejected since even using the lowest bid it would have a 22.6 year payback. In connection with this item, he wants City Council to reject the bids.

He also spoke to item #6 concerning golf carts. He explained that the Mayor wants to allow golf carts to be driven on city roads in Jersey Village. In connection with this item, Mr. Maloy told Council that he spoke with a Texas DPS officer about allowing carts on public roadways. The officer stated that since Jersey Village is not a gated community it is not a good idea and will create a traffic hazard. Additionally such a law will be difficult to enforce. Accordingly, Mr. Maloy does not support golf carts on city streets. Before closing his comments, he also spoke to Council about golf course revenues.

D. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Bless gave his monthly report, which follows. In receiving same, Council Member Wubbenhorst pointed out that the May Report on the City Golf Course is incredible. The course is looking very good. He had questions about changes in policy or training in connection with George Floyd. Council Member Wubbenhorst pointed out that the use of force and deadly force can be traced back to training. City Manager Bless stated that our force trains in de-escalation annually and there are policies in place to address these type issues. The Police Chief stated that troops have had training concerning the use of force. The technique used on George Floyd would not be used by the Jersey Village Police Department. There was discussion about our police department, its training program, and accreditation.

There was also discussion about the City's revenue and where we stand in connection with COVID-19. City Manager Bless explained that April's sales tax revenue report was fairly good,

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although it was slightly below last year's totals for the same period. He told Council that we are on target to meet or exceed our budgeted amount for sales tax. Some members wanted to know if there are any other revenue concerns and, if so, what is being predicted. City Manager Bless stated we will be short in interest, fines, and permits. Current estimates are that we will be short about \$250,000. The hiring freeze along with the delay of some capital projects has helped to mitigate shortages.

1. **Monthly Fund Balance Report, Enterprise Funds Report, Governmental Funds Report, Property Tax Collection Report – April 2020, General Fund Budget Projections as of May 2020, and Utility Fund Budget Projections – May 2020.**
2. **Fire Departmental Report and Communication Division's Monthly Report**
3. **Police Activity Report, Warrant Report, Investigations/Calls for Service Report, Staffing/Recruitment Report, and Police Open Records Requests**
4. **Municipal Court Collection Report, Municipal Court Activity Report, Municipal Court Courtroom Activity Report, Speeding and Stop Sign Citations within Residential Areas Report, and Court Proceeds Comparison Report**
5. **Public Works Departmental Status Report**
6. **Golf Course Monthly Report, Golf Course Financial Statement Report, and Golf Course Budget Summary**

E. CONSENT AGENDA

The following items are considered routine in nature by the City Council and will be enacted with one motion and vote. There will not be separate discussion on these items unless requested by a Council Member, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered by separate action.

1. **Consider approval of the Minutes for the Special Session Meeting held on May 11, 2020, the Regular Session Meeting held on May 11, 2020, and the Work Session Meeting held on May 15, 2020.**
2. **Consider Resolution No. 2020-23, authorizing the City Manager to submit the grant application to FEMA for generators at the Police Department, Fire Department and Village Drive Water Treatment Plant.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM FEMA TO PROVIDE GENERATORS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND VILLAGE DRIVE WATER TREATMENT PLANT.

3. **Receive the progress report from the Owners of the property located at 16884 NW FWY, Jersey Village, Texas concerning the progress on the performance of the permitted work required under Ordinance 2019-11, which found the structures on the Property to be substandard and a public nuisance; ordered JERSEY VILLAGE**

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LODGING, LLC to abate the substandard and dangerous structures on the Property within 180 days; authorized the repair or demolition of the structures on the Property if the owners fail to abate the substandard and dangerous structures; authorized a lien against the Property for the costs of repair or demolition; and made other findings and provisions related thereto.

Council Member Wubbenhorst moved to approve items 1 through 3 on the consent agenda. Council Member Singleton seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Council Members Wasson, Holden, Warren, Singleton, and Wubbenhorst

Nays: None

The motion carried.

F. REGULAR SESSION

1. Consider Resolution No. 2020-24, electing a Mayor Pro Tem.

With limited discussion, Council Member Holden moved to nominate Bobby Warren to serve as Mayor Pro Tem. Council Member Singleton seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Council Members Wasson, Holden, Singleton, and Wubbenhorst

Nays: None

Abstain: Council Member Warren

The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, ELECTING A MAYOR PRO TEM.

2. Consider Resolution No. 2020-25, assigning Council Members to serve as liaison to various city committees and boards.

Mayor Mitcham called the item, stating that the only Board/Committee without a liaison is the Comprehensive Plan Update Committee. He asked for discussion on the matter, and if there would be any changes in the current assignments. The consensus was as follows:

Planning and Zoning Commission and
Capital Improvements Advisory Committee
Building Board of Adjustment and Appeals
Recreation and Events Committee
Golf Course Advisory Committee
Board of Adjustment

Drew Wasson
Greg Holden
James Singleton
Bobby Warren
Gary Wubbenhorst

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TIRZ Board Zone No. 2
Comprehensive Plan Update Committee

Bobby Warren
Drew Wasson

With no further discussion on this item, Council Member Holden moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-25, assigning Council Members to serve as liaison to various city committees and boards as discussed. Council Member Singleton seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Council Members Wasson, Holden, Warren, Singleton and Wubbenhorst

Nays: None

The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, APPOINTING COUNCIL LIAISONS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

3. Consider Resolution No. 2020-26, appointing an Alternate Committee Member to the 2020 Comprehensive Plan Update Committee and re-establishing the position number of the three (3) Alternates serving on this Committee.

Lorri Coody, City Secretary, introduced the item. Background information is as follows:

A provision in the Comprehensive Plan requires that City Council appoint a Comprehensive Planning Update Committee (CPUC) at least every four years with the first Committee appointments to be no later than July 2020. Appointed members shall serve a six (6) month term, unless extended by City Council.

Council made the first appointments to the 2020 Comprehensive Plan Update Committee on May 11, 2020 for the term ending November 11, 2020 as follows:

	Alternate Designation
1. Debra Mergel	_____
2. Jennifer McCrae	_____
3. Courtney Standlee	_____
4. Ashley Hart	_____
5. Brittany Davies	_____
6. Peter Jessup	_____
7. Amy M. Weyer	_____
8. Frank Maher	A1
9. Judy Tidwell	A2
10. Gabriella Cole	A3

Effective May 26, 2020, Frank Maher, who was to serve in position A1 for this Committee, tendered his resignation.

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This item is to fill the vacant alternate position and re-establish the position number of the three (3) Alternates serving on this Committee.

The applications of those qualified candidates who have expressed interest in serving on this Committee were included in the meeting packet for Council's review.

Council engaged in discussion about the appointment process and the applications. Council Member Wubbenhorst suggested Karie Lawrence for the appointment. James Singleton suggested Anthony Martin. Council wanted a diverse group and did not want to overwhelm the committee with those who had previously served on the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (CPAC). Those currently appointed to serve on the CPUC that also served on the CPAC are Jennifer McCrae and Frank Maher. Given that Frank Maher has resigned, discussion was had about appointing a member to serve on the CPUC that also served on the prior CPAC committee. Some members felt it important and Karie Lawrence would help bring the knowledge forward from the prior committee. It was noted that the legacy knowledge is important moving forward.

Council discussed the numbering of the alternates. Some felt Karie Lawrence should be placed in the A1 slot. After discussion, it was the consensus of Council that Karie Lawrence be appointed to the A1 position and that Judy Tidwell and Gabriella Cole should remain in positions A2 and A3 respectively.

With no further discussion on the matter, Council Member Warren moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-26, appointing an Alternate Committee Member to the 2020 Comprehensive Plan Update Committee and re-establishing the position number of the three (3) Alternates serving on this Committee. Council Member Wubbenhorst seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Council Members Wasson, Holden, Warren, Singleton and Wubbenhorst

Nays: None

The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, APPOINTING AN ALTERNATE COMMITTEE MEMBER TO THE 2020 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE COMMITTEE AND RE-ESTABLISHING THE POSITION NUMBER OF THE THREE (3) ALTERNATES SERVING ON THIS COMMITTEE.

- 4. Consider Ordinance No. 2020-14, amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jersey Village, at Chapter 66, "Traffic and Vehicles" Article II. Parking, Division II by amending Section 66-71 "No Parking Zones Designated"; providing a severability**

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clause; providing for repeal; providing a penalty as provided by Section 1-8 of the Code.

Austin Bless, City Manager, introduced the item. Background information is as follows:

Currently there are No Parking Signs posted on the west side of Rio Grande Drive near Wyndham Parkway. However, there is no ordinance to enforce no parking at this location. In discussing this with the Public Works Director, Police Chief, and Fire Chief, Staff is recommending that we enact an ordinance for no parking on Rio Grande Drive from Wyndham Parkway to Koester. This will ensure the free flow of traffic, including emergency vehicles, and make the signs that are there enforceable. With more use of the Dog Park there has been additional parking in this area.

Council discussed the no parking area and some wondered if the west side of the street is the proper side of Rio Grande Drive for no parking. City Manager Bless stated that Staff discussed which side was best and the west side was chosen in order to accommodate fire trucks coming out of Wyndham Village. Council also discussed how it happens that a sign is placed when there is no Ordinance. City Manager Bless explained not sure how this happened but protections are in place to prevent this issue moving forward.

With limited discussion on the matter, Council Member Singleton moved to approve Ordinance No. 2020-14, amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jersey Village, at Chapter 66, "Traffic and Vehicles" Article II. Parking, Division II by amending Section 66-71 "No Parking Zones Designated"; providing a severability clause; providing for repeal; providing a penalty as provided by Section 1-8 of the Code. Council Member Wasson seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Council Members Wasson, Holden, Warren, Singleton and Wubbenhorst

Nays: None

The motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-14

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, AT CHAPTER 66, "TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES" ARTICLE II. *PARKING*, DIVISION II BY AMENDING SECTION 66-71 "NO PARKING ZONES DESIGNATED"; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING A PENALTY AS PROVIDED BY SECTION 1-8 OF THE CODE.

5. Consider Resolution No. 2020-27, rejecting all bids for the Grey Water Project.

Harry Ward, Public Works Director, introduced the item. Background information is as follows:

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Recently we went out for bid for the Grey Water Project. We had a budget for the project of \$750,000. The City received three bids for the project as follows:

TLC Construction Contract Services	\$1,467,046.90
R & B Group, Inc.	\$1,642,245.00
FUSED Industries, LLC	\$2,003,986.60

Staff has discussed the project with the North Harris County Regional Water Authority. They have a reuse program where they would provide us credits for water pumped at the golf course up to the full project cost. However, those credits issued at 10% of the total project cost up front and then at a rate of 1/2 of the amount we reuse each month thereafter. The credits would only go for 20 years after that the contract expires.

So it is possible that we could eliminate the cost all together for water at the golf course.

Here is a look at the historical number for what the city has spent on water fees:

FY	Activity	Original Budget
20 (YTD)	\$ 39,089.05	\$ 100,000.00
19	\$ 119,609.07	\$ 130,000.00
18	\$ 28,066.57	\$ 140,000.00
17	\$ 74,624.70	\$ 140,000.00
16	\$ 39,123.20	\$ 140,000.00
15	\$ 58,090.00	\$ 89,000.00
14	\$ 68,856.83	\$ 89,000.00

For Fiscal Year 14-19 we spent \$388,370 on water fees or an average of \$64,728 each year. Based upon the project costs, this project would have a 22.6-year payback.

The City staff and engineer are recommending that we reject all bids for this project.

Council engaged in discussion about the need to redesign the project. City Manager Bless stated that at this time we need to keep an eye on the “pumpage” fees and if a grey water project becomes cost effective in the future, we can address it at that time. Council also discussed why costs are so high compared to the estimates. City Manager Bless stated that the City Engineer did not give any information for the change.

Council also discussed the credits from North Harris County Regional Water Authority. City Manager Bless explained how the program works with the coupons issued from the North Harris County Regional Water Authority. The pros and cons of the program were discussed.

Council also asked if there is another area in the City where we can use grey water. City Manager Bless stated potentially, but the problem is having a place to store the water and

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a way to distribute the stored grey water. Of course, all comes with a cost that would be fairly high.

With limited discussion on the matter, Council Member Warren moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-27, rejecting all bids for the Grey Water Project. Council Member Wubbenhorst seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Council Members Wasson, Holden, Warren, Singleton and Wubbenhorst

Nays: None

The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-27

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, REJECTING ALL BIDS FOR THE GREY WATER PROJECT.

6. Consider Ordinance No. 2020-15, amending Chapter 66, Traffic and Vehicles of the Jersey Village Code of Ordinances, by adopting a new Article VI. Regulation of Golf Carts.

Andrew Mitcham, Mayor, introduced the item. Background information is as follows:

In 2019, the Texas Legislature passed HB1548, which authorizes the use of golf carts on certain public roads. The new law also allows for municipalities to regulate use of golf carts in the interest of safety. Municipalities around the state have taken the opportunity to craft ordinances that fit their individual communities and balance the convenience of golf cart usage with safety and traffic control priorities.

This proposed ordinance regulates golf cart usage within the city limits of Jersey Village. Among other restrictions, it establishes strong safety standards for equipment and operators, restricts usage to mainly residential streets, prohibits operation of golf carts on sidewalks and trails, and requires that golf carts be operated only by licensed individuals.

Mayor Mitcham gave reasons why approving the Ordinance would be beneficial in Jersey Village. He also gave information on other cities who have enacted such an ordinance and he used their Ordinances to prepare the proposed Ordinance being presented tonight.

The Mayor then went over the particular requirements of the Ordinance and why these requirements were chosen.

Two draft ordinances were included for discussion. One version has a permitting process and the other does not.

This item is to discuss an ordinance to regulate golf cart usage within the city limits of Jersey Village and if approved, to decide if the ordinance should include a permitting process.

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Council engaged in discussion about the pros and cons of the proposed Ordinance.

Council Member Holden was initially apprehensive, citing concerns for safety and children. However, the public input on social media was overwhelmingly positive. So in passing such an Ordinance, it must include permitting and strict enforcement guidelines. Due to the safety factor, the City's Police Department must be able to enforce the Ordinance. Also, he stated his concern about how the Ordinance would be abolished if the problems associated with its passage became too great. He also told City Council that he had called the insurance company and learned that golf cart coverage is available for \$120 per year. He did state that the Ordinance should address nighttime use.

Mayor Mitcham agrees that permitting should be included in the Ordinance as it is a way of educating the owners on the requirements of using their carts on city streets. Additionally, it will require insurance coverage. If the Ordinance passes, we may want to include an article in the water bill and JV Star on how to use the carts in the City.

In connection with nighttime usage, Mayor Mitcham told Council that many of the Cities addressing nighttime usage were beach and rural communities.

Council Member Warren stated that he felt the Ordinance, if adopted, would be slow to take hold in the City. He went on to say that many people use bicycles without permitting, and that requiring permitting for the carts is not needed as the cart is closer to a bicycle than a car. As far as enforcement, most requirements in the Ordinance are going to be visible by the officer. He is hesitant to jump to requiring a permit and would rather take a wait and see approach to see if permitting is needed.

Mayor Mitcham felt that the permitting process would help residents understand the requirements of the Ordinance. However, residents could learn this through social media and JV Star articles.

Council Member Singleton is against permitting. He felt that permitting should only be required if there is a problem. He believes that the Ordinance formalizes the driving of carts on City streets. He felt that the CCPD funds could be used to enforce this law. He does not support permitting but believes we should have golf carts in the City.

Council Member Holden believes that permitting the carts gives added assurance that the carts are equipped with all the safety equipment to protect others using the streets. The permitting is an added protection in this regard.

The pros and cons of a permitting process were discussed as well as what is required by State law in connection with driving golf carts on public streets.

Some members wanted input from City Staff. City Attorney Pruitt stated that the City of Lubbock approved a golf cart Ordinance a few years ago before HB 1548 was passed. Lubbock passed the Ordinance for deliveries made by FedEx and UPS during the holidays.

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So the main issues addressed in the proposed ordinance cover the same items that were addressed by Lubbock. The new state law defines what a golf cart is so this definition should be added to the ordinance as well as having a rule in the Ordinance about setting a maximum speed at 25 mph. City Attorney Pruitt also stated that Council might want to add a provision that allows delivery companies to use these type vehicles within the City. If so, the language should track what State law provides. Otherwise the City Attorney feels the proposed ordinance is solid.

Chief Bitz stated that he lives in a golf cart community and everyday sees children driving them. So he is thankful that a licensed driver is required. He is concerned about the carts being driven in heavy traffic areas.

Council Member Wubbenhorst is also concerned with safety. He stated that it seems if a bicycle can coexist with cars then golf carts can as well. However, he is concerned about usage on the other side of US HWY 290. Fairview and Charles have ditches on each side of the road. It might not be safe to operate a cart on these roads. To address his concern, it was pointed out that these roads are located in our ETJ and operation would fall to State law on those streets.

Council again discussed permitting. Some members felt permitting was needed, while others did not. It was pointed out that there is a big difference between a bicycle and a golf cart. There was concern about enforcement as well. Chief Riggs stated that there are many laws with which people do not comply, so having a permitting requirement will not necessarily make it safer or make people comply with the regulations of the Ordinance. Also golf carts operating on a public road must have a license plate and therefore insurance coverage. Some felt that the permitting process does prompt an education process, but the education process can be accomplished through social media, JV Star articles, and water bill articles.

Council also discussed if seat belts are required in the Ordinance. It was mentioned that seat belts do not come standard on a golf cart. Additionally, it was pointed out that a seat belt is not required when using a bicycle. Gas powered carts were discussed.

Chief Riggs stated that as the Ordinance is written he does not see any enforcement issues.

Council discussed the amendments to be made to the proposed language of the Ordinance as suggested by the City Attorney. Some suggested that item “L” should be struck concerning the age limit for children to ride on golf carts. Others were opposed to removing this safety standard.

It was also discussed that Item F should read North Eldridge Parkway. The parking of golf carts was discussed. Parking carts at City events was a concern.

Some members wondered if we should gather more public input before approving this change. Others felt that all meetings are posted at least 72 hours prior to adopting any changes, giving residents plenty of time to voice their opinions.

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Council Member Holden moved to approve Ordinance No. 2020-15, amending Chapter 66, Traffic and Vehicles of the Jersey Village Code of Ordinances, by adopting a new Article VI. Regulation of Golf Carts with permitting. The motion failed for lack of a second.

With no further discussion on the matter, Council Member Warren moved to approve, without permitting, Ordinance No. 2020-15, amending Chapter 66, Traffic and Vehicles of the Jersey Village Code of Ordinances, by adopting a new Article VI. Regulation of Golf Carts with amendments to add the State’s definition for a golf cart, a rule that golf carts when driven on City streets shall not exceed 25 mph and that Item F(3) should read North Eldridge Parkway. Council Member Wubbenhorst seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Council Members Wasson, Holden, Warren, Singleton and Wubbenhorst

Nays: None

The motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-15

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 66, TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES. OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, BY ADOPTING A NEW ARTICLE VI. REGULATION OF GOLF CARTS; PROVIDING SPECIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS WITHIN THE CITY; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING A PENALTY AS PROVIDED BY SECTION 1-8 OF THE CODE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

G. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Pursuant to Texas Government Code § 551.0415, City Council Members and City staff may make a reports about items of community interest during a meeting of the governing body without having given notice of the report. Items of community interest include:

- Expressions of thanks, congratulations, or condolence;
- Information regarding holiday schedules;
- An honorary or salutary recognition of a public official, public employee, or other citizen, except that a discussion regarding a change in the status of a person's public office or public employment is not an honorary or salutary recognition for purposes of this subdivision;
- A reminder about an upcoming event organized or sponsored by the governing body;
- Information regarding a social, ceremonial, or community event organized or sponsored by an entity other than the governing body that was attended or is scheduled to be attended by a member of the governing body or an official or employee of the municipality;

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- Announcements involving an imminent threat to the public health and safety of people in the municipality that has arisen after the posting of the agenda.

Council Member Wasson: Council Member Wasson stated that we are now in hurricane season so please be prepared. He gave a quote by Eisenhower about the importance of being prepared and stated that our City is fantastic at being prepared. He commended the City Manager and Staff for their work. He encouraged residents to participate in City events and City Boards and Commissions. He mentioned that the Fourth of July parade is coming up, that schools and the Senior Outreach program need help. He closed by stating that our City operates on a budget. On July 20, 2020, residents will have another opportunity to participate in the 2020-2021 budget process.

Council Member Wubbenhorst: Council Member Wubbenhorst had no comments.

Council Member Singleton: Council Member Singleton stated that on July 4th there will be a parade. He encouraged participation. He thanked the Staff of police and fire and all of the City for their professional service, empathy and loyalty to the City of Jersey Village.

Council Member Warren: Council Member Warren echoes comments by Council Member Singleton. He encouraged participation in the budget work sessions on July 20, 21 and 22, stating that setting the budget is important. Also he stated that if residents are interested in how money is being spent, this information is available on the City's website. He encouraged residents to apply for a position on the Charter Review Commission. It is a process that happens every four (4) years.

Council Member Holden: Council Member Holden stated that he has adopted a rubber chicken and has named him rooster. He will bring him to meetings as an emotional support chicken.

Mayor Mitcham: Mayor Mitcham thanked Council Member Wasson for the blessing at the beginning of the meeting. He encouraged residents to participate in City government. He thanked the police department for their work. He is impressed by the professionalism of our police department. De-escalation is very important and Jersey Village Police are well trained. Budget workshop is coming up in July. It is an important process to ensure we are satisfying our core values and identifying any needed special projects.

H. ADJOURN

There being no further business on the Agenda the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.



Lorri Coody, City Secretary