



CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS

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MAYOR'S LETTER AUGUST 2011

It is a little awkward that I am writing about an event in the future, but by the time you read this the event will have taken place. The grand opening of the Jones Road extension is scheduled for August 5th. I trust everything will go according to plan and people will be using Jones Road when you read this letter.

The first time I drove on Jones Road was back in the 80's. I remember wondering why the road ended at Hempstead Road and did not cross south of the railroad tracks. When I moved to Jersey Village in 1992, I was again puzzled about what was on the other side of the tracks; the area was impossible to access. When I was elected to City Council in 2000, I asked County Commissioner Jerry Eversole what was beyond the tracks and why there wasn't a road there. In 2003, after repeated requests, Commissioner Eversole indicated that the Jones Road extension would finally be built. It's now 2011 -- apparently it takes 8 years to get a road built using county funds, but finally, that day has arrived.

What does this mean for Jersey Village? Time will tell, of course, but the potential to unlock previously landlocked land is enormous. Jersey Village city limits extend south of Highway 290 and we can annex more land that would add substantial area to our city. Expanding the tax base will increase city revenues without raising taxes, allowing the city to continue the services that make this a great place to live. I do not know how long it will take for development to expand the tax base and the current economic climate will not help, but eventually, the city will prosper because of the Jones Road extension.

The next time you are driving south on Jones at 290, I encourage all of you keep going straight across the railroad tracks and take a peek at land that has been hiding for a long time.



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Council Action Report – Regular Session Meeting – July 18, 2011

ORDINANCE, RESOLUTION, OR ACTION ITEM	PASS/FAIL
1. Consider Resolution No. 2011-44, reviewing and approving the City of Jersey Village Purchasing Procedures in compliance with the Texas Government Code Chapter 252 Purchasing and Contracting Authority of Municipalities	PASSED
2. Consider Resolution No. 2011-45, authorizing an agreement with Richard Hillyer for Consultant Services for the review of the employees' group medical insurance plans.	PASSED
3. Consider Ordinance No. 2011-31, amending the budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2010 and ending September 30, 2011 in the amount of \$9,000 to provide for an increase in the Communication Department's overtime costs.	PASSED
4. Consider Ordinance No. 2011-32 amending the budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2010 and ending September 30, 2011 in the amount of \$20,000 to provide for additional funding for Personnel line item on the Red Light Camera Fund.	PASSED
5. Consider Resolution No. 2011-46, approving a list of streets for Phase 3 of the City's Street Improvement Project.	PASSED
6. Consider Ordinance No. 2011-33, amending the budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2010 and ending September 30, 2011 in the amount of \$700,000 to provide for increases in the cost for water purchased from the City of Houston.	PASSED
7. Discussion concerning Noise Mitigation relating to the expansion of U.S. Highway 290	DISCUSSED