

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, HELD ON APRIL 18, 2011 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CIVIC CENTER, 16327 LAKEVIEW, JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS.

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE A QUORUM IS PRESENT

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

Mayor, Russell Hamley	City Manager, Mike Castro
Council Member, Joyce Berube	City Secretary, Lorri Coody
Council Member, Rod Erskine	City Attorney, Martha Williams
Council Member, Curtis Haverty	
Council Member, Mark Maloy	
Council Member, Jill Klein	

Staff in attendance: Mark Bitz, Fire Chief; Eric Foerster, Chief of Police; Danny Segundo, Director of Public Works; Isabel Kato, Director of Finance; and Michael Brown, Director of Parks and Recreation.

The following City of Jersey Village Planning and Zoning Commission members were present:

Debra Mergel, Chairman	Rick Faircloth, Commissioner
Barbara Freeman, Commissioner	Tom Eustace, Commissioner
Harry Beckwith, III, Commissioner	Justin Ray, Commissioner

Commissioner, Michael O'Neal was not present at this meeting.

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. **Prayer by: Michael Brittain, Chaplain, American Legion Post #324**
2. **Pledge by: Jimmy Baughman, Commander of American Legion Post #324**

C. PRESENTATIONS

1. **Presentation of Police Department Employee of the First Quarter, 2011.**

Jimmy Baughman, Commander, and Howard Mead, Past Commander of American Legion Post #324, along with Mayor Hamley, presented the Police Department Employee of the Quarter, 2011 awarded to Officer Eric Mong.

D. JOINT PUBLIC HEARING

1. **Conduct Joint Public Hearing with Planning and Zoning Commission on amendments to the City's comprehensive zoning ordinance concerning the creation of a new District D – Jersey Village Crossing district, which primarily represents the property located south of the U.S. Highway 290 right-of-way and within the corporate city limits of the City of Jersey Village; and establishing the Form Based Code Requirements for this district.**

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Mayor Hamley called the item and Chairman Mergel announced a quorum for the Planning and Zoning Commission. City Manager, Mike Castro called attention to the letter that had been received from Mason, Coplen, & Banks, P.C., Attorneys at Law, written on behalf of Jones Road Project, Ltd., one of the property owners having an interest in the outcome of the creation of a new District D and the establishment of form based code requirements for that district. One of the complaints outlined in the letter addresses proper notice of the Joint Public Hearing to be conducted this evening.

Mr. Castro explained that due to possible error in the notice requirements, City Council and the Planning and Zoning Commission should take no action on the item to conduct a joint public hearing. However, it is necessary that Council call for a new joint public hearing on May 23, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. The proper motion to do this is as follows:

MOTION: To call a Joint Public Hearing with the City Council and the Planning and Zoning Commission at 7:00 p.m., Monday, May 23, 2011, at the Civic Center Auditorium, 16327 Lakeview, Jersey Village, Texas, for the purpose of receiving written and oral comments related to the creation of a new District D – Jersey Village Crossing district, which primarily represents the property located south of the U.S. Highway 290 right-of-way and within the corporate city limits of the City of Jersey Village; and establishing the Form Based Code Requirements for this district.

Since the Joint Public Hearing was not conducted, it will not be necessary for the Planning and Zoning Commission to consider the creation of District D and Form Based Code Requirements Final Report item on their separate agenda. Nor will it be necessary for City Council to consider the receipt of the P&Z's Final Report on this topic (Item H4) or the approval of the Ordinance (Item H5).

With no discussion on this matter, Council Member Haverty moved to call a Joint Public Hearing with the City Council and the Planning and Zoning Commission at 7:00 p.m., Monday, May 23, 2011, at the Civic Center Auditorium, 16327 Lakeview, Jersey Village, Texas, for the purpose of receiving written and oral comments related to the creation of a new District D – Jersey Village Crossing district, which primarily represents the property located south of the U.S. Highway 290 right-of-way and within the corporate city limits of the City of Jersey Village; and establishing the Form Based Code Requirements for this district. Council Member Erskine seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Council Members Berube, Erskine, Haverty, Maloy, and Klein

Nays: None

The motion carried.

- 2. Conduct Joint Public Hearing with Planning and Zoning Commission on the proposal to amend the City's zoning ordinance at Chapter 14, Article IV, Section 14-106(a)(19) by adding a subsection (c) to include telecommunication towers.**

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Mayor Hamley and Chairman Mergel opened the joint public hearing at 7:08 p.m.

Chairman Mergel provided background information on the item as follows:

On February 18, 2011, T-Mobile West, Inc. filed an application for a zoning amendment. The request is to amend the City of Jersey Village Code of Ordinances at Chapter 14, Article IV, Section 14-106(a)(19) by adding a subsection (c) to include telecommunication towers.

Mr. David Petrakovitz appeared before the Planning and Zoning Commission on March 3, 2011 on behalf of T-Mobile West, Inc. in order to present the request. He explained to the Commission that the request is the first of a two part request. If approved, T-Mobile will file a request for a special use permit to place the tower on Mr. Endeljac's land located at 7911 Capri Circle, Houston, Texas 77095. With that in mind, he showed the Commission pictures of what the proposed telecommunication tower will look like. It is a 100 foot tower that looks like a flag pole. In fact, a flag can be hung on the pole.

The Commission discussed the following aspects concerning the ultimate placement of this tower:

1. The exact location and height for the tower;
2. Flag requirements, since there was no desire that there be a flag due to noise;
3. The most common complaints received by T-Mobile for these type towers; and
4. The possibility of interference with DPS helicopters.

The Planning and Zoning Commission submitted its preliminary report to Council at its March 21, 2011 meeting. The Commission is ready to conduct the Joint Public Hearing.

Mayor Hamley called those individuals signing up to speak on the matters as follows:

Gloria McKay, 16313 Lakeview, Jersey Village, TX (281) 389-4268 – Ms. McKay told Council her experience with Planning and Zoning and District G. She talked about how there has always been a very close relationship between business and residential in District G, but the zoning has been such that it has prevented issues. She came to Jersey Village because of its zoning. She told Council that if they are to permit towers in District G, that they only be permitted in certain areas of the District.

With no one else signing up to speak, Mayor Hamley and Chairman Mergel closed the public hearing at 7:12 p.m., and the Planning and Zoning Commission retired from the City Council meeting to conduct its posted meeting agenda at 7:12 p.m.

E. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Citizens who have signed a card and wish to speak to the City Council will be heard at this time. In compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, unless the subject matter of the presentation is on the agenda, the City staff and City Council Members are prevented from discussing the

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subject and may respond only with statements of factual information or existing policy. Citizens are limited to five (5) minutes for their presentation to the City Council.

Barbi Freeman, 15501 Jersey Drive, Jersey Village, TX (713) 466-6903 – Ms. Freeman told Council that she would like to recognize two men who passed away this week, Tody DuPont and Jim Box. These men have done a lot for the City and she wanted to publicly recognize their efforts. Mayor Hamley thanked her and he too showed appreciation and recognition for these men.

Jerry Roberts, 16542 Village Drive, Jersey Village, TX (713) 466-4199 – Mr. Roberts spoke to Council about speeding on Village Drive. He presented council with a petition signed by 23 residents living on Village Drive in favor of the installation of “rumble strips” in order to restrict speeding on that street.

F. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

- 1. Monthly Fund Balance Report, Red Light Camera Fund Report, Enterprise Funds Report, Governmental Funds Report, Quarterly Investment Report – March 2011, and Budget Projections as of March 2011**
- 2. Open Records Request and Solicitor’s Permit Requests**
- 3. Fire Departmental Report and Communication Division’s Monthly Report**
- 4. Police Activity Report, Warrant Report, Investigations/Calls for Service Report, Red Light Camera Summary Report, Crime Prevention Unit Monthly Report, and Staffing/Recruitment Report**
- 5. Municipal Court Collection Report, Municipal Court Activity Report, Municipal Court Courtroom Activity Report, Report Graphs, Municipal Citations within Residential Area Report, and Court Proceeds Comparison Report**
- 6. Public Works Departmental Report, Jones Road Construction Up-Date Detail Report, and Jones Road Construction Update Summary**
- 7. Combined Monthly and Annual Mileage Report**
- 8. Golf Course Monthly Report, Golf Course Financial Statement Report, and the Parks and Recreation Departmental Report**
- 9. Report from Code Enforcement**
- 10. Capital Improvements Projects Report**
- 11. White Oaks Bayou Capital Improvements Projects Report**

G. 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 Regular Session Meeting held on March 21, 2011.**

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- 2. Consider Resolution No. 2011-21, authorizing the Collection Agency Contract with Linebarger for the collection of delinquent municipal court fines and warrants.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-21

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LAW FIRM OF LINEBARGER GOGGAN BLAIR & SAMPSON, LLP.

- 3. Consider Ordinance No. 2011-16, amending the budget for fiscal year October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011 in the amount of \$8,000 to cover cost associated with the operation of the city's fleet department.**

ORDINANCE NO. 2011-16

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2010 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2011, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,000 TO COVER COST ASSOCIATED WITH THE OPERATION OF THE CITY'S FLEET DEPARTMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.

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

Ayes: Council Members Berube, Erskine, Haverty, Maloy, and Klein

Nays: None

The motion carried.

H. REGULAR AGENDA

- 1. Receive information from Anthony Mills, Regional Manager of City Services, concerning member benefits with Texas Municipal Retirement System.**

Curtis Haverty, Council Member introduced the item. He told Council that due to the recent news articles about the condition of various governmental retirement accounts, he wanted to know the status of the City's employee retirement. With this introduction, Mr. Anthony Mills, Regional Manager with the Texas Municipal Retirement System gave a presentation on the City's employee retirement benefits. He provided background information about the plan stating that the City has been a member since May of 1995. The plan is funded by contributions from the employee, the city and from investment returns that both of these contribution earn along the way.

He gave a handout with literature on the plan and directed Council's attention to a snap shot of the plan. For contributions, the City makes a 2 to 1 match. However, the City's contribution is based upon an actuarial rate. Employees must be vested for 5 years before

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receiving benefits. Vesting in TMRS means that the employee must work long enough to eventually qualify for a lifetime benefit when eligible. Employees who give 5 years qualify for retirement benefits at age 60; or regardless of age, if an employee gives 25 years of services he/she qualifies for benefits.

Jersey Village has 95 employees participating in the plan and 20 employees draw an annuity benefit.

TMRS has 842 City participants with each entity having its own financial independence.

Mr. Mills explained that each year the City learns what percent of its payroll is needed to make the match or its portion of the contribution. It is based upon actuarial tables. A few years ago, TMRS updated its actuarial tables to eliminate any problems that may be encountered with shortages that were anticipated with the old tables due to fluctuating rates in employee pay and optional cost of living adjustments. They also changed to the projected unit method for looking at liabilities because “land-locked” cities were no longer growing. The lack of growth affected the ratio between active employees and retirees, making the liability greater and with less payroll funding.

Nonetheless, Mr. Mills explained that Jersey Village has done well. It has an administration that understands change and has committed to paying the full rate since the changes were made.

Planning and Zoning Commission returned to the Council Chamber at 7:32 P.M.

Mr. Mills explained where the City was and where it is now in terms of its retirement plan. He closed his presentation with a review of how the City of Jersey Village compared to neighboring Cities.

Council asked Mr. Mills a few questions which he addressed accordingly.

With no further information on this topic, Mayor Hamley called items 7 and 8 on the Council Agenda out of order as follows:

- 7. Consider Resolution No. 2011-24, receiving the Planning and Zoning Commission’s Final Report pertaining to amending the City’s Zoning Ordinance at Chapter 14, Article IV, Section 14-106(a)(19) by adding a subsection (c) to include Telecommunication Towers.**

Planning and Zoning Commission Chairman, Debra Mergel presented the final report. She told Council that this item is about adding Telecommunication Towers as a specific use in zoning District G. She listed for Council the types of trade and business that are currently permitted in zoning District G. She told Council that after considering all the information before it including that gathered at the Joint Public Hearing the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends that:

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The City’s comprehensive zoning ordinance be amended at Chapter 14, Article IV, Section 14-106(a)(19) by adding a subsection (c) to include telecommunication towers.

Chairman Mergel told Council that the Planning and Zoning Commission vote on this was unanimous.

Council engaged in discussion about the setback requirement from residential homes for towers. Christian Somers, the City’s Building Official explained that there is no setback requirement in District G, only in District A, and since this will be an addition of a specific use permit, Council sets criteria for the permit.

Discussion was had concerning the location of the closest residential areas to the proposed tower site, which brought about further discussion about the height and setback requirements for the tower.

Mayor Hamley reminded Council that this item is merely to accept the Planning and Zoning Commission’s final report. He called for a motion.

Council Member Berube moved to approve Resolution No. 2011-24, receiving the Planning and Zoning Commission’s Final Report pertaining to amending the City’s Zoning Ordinance at Chapter 14, Article IV, Section 14-106(a)(19) by adding a subsection (c) to include Telecommunication Towers. Council Member Haverty seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Council Members Berube, Erskine, Haverty, Maloy, and Klein

Nays: None

The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, RECEIVING THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION’S FINAL REPORT PERTAINING TO ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS AT CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE IV, SECTION 14-106(A)(19) BY ADDING A SUBSECTION (C) TO INCLUDE TELECOMMUNICATION TOWERS.

- 8. Consider Ordinance No. 2011-19, amending Chapter 14 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jersey Village, Texas, by amending Article IV, Section 14-106(a)(19) by adding a subsection (c) to include telecommunication towers; providing for repeal; providing for penalty as provided by Section 1-8 of the Code; and providing an effective date.**

Mayor Hamley called the item. With limited discussion concerning the 56 foot height requirement for District G, Council Member Berube moved to approve Ordinance No.

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2011-19, amending Chapter 14 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jersey Village, Texas, by amending Article IV, Section 14-106(a)(19) by adding a subsection (c) to include telecommunication towers; providing for repeal; providing for penalty as provided by Section 1-8 of the Code; and providing an effective date. Council Member Haverty seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Council Members Berube, Erskine, Haverty, Maloy, and Klein

Nays: None

The motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2011-19

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 14 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE IV, SECTION 14-106(a)(19) BY ADDING A SUBSECTION (C) TO INCLUDE TELECOMMUNICATION TOWERS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING A PENALTY AS PROVIDED BY SECTION 1-8 OF THE CODE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Hamley resumed the regular agenda order and called item 2 as follows:

- 2. Consider Resolution No. 2011-22, authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with CenterPoint Energy for the installation of “cobra style” street lighting along the roadway portion of the Jones Road Extension.**

Erik Tschanz, Project Manager introduced the item. He explained that this item is being presented to Council with the information requested from the last meeting. He explained that he has representatives present from Harris County, Texas and from CenterPoint Energy to field and answer any questions concerning this item.

Council asked the Harris County representative about the County’s policy on the placement of lighting on County roads. The representative explained that the County has many roads that it must maintain. Therefore, it is the Counties policy that two lights (cobra-style) be placed at intersections that have a traffic signal. He explained that on rare occasions, lights are placed in other areas, but this has only happened on two separate occasions since he has been there and only after a major incident occurred.

The Harris County representative stated that street lights do enhance safety, but the funds of the county are limited. Safety is typically dealt with after the fact. That is, after a major incident has occurred.

Council engaged in discussion about the guidelines for safety in advance of a major incident. The Harris County representative stated that from a traffic engineering perspective, it is a matter of choice and Harris County chooses to place lighting only at intersections with traffic signals.

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Council discussed the City's prior budget processes and how a mindset of being cautious in these economic times has prevailed. Some members of the Council pointed out that according to County standards; the setting of two light poles is all that is needed along the Jones Road Extension.

Chief of Police, Eric Foerster, was asked for input on this topic. He told Council that lighting is essential. He directed Council's attention to Argentina Street as an example of what lighting can do for a street, and for safety. He told Council that he is concerned about crime in the area along the Jones Road Extension now, and when the road opens, he fears it will only get worse. He believes that lighting will help, and without lighting it is possible that the only way to counter crime is with increased patrols.

A representative from CenterPoint Energy pointed out that according to their data, street lighting reduces crime and provides safety. CenterPoint Energy places roadway light fixtures according to the standards recommended by the Illuminating Engineering Society of North America. CenterPoint relies on studies that show lighting reduces traffic problems.

With no further discussion on the matter, Council Member Berube moved to approve Resolution No. 2011-22, authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with CenterPoint Energy for the installation of "cobra style" street lighting along the roadway portion of the Jones Road Extension. Council Member Haverty seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Council Members Berube, Erskine, Haverty, and Klein

Nays: Council Member Maloy

The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH CENTERPOINT ENERGY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF COBRA STYLE STREET LIGHTS ALONG THE ROADWAY PORTION OF THE JONES ROAD EXTENSION.

- 3. Consider Ordinance No. 2011-17, amending the budget for fiscal year October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011, in the amount of \$15,000 to provide for the installation of street lighting along the Jones Road Extension by CenterPoint Energy.**

With no discussion on this item, Council Member Klein moved to approve Ordinance No. 2011-17, amending the budget for fiscal year October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011, in the amount of \$15,000 to provide for the installation of street lighting along the Jones Road Extension by CenterPoint Energy. Council Member Berube seconded the motion. The vote follows:

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Ayes: Council Members Berube, Erskine, Haverty, and Klein

Nays: Council Member Maloy

The motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2011-17

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- 4. Consider Resolution No. 2011-23, receiving the Planning and Zoning Commission's Final Report concerning the creation of a new District D – Jersey Village Crossing district, which primarily represents the property located south of the U.S. Highway 290 right-of-way and within the corporate city limits of the City of Jersey Village; and establishing Form Based Code Requirements for this district.**

Item Not Considered – (See Item D1 in these minutes for further explanation)

- 5. Consider Ordinance No. 2011-18, amending Chapter 14, Article IV of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jersey Village, Texas, by amending certain Sections of Chapter 14, Article IV to add a new zoning District D – Jersey Village Crossing; revising the official zoning map to add District D; correcting and re-numbering section numbers in Chapter 14, amending Section 14-85 relating to designation of newly annexed areas, amending Section 14.88(a) related to District D; making findings and provisions relating to the subject; providing a severability clause; providing for repeal; providing a penalty as provided by Section 14-87 of the Code; and providing an effective date.**

Item Not Considered – (See Item D1 in these minutes for further explanation)

- 6. Receive update concerning the Jones Road Extension Project from Project Manager, Erik Tschanz.**

Erik Tschanz, Project Manager gave an update concerning the Jones Road Extension Project. He told Council that there have been eight (8) pay applications for the contractor totaling \$3,022,000, less the retainage reduced from 10% to 7.5%.

The project is 86% complete and while contracted to complete by July 19 it is ahead of schedule and projected to complete by May 25, 2011. Mr. Tschanz told Council that as of the month of April the City's contractor has been diligently concentrating efforts on completing the detention pond and Harris County Flood Control channel structures. Bull rock has been placed in most of the drainage areas to minimize the amount of erosion possibly caused from excessive water flow in an extreme event thru the outfall structure

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and existing channel. Final top bank grades of the detention pond have been surveyed and shot and the entire area is about ready for site inspection by Harris County Flood Control. The railroad has installed support structures for their crossing arms adjacent to the railroad tracks along with the cabinet box which will synchronize those crossing arms in conjunction with traffic signalization lights at the US Highway 290/Jones intersection. The perimeter metal fence along with green slats has been installed around the sanitary sewer lift station. It is anticipated around the second week of the month of May CenterPoint Energy will begin running the electricity in order to provide needed power for the lift station. All of the 2" PVC conduit for future street lights along the roadway portion of Jones has been completed and pull string needed for electrical wiring has been blown into the conduit. The project continues moving forward well ahead of schedule, under budget with no immediate concerns at hand. A ribbon cutting ceremony has been tentatively set for June 3 at 9:30 a.m. Traffic will be permitted on the new roadway after the ribbon cutting.

Mr. Tschanz fielded questions concerning speed limits for the new road. He explained that it has not yet been set, but a field test will be done which will determine same. There was also discussion about the signalization of the lights at US Highway 290 and how the Railroad Crossing Arms will affect same. Mr. Tschanz explained that the sequence is unknown at this time.

Council also discussed the flow of traffic along Jones Road Southbound and the specific turn lane options upon entering the new roadway. Finally, there was discussion about crossovers along the section of the new extension from US Highway 290 down to Charles. Currently there are none. The concern was for traffic conditions during emergencies and how emergency vehicles will accommodate same. Council asked if the County would install a "cut through." Since none were planned, it is doubtful. Staff was asked to bring back information concerning installation and pricing for a "cut through."

I. CLOSE THE REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Hamley closed the Regular Session at 8:40 p.m. to Convene into Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code Section 551.071 – Consultation w/Attorney.

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1. Consult with Attorney pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act Section 551.071 regarding the Noise Mitigation Lawsuit brought against the Federal Highway Administration relating to the expansion of U.S. Highway 290. *Mark Maloy, Council Member***

K. ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Mayor Hamley adjourned the Executive Session at 9:17 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Session, stating that no official business was taken during the Executive Session.

L. CONVENE REGULAR SESSION

1. Discuss and take appropriate action on items considered in Executive Session.

Upon completing the executive session, Mayor Hamley called for discussion on this item. There being no discussion, Council Member Maloy read a statement into the record which is summarized here as follows: This is an issue of noise abatement concerning the expansion of US 290 through the Jersey Village area. Previously, I had explored the streets along US 290 and those in that area located within Jersey Village, and had Citizens sign a petition that was later sent to TXDOT asking that TXDOT incorporate effective noise mitigation designs through the Jersey Village area during their expansion of US 290. Additionally, the City Manager has sent a letter to TXDOT seeking noise mitigation. After TXDOT received their final environmental results concluding that noise abatement was not necessary in the Jersey Village, the City Manager and Council Member Maloy asked that TXDOT construct a PARAGLAS wall along the main lanes of US 290, and apply the same porous, noise reducing surface that was used on the Harris County Toll Road east of Jersey Village on that portion of US Highway 290 that travels through Jersey Village.

The City has been in existence longer than US 290 and the Harris County Toll Road. Its residents deserve the quiet, peaceful living environment they had before these roads came into existence. Recently a law suit has been filed by home owners near the already funded expansion section of US 290 and IH-610, asking for necessary noise abatement.

There was no action taken on this item.

M. ADJOURN

There being no further business on the Agenda the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Lorri Coody, City Secretary