

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, HELD ON OCTOBER 8, 2012 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
Council Member, Rod Erskine
Council Member, Harry Beckwith III, PE
Council Member, Sheri Sheppard
Council Member, Jill Klein

City Manager, Mike Castro
City Secretary, Lorri Coody

Council Member, Justin Ray was not present at this meeting.

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

Fire Chief, Mark Bitz was not present at this meeting.

B. FISCAL 2012-2013 MUNICIPAL BUDGET ITEMS

- 1. Conduct the second public hearing giving all persons interested the right to appear and to be heard on the proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 2.31 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax rate calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code.)**

Mayor Hamley opened the second public hearing at 7:01p.m. in order to give all interested parties the right to appear and be heard on the proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 2.31 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax rate calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code).

After opening the meeting, he called upon Isabel Kato, Finance Director to summarize the subject of the public hearing. Ms. Kato gave a presentation outlining the proposal to increase the total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 2.31 percent.

In completing the Finance Director's presentation, and with no persons signing up to speak on the proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 2.31 percent, Mayor Hamley stated:

The City Council will meet on Monday, October 22, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Civic Center, 16327 Lakeview Drive, Jersey Village, Texas, for the purpose of voting on the proposed tax rate. He then closed the second public hearing at 7:09 p.m.

C. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Consider Resolution No. 2012-54, authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Comcast Commercial Services, LLC for Internet Services.**

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Bob Blevins, Director of Information Technology introduced the item. He told Council that this item is for a 36 month contract renewal agreement between Comcast Commercial Services, LLC and the City of Jersey Village for dedicated 20.0mbps Internet Access. The current 36 month contract for our existing dedicated 5.0mbps Internet link with Comcast has expired. This renewal is for the same \$825 per month cost and increases the speed from 5.0mbps to 20mbps.

With limited discussion on the item, Council Member Beckwith moved to approve Resolution No. 2012-54, authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Comcast Commercial Services, LLC for Internet Services. Council Member Erskine seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Council Members Erskine, Beckwith, Sheppard and Klein

Nays: None

The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-54

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT AND AGREEMENT AMENDMENT WITH COMCAST COMMERCIAL SERVICES, LLC FOR INTERNET ACCESS SERVICE.

2. Consider Resolution No. 2012-55, authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Contract for curbside collection of recyclable items.

Danny Segundo, Director of Public Works introduced the item. Background information is as follows:

City Manager Mike Castro received an email from Jim Adamoli, President of Tascon Industries, Inc. on September 5, 2012. The email informed Mike Castro that effective October 31, 2012 Tascon Industries would discontinue participation in the City's recycling program.

City Council approved a solid waste contract with WCA Waste Corporation of Texas at its August 20, 2012 City Council meeting. Not knowing the circumstances until recently, no provision for recycling was included into the contract. At the September City Council meeting this topic was discussed and Staff was directed to request a proposal from WCA Waste Corporation of Texas regarding the addition of residential recycling curb pick up to its existing contract.

WCA Waste Corporation has submitted 2 recycling proposals for City Council to review. They are as follows:

- a) Once-weekly (on *either Wednesday or Friday*) curbside collection of commingled recyclable items utilizing WCA-provided 18-gallon bins (service not limited to

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capacity of bins; additional recyclables may be placed in a paper bag or corrugated cardboard box for service) - **\$2.35 per home per month for three-year term w/one year price lock. Years 2 and 3 to be adjusted by CPI Index.**

- b) Once-weekly (on *either Wednesday or Friday*) curbside collection of commingled recyclable items utilizing WCA-provided 18-gallon bins (service not limited to capacity of bins; additional recyclables may be placed in a paper bag or corrugated cardboard box for service) - **\$4.75 per home per month for one-year term.**

The City is currently under contract to pay \$10.95 for curbside residential solid waste pickup. The first proposal will add approximately an additional \$58,092 to the contract. The second proposal will add approximately \$117,420 to the contract.

Staff also contacted Jim Adamoli with Tascon Industries, Inc. to discuss the possibility of continuing its existing recycling program. Mr. Adamoli has submitted a proposal to the City to continue to provide recycling services at a cost of \$1.25 per home per month. Mr. Adamoli would also like to see the city increase its participation level, which is currently in the 20% range. The approximate cost to extend the City's existing service is \$30,900 per year.

City Council has the following options regarding the recycle program:

- A. Discontinue the recycling program effective October 31, 2012.
- B. Once a week recycling services with WCA at the rate of \$2.35 per home per month for 3 years with increases in years 2 and 3 by CPI.
- C. Once a week recycling services with WCA at the rate of \$4.75 per home per month, for 1 year with increases in the rate by the CPI for any extensions beyond 1 year.
- D. Once a week recycling services with Tascon Industries, Inc. at \$1.25 per home per month. 1 year contract.

Council engaged in discussion concerning the various options for recycling. Curtis Lacey from WCA was present and addressed questions about the WCA process for recycling. He assured Council that the WCA program actually recycles the material. In fact, he mentioned that WCA is one of the largest solid waste companies in the area that offers recycling services.

Council discussed the recycling participation rate. Staff reported that a short survey had been conducted since the last Council Meeting and it was found that 18 to 20 percent of the residents are recycling. Mr. Segundo noted that there are certain areas in the City where residents do not recycle at all. Council engaged in discussion about different ideas to increase program participation which included:

- a. Pick-up every other week as opposed to weekly, giving residents more time to collect recyclables; or
- b. Offering the commingled service which would make recycling easier.

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There was some concern among some Council Members that the fee is assessed for all residents regardless of participation, which does not seem fair. Council discussed the various instances in the City where residents pay for services not used. The consensus was that many City services will never be used by all residents; therefore, the determining factor here is to decide if this is a service that City Council believes should be continued for the benefit of its residents and for the benefit of the community in general.

A centralized recycling bin was discussed. This idea was not well supported.

Discussion was had that greater participation might be had with the Tascon program if the schedule was changed to every other week. This schedule was discussed. Some felt that better publication of the program would help and that residents should be told that the program will only be extended for one (1) year and renewal after that will be based upon increased participation.

The City Manager gave a brief background about participation in the Tascon program. He told Council that when it started the program was highly publicized. During that time, the best participation was about 35 percent of the residents.

Council Member Beckwith moved to table the Resolution and have Staff go back to Tascon in order to see what the rate would be for twice a month. Council Member Klein seconded the motion.

Discussion ensued. City Manager Castro reminded Council that the existing agreement with Tascon will end October 31, 2012. He told Council that part of this decision making process will be communicating to the residents what is going to happen with the recycling program. Given the late notice from Tascon to terminate and today's date, there may be some issues with communicating this information to the residents.

With this in mind, Council Member Beckwith withdrew his motion. He then moved that Staff get a proposal from Tascon for pick-up of recyclables every 2 weeks beginning December 1, 2012 with the caveat that they will keep performing weekly pick-ups until and through November, 2012. Council Member Klein seconded this motion.

Council Member Erskine moved to amend Council Member Beckwith's motion to include that Staff also get a proposal from WCA for pick-up of recyclables every two (2) weeks. Council Member Klein seconded the motion. Mayor Hamley called for a vote on the amendment. The vote follows:

Ayes: Council Members Erskine, Beckwith, Sheppard and Klein

Nays: None

The motion carried.

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Mayor Hamley than asked the City Secretary to read Council Member Beckwith's motion as amended.

The motion was read as follows: That Staff get a proposal from Tascon for pick-up of recyclables every 2 weeks beginning December 1, 2012 with the caveat that they will keep weekly pick-ups until and through November, 2012; and that Staff also get a proposal from WCA for pick-up of recyclables every two (2) weeks.

Mayor Hamley called for the vote on Council Member Beckwith's motion as amended. The vote follows:

Ayes: Council Members Erskine, Beckwith, Sheppard and Klein

Nays: None

The motion carried.

D. ADJOURN

There being no further business on the Agenda the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Lorri Coody, City Secretary