

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, HELD ON JANUARY 19, 2015 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 Erskine at 7:00 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor, Rod Erskine	City Manager, Mike Castro, PhD
Council Member, Justin Ray	City Secretary, Lorri Coody
Council Member, Greg Holden	City Attorney, Bobby Gervais
Council Member, Harry Beckwith III, P.E.	
Council Member, Sheri Sheppard	
Council Member, Tom Eustace	

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

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. Prayer by: Donna McCarty, Chaplain, Jeremy E. Ray American Legion Post 324.
2. Pledge by: Jimmy Baughman, Commander, Jeremy E. Ray American Legion Post 324.

C. PRESENTATIONS

1. **Presentation of Police Department Employee of the Fourth Quarter and 2014 Employee of the Year Award by Jimmy Baughman Commander of Jeremy E. Ray American Legion Post 324.**

Michael Brittain, a member of American Legion Post #324, along with Mayor Erskine, presented the Police Department Employee of the Fourth Quarter, 2014 award to Officer Catherine Braneff and the 2014 Employee of the Year award to Officer Cary D. Hale.

2. **Employee Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) award presentation.**

George Nami, Employee Support of the Guard and Reserve Representative, presented an award to Eric Foerster, Chief of Police.

D. 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 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.

William Schuster, 8 Peach Tree Court, Jersey Village, Texas (832) 407-9011 – Mr. Schuster spoke to City Council concerning the carwash located along Jones Road and behind the Lake of Jersey subdivision. He does not support this carwash and he opposes the access drive that is currently being requested. He stated noise and safety concerns as reasons for not supporting this request.

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Deborah Finlay, 30 Cherry Hills, Jersey Village, Texas (713) 816-2088 – Ms. Finlay spoke against the access drive for the carwash located on Jones Road. She stated that there are already two (2) access drives for this property along Jones Road and cannot understand the need for a third. She stated that there are other businesses along Jones Road that do not have two (2) access drives. The drive, if permitted, will run behind her home located in the Lakes of Jersey Village subdivision. She is concerned about the road affecting drainage and has concerns for flooding. She is also concerned about “cut-through” traffic, noise and safety issues.

Barbi Freeman, 15501 Jersey Drive, Jersey Village, Texas (713) 466-6903 – Ms. Freeman thanked City Council for permitting the police department quarterly awards. She explained that the program is sponsored by Jersey Village citizens and not by the Jersey Village City Council. The funds to honor recipients are received from private citizens and other service organizations such as the American Legion and the Jersey Village Women’s Group.

Mark Maloy, 7803 Hamilton Circle, Jersey Village, Texas (713) 461-1430 – Mr. Maloy had questions for City Council concerning the item on the agenda to issue \$8M in Certificates of Obligation (CO’s). He also had questions about the Red Light Camera Program. Some of his questions were as follows:

1. Will all of the \$8M in CO’s be reimbursed by TxDOT?
2. Will any of the \$8M be used for projects other than the US HWY 290 expansion project?
3. How long will it take to pay off the \$8M?
4. Will the red light cameras be reinstalled once the US HWY 290 expansion project is completed?
5. If the red light cameras are not reinstalled, will the City have to pay the company that contracted for the red light cameras any penalty, and if so, how much?

Jim Pulliam, 15713 Tenbury, Jersey Village, Texas (713) 983-0932 – Mr. Pulliam spoke to City Council concerning the \$8M in Certificates of Obligation that are to be used by the City to fund Segment 7 of the US HWY 290 expansion project. He is concerned about the amount of the certificates and he wants to know what will become of the dollars reimbursed by TxDOT. He is concerned that the reimbursement dollars will not be used to pay off the Certificates. He wants the citizens to be able to vote in a bond election on major city expenses.

Jim Fields, 16413 St. Helier, Jersey Village, Texas (713) 466-0804 – Mr. Fields spoke to City Council about code enforcement. He told the Council that he would like to see the City install an incident reporting system wherein incidents are assigned a tracking number. He felt that this type of system would help eliminate confusion when residents call in to inquire about the outcome of reported incidences. He also presented a list of violations that he has observed in the City.

John McCaskill, 8321 Rio Grande, Jersey Village, Texas (713) 466-8486 – Mr. McCaskill spoke to City Council about his concern for traffic and crime. He understands that City Council will hire a traffic consultant to study traffic issues within the City. In making this study, he wants to be assured that the consultant considers the effects that his recommendations will have

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on crime in the City and that the traffic problems will not be rerouted to other areas of the City. Mr. McCaskill stated that he is thankful for our police department, but he fears that extending Jersey Meadow Drive will increase “cut-through” traffic and crime in the City.

E. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

City Manager, Mike Castro, gave his monthly report, calling attention to the 2014 Racial Profiling Report. Additionally, Police Chief Eric Foerster introduced Officer Jimmey Holley, joining his department.

- 1. Monthly Fund Balance Report, Red Light Camera Fund Report, Enterprise Funds Report, Governmental Funds Report, Property Tax Collection Report, December 2014 Quarterly Investment Report, and Budget Projections as of December 2014.**
- 2. Open Records Request**
- 3. Fire Departmental Report and Communication Division’s Monthly Report**
- 4. Police Activity Report, Warrant Report, Investigations/Calls for Service Report, Crime Prevention Unit Monthly Report (no report this month), and Staffing/Recruitment Report**
- 5. 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**
- 6. Public Works Departmental Report and Phase 3 Project Update**
- 7. Golf Course Monthly Report, Golf Course Financial Statement Report, and the Parks and Recreation Departmental Report**
- 8. Report from Code Enforcement**
- 9. 2014 Racial Profiling Report**
- 10. Introduction of Peace Officer – Officer Jimmy Holley**

F. 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 December 15, 2014.**
- 2. Consider Ordinance No. 2015-01, ordering a general election to be held on May 09, 2015, for the purpose of electing a Mayor and two (2) councilmembers (Place 2 and Place 3); providing for ballots; designating the time and place of holding such election; providing appointment of election officials and their compensation; providing for notices; providing for publication; providing for a runoff election if required; providing a severability clause; providing an effective date.**

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-01

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, ORDERING A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 09, 2015, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MAYOR AND TWO (2) COUNCILMEMBERS (PLACE 2 AND PLACE 3); PROVIDING FOR BALLOTS; DESIGNATING THE TIME AND PLACE OF HOLDING SUCH ELECTION; PROVIDING APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION OFFICIALS AND THEIR COMPENSATION; PROVIDING FOR NOTICES; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; PROVIDING FOR A RUNOFF ELECTION IF REQUIRED; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Council Member Ray moved to approve items 1 and 2 on the consent agenda. Council Member Beckwith seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Council Members Ray, Holden, Beckwith, Sheppard, and Eustace

Nays: None

The motion carried.

G. REGULAR AGENDA

- 1. Consider Resolution No. 2015-01, authorizing publication of Notice of Intention to issue Certificates of Obligation, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$8,000,000 for the acquisition, construction and improvement of certain public works, and authorizing certain other matters relating thereto.**

Mike Castro, City Manager, introduced the item. Background information is as follows:

The Texas Department of Transportation's (TXDOT) project to widen U.S. Highway 290 requires the City of Jersey Village to relocate its utility infrastructure. The City of Jersey Village was able to pay expenses related to the utility line relocations, including acquisition of the utility easements, engineering services and the cost of the construction in the section of US Highway 290 from the Beltway 8 Interchange to Jersey Drive; also known as Segment 6, from the General Fund balance.

Now TXDOT will require the City to begin relocating utility lines in the next portion of the expansion project, or Segment 7. The Segment 7 portion of the expansion project located within Jersey Village city limits extends from Jersey Drive to North Eldridge Parkway. Segment 7 is approximately 2.3 miles long and the City has utility lines located within the ROW. It is necessary, that in order to fund the Segment 7 portion of the US 290 expansions project, that the City issue Certificates of Obligation.

With Resolution 2015-01, City Council is authorizing the publication of the Notice of Intention to issue Certificates of Obligation, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$8,000,000.

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In addition to the background information, City Manager Castro explained that the issue of reimbursement for land acquisition costs is the subject of a lawsuit between TxDOT and the City that is currently in appeal status. Mr. Castro expects that this lawsuit will not be resolved for some three to four years which increases the uncertainty and the length of time that the City can expect to receive reimbursement for these costs.

The certificates will be issued for a ten year period, and will be callable at any time subject to reimbursement by TxDOT. The debt will be specific to the US HWY 290 expansion project and cannot be used for any other project or purpose.

The Resolution is to approve publication of the notice of intent. The actual vote on approving the issuance of certificates of obligation will be in March, 2015.

John Robuck, the City's Financial Advisor, gave a presentation as to the details of the Certificates of Obligation. He explained that there are two types of debt for a city. General Obligation Bonds are approved by residents via a bond election and are typically issued for "wants" rather than "needs" of the community. Certificates of Obligation, on the other hand, are issued for "needs" of the community and are approved by the governing body. No election is needed to approve Certificates of Obligation, but there is a set process for issuing the certificates which includes a public notice of intent issued for two consecutive weeks in the newspaper.

Bond Attorney, Marcus Dietz, read the notice that is to be published in the newspaper, and explained that the money from the certificates of obligation may only be used for the US HWY 290 expansion project.

Mr. Robuck's presentation included information about the following:

1. Current Market Conditions;
2. Estimated Debt Service for 10-year, callable at any time, certificates with a 2.4% interest rate; and
3. Tentative Schedule of Events.

In completing the presentation, Mr. Robuck and Mr. Dietz fielded and answered the following questions from City Council:

1. Will there be a need for funds before April 1, 2015? No;
2. Why would the debt not be staggered as opposed to getting the entire \$8M up front? Since the cost for the sale of Certificates of Obligation is approximately \$65,000 to \$70,000, purchasing all at one time incurs these fees only once; and
3. Can a future City Council spend the Certificate of Obligation money on another project? No

Council engaged in discussion about what drives the cost of land acquisition. They also discussed the percentage break down for the cost of the project, understanding that construction costs will be about 2/3^{rds} of the project and land acquisition costs will be

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about 1/3rd of the total project. Council then discussed the reimbursement process from TxDOT, and the number of requests currently being processed. City Manager Castro explained that the process is very detailed. He stated that the City has received a reimbursement for the 20-inch water line work and is in the process of submitting another. He explained that submitting for reimbursement is top-priority for Staff.

With no further discussion on the matter, Council Member Beckwith moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-01, authorizing publication of Notice of Intention to issue Certificates of Obligation, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$8,000,000 for the acquisition, construction and improvement of certain public works, and authorizing certain other matters relating thereto. Council Member Holden seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Council Members Ray, Holden, Beckwith, Sheppard, and Eustace

Nays: None

The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-01

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$8,000,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF CERTAIN PUBLIC WORKS, AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

- 2. Consider Ordinance No. 2015-02, receiving the Planning and Zoning Commission's Preliminary Report and calling a Joint Public Hearing of the City Council and the Planning and Zoning Commission concerning the proposal to amend the Jersey Village Code of Ordinances, Chapter 14, Article IV, Section 14-105(a) by adding a new Subsection (24) to include "health club" as a use regulation in District F; and to amend Section 14-5 by adding a definition for "health club."**

Debra Mergel, Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission, introduced the item. Background information is as follows:

On December 4, 2014, Gordon NW Village LP filed a request to amend the Jersey Village Code of Ordinances, Chapter 14, Article IV, Section 14-105(a) by adding a new Subsection (24) to include "health club" as a use regulation in District F; and to amend Section 14-5 by adding a definition for "health club."

On January 13, 2015, the Planning and Zoning Commission met to discuss amendments to Chapter 14, Article I, Section 14-105(a) by adding a new Subsection (24) to include "health club" as a use regulation in District F; and to amend Section 14-5 by adding a definition for "health club."

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The Planning and Zoning Commission presents its preliminary report in connection with its findings to City Council tonight and asks that it be received, and to proceed with a joint public hearing.

With limited discussion on the matter, Council Member Ray moved to approve Ordinance No. 2015-02, receiving the Planning and Zoning Commission's Preliminary Report and calling a Joint Public Hearing of the City Council and the Planning and Zoning Commission concerning the proposal to amend the Jersey Village Code of Ordinances, Chapter 14, Article IV, Section 14-105(a) by adding a new Subsection (24) to include "health club" as a use regulation in District F; and to amend Section 14-5 by adding a definition for "health club." Council Member Eustace seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Council Members Ray, Holden, Beckwith, Sheppard, and Eustace

Nays: None

The motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, RECEIVING THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION'S PRELIMINARY REPORT AND CALLING A JOINT PUBLIC HEARING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION CONCERNING THE PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE JERSEY VILLAGE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE IV, SECTION 14-105(A) BY ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION (24) TO INCLUDE "HEALTH CLUB" AS A USE REGULATION IN DISTRICT F; AND TO AMEND SECTION 14-5 BY ADDING A DEFINITION FOR "HEALTH CLUB."

- 3. Consider Ordinance No. 2015-03, receiving the Planning and Zoning Commission's Preliminary Report and calling for a Joint Public Hearing of the City Council and the Planning and Zoning Commission concerning the request of Stone Development Group to amend the Specific Use Permit for the property located on a 1.8317 acre tract of land (being out of Lot 2, Block 1, a replat of Gulf Coast Jersey Village), located in the Charles Clarkson Survey, Abstract 190, along Jones Road in Jersey Village, Harris County, Texas, by allowing a continuous access drive along the east side of the commercial development through to Jersey Meadow Drive.**

Debra Mergel, Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission, introduced the item. Background information is as follows:

On January 5, 2015, Stone Development Group filed a request to amend the Specific Use Permit for the property located on a 1.8317 acre tract of land (being out of Lot 2, Block 1, a replat of Gulf Coast Jersey Village), located in the Charles Clarkson Survey, Abstract 190, along Jones Road in Jersey Village, Harris County, Texas, by allowing a continuous

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access drive along the east side of the commercial development through to Jersey Meadow Drive.

On January 13, 2015, the Planning and Zoning Commission met to discuss amendments to the Specific Use Permit (SUP) for the property located on a 1.8317 acre tract of land (being out of Lot 2, Block 1, a replat of Gulf Coast Jersey Village), located in the Charles Clarkson Survey, Abstract 190 along Jones Road in Jersey Village, Harris County, Texas.

Chairman Mergel told Council that the Commission preliminary proposed, in a 4 to 2 vote (1 member being absent), that the amendments to the SUP be approved. She asked that the report be received, and to proceed with a joint public hearing.

Council Member Ray, Council Member Liaison for the Planning and Zoning Commission, gave a brief overview, from his point of view, of the discussion had by the Planning and Zoning Commission on this request. He stated that all of the concerns expressed during the Citizen Comment period of this agenda were discussed by the Planning and Zoning Commission as follows:

1. Cut-through traffic;
2. Traffic volume;
3. Noise; and
4. Quality of life issues.

He stated that the Commission discussed the fact that the drive may eliminate traffic congestion and it could help resolve some of the traffic issue concerns. The Commission did not feel that the drive would be used by “cut-through” traffic and that the functionality of the drive would be a benefit. However, the Commission ordered that the trees and shrubs approved in the initial SUP be carried through to Jersey Meadow Drive.

Council engaged in discussion about the permissible uses for the vacant lot between the carwash and CVS. Building Official, Christian Somers, explained the permissible uses naming a clinic, retail sales, gas station, and fast food establishment as a few of the uses permissible.

Council asked, hypothetically, should one of these permissible use establishments desire to extend the drive through to Jersey Meadow Drive, would they be permitted to do so without the additional permission that is required of the carwash under its SUP. Building Official Somers explained that they would not have to have permission to extend the drive as a permissible use establishment.

Council then discussed the location of the drive and the owner of the property as well as the buffer area for the proposed drive to the wall. It was noted that there is approximately 150 feet from the wall to the building. Discussion was also had about the landscaping, drainage, and whether or not the drive could be built at a later date.

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With no further discussion on the matter, Council Member Beckwith moved to approve Ordinance No. 2015-03, receiving the Planning and Zoning Commission's Preliminary Report and calling for a Joint Public Hearing of the City Council and the Planning and Zoning Commission concerning the request of Stone Development Group to amend the Specific Use Permit for the property located on a 1.8317 acre tract of land (being out of Lot 2, Block 1, a replat of Gulf Coast Jersey Village), located in the Charles Clarkson Survey, Abstract 190, along Jones Road in Jersey Village, Harris County, Texas, by allowing a continuous access drive along the east side of the commercial development through to Jersey Meadow Drive. Council Member Holden seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Council Members Ray, Holden, Beckwith, Sheppard, and Eustace

Nays: None

The motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, RECEIVING THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION'S PRELIMINARY REPORT AND CALLING FOR A JOINT PUBLIC HEARING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION CONCERNING THE REQUEST OF STONE DEVELOPMENT GROUP TO AMEND THE SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED ON A 1.8317 ACRE TRACT OF LAND (BEING OUT OF LOT 2, BLOCK 1, A REPLAT OF GULF COAST JERSEY VILLAGE), LOCATED IN THE CHARLES CLARKSON SURVEY, ABSTRACT 190, ALONG JONES ROAD IN JERSEY VILLAGE, HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS, BY ALLOWING A CONTINUOUS ACCESS DRIVE ALONG THE EAST SIDE OF THE COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT THROUGH TO JERSEY MEADOW DRIVE.

4. Receive and discuss status update of the Comprehensive Plan Project.

Gordon Mayer, Interim Public Works Director, introduced Consultant and Project Manager, Shad Comeaux, with Freese and Nichols to give a presentation concerning the status of the comprehensive plan work. Mr. Comeaux's presentation covered the following areas:

1. The 3-Phase Planning Process;
2. Comprehensive Planning – Meeting Schedule;
3. 247 Survey Responses from the Community;
4. Comprehensive Plan Goals;
5. Innovation Charrette;
6. Draft Future Land Use Plan;
7. Public Facilities Evaluation;
8. Economic Development; and

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9. Remaining work items.

In completing the presentation, Council engaged in discussion about City parks and green space. It was noted that a large division of the residents occurred during the most recent CPAC meeting, concerning the issue of what should be done about the City's golf course. It was also noted that the residents at the CPAC meeting finally agreed that the Golf Course should remain open green space. Council wanted to know the Consultant's view on this. Mr. Comeaux explained that he agreed with the residents that the golf course did not necessarily have to remain a golf course, but it should remain as open space. There was then brief discussion about how Missouri City had recently "reorganized" its golf course to include walking trails.

With no further discussion on the matter, Mayor Erskine called the next item on the agenda.

5. Consider Resolution No. 2015-02, authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Brooks & Sparks, Inc. for engineering services related to design, bid, and construction phase services for the 2015 Street Reconstruction Project.

Gordon Mayer, Interim Public Works Director, introduced the item. Background information is as follows:

This item is to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract for engineering services related to design, bid, and construction phase for the 2015 Street Reconstruction Project.

The City Council approved street reconstruction projects at several locations proposed by the Public Works Department in the 2014-2015 Capital Improvement Program Budget. The General Fund portion of the CIP includes reconstruction of the entire length of Elwood Street, pavement point repairs on Lakeview at Elwood, on Lakeview at Shanghai, on Philippine at Argentina, and on Rio Grande at Delozier, and bridge repairs on Lakeview over White Oak Bayou.

The project contemplated in this request is major maintenance and reconstruction of Elwood Street and point repairs at the four other locations. The bridge repairs on Lakeview over White Oak Bayou will require evaluation of the TxDOT inspection report and will be considered for a design project at a later date. A proposal by Brooks & Sparks, Inc. to provide engineering services related to design, bid, and construction phase for the 2015 Street Reconstruction Project was presented to City Council for review. The proposal included basic engineering design, bid, and construction phase services, as well as topographic surveying services and geotechnical services for design.

Acceptance of the proposal permits Brooks & Sparks, Inc. to begin the process of designing the project. Surveying, geotechnical testing, and design will commence after the contract is executed. All construction will occur within existing street right of way. We anticipate that construction will commence during the summer of 2015.

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With limited discussion about the costs associated with Elwood Street, Council Member Sheppard moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-02, authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Brooks & Sparks, Inc. for engineering services related to design, bid, and construction phase services for the 2015 Street Reconstruction Project. Council Member Beckwith seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Council Members Ray, Holden, Beckwith, Sheppard, and Eustace

Nays: None

The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BROOKS & SPARKS, INC., FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO DESIGN, BID, AND CONSTRUCTION PHASE FOR THE 2015 STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

- 6. Consider Ordinance No. 2015-04, amending the budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2014 and ending September 30, 2015 in the amount of \$50,000.00, allowing for the transfer of funds from the City's utility fund to line item 02-45-5412, Water Authority Fees.**

Gordon Mayer, Interim Public Works Director, introduced the item. Background information is as follows:

The City's main supply of water is treated surface water purchased from the City of Houston. During the time period lasting from September 24, 2014, through October 13, 2014, the City of Houston had an issue meeting chlorine residual requirements; therefore, we switched over to groundwater from our wells.

As a result of pumping more groundwater from the wells, our fees due to North Harris County Regional Water Authority increased for the September 2014 and October 2014 billings. A budget amendment is needed in order to account for the increase.

This agenda item is for the transfer of funds from the City's utility fund to budget line item 45-5412, Water Authority Fees.

With limited discussion that this fee is basically charged as a disincentive from using ground water, Council Member Holden moved to approve Ordinance No. 2015-04, amending the budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2014 and ending September 30, 2015 in the amount of \$50,000.00, allowing for the transfer of funds from the City's utility fund to line item 02-45-5412, Water Authority Fees. Council Member Eustace seconded the motion. The vote follows:

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Ayes: Council Members Ray, Holden, Beckwith, Sheppard, and Eustace

Nays: None

The motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, AMENDING THE UTILITY FUND BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2014 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2015; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.

H. 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 salutory 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 salutory 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; and
- 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 Beckwith: Council Member Beckwith welcomed the new officer to the City's Police Department and thanked the Citizens for their involvement. He also thanked City Staff for all their hard work.

Council Member Holden: Council Member Holden did not have any comments.

Council Member Ray: Commended the Chief of Police for his commitment to service. He thanked members of the CPAC, Planning and Zoning Commission and all the other city committees for their service. He stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission and the City Council do care about the quality of life in Jersey Village.

Council Member Sheppard: Council Member Sheppard thanked the Planning and Zoning Commission for their hard work and for making the "hard" decisions.

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Council Member Eustace: Council Member Eustace thanked and commended the Planning and Zoning Commission for all that they do. He also thanked those serving on the CPAC and stated that he is encouraged by their attendance and input.

Mayor Erskine: Mayor Erskine congratulated the Chief on his award. He appreciates the residents for coming and encouraged them to return for the public hearing next month.

I. ADJOURN

There being no further business on the Agenda the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Lorri Coody, City Secretary