

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, HELD ON AUGUST 17, 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: 996 4756 1809**. 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 7:14 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; Robert Basford, Director of Parks and Recreation; and Bob Blevins, IT Director.

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. Prayer and Pledge by former Council Member, Sheri Sheppard

C. 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 comment 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 comments to the City Council.

Mark Maloy, 7803 Hamilton Circle, Jersey Village, Texas 713-461-1430 – Mr. Maloy spoke to City Council about giving residents the full 20% homestead exemption and he requested that the 65 and older exemption be increased to \$160,000. He stated that he had listened to the budget work session meetings from last month. He felt that Council has no plans to increase these exemptions. He also stated that his review found that there will be increases to pay for employees and their health care is going up as well. There are also monies tied up in land purchases as well

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as a budget for a new City Hall. He stated that residents will not be able to vote on a new golf course club house. He felt that many homes have flooded but there have been no resolutions for flooding in Jersey Village. He gave various information about the golf course berm and how the size of the berm has been reduced.

D. CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION DISTRICT

1. Receive the adopted fiscal year 2020-2021 budget from the Jersey Village Crime Control and Prevention District (CCPD).

Council received submission of the 2020-2021 fiscal year approved budget from the Jersey Village Crime Control and Prevention District (JVCCPD) through the Board’s Secretary, Lorri Coody.

2. Conduct a public hearing on the Jersey Village Crime Control and Prevention District’s budget for the fiscal year 2020-2021.

Mayor Mitcham opened the public hearing at 7:22 p.m. in order to give all interested parties the right to appear and be heard on the adopted fiscal year 2020-2021 Crime Control and Prevention District budget that had previously been submitted to Council by the Jersey Village Crime Control and Prevention District (JVCCPD) Directors for Council’s approval.

Mayor Mitcham called upon Chief of Police, Kirk Riggs, to give a summary of the 2020-2021 JVCCPD budget. Chief Riggs explained that the budget being presented includes the following 2020-2021 supplementals:

Crime Control Prevention District			
50-27-5523	STEP Funding Increase	Police	\$ 20,000
50-27-5523	Moving 1 Officer to be paid from CCPD	Police	\$ 102,000
50-27-3504	New uniforms that last longer and wear better	Police	\$ 11,000
50-27-3505	Ammo/Targets for 2 weapons qualifications per year	Police	\$ 4,000
50-27-3523	Taser cartridges and supplies including training	Police	\$ 7,200
50-27-3523	Ballistic Vests	Police	\$ 13,000
50-27-3523	Protective Gear, ballistic plates, carriers, helmets	Police	\$ 43,900
50-27-4599	Card Reader/Video equipment for Property Room	Police	\$ 4,500
50-27-5029	FBI National Academy - Exec. Leadership Training	Police	\$ 4,000
50-27-6572	Update Police Dept Audio/Video in Training Room/EOC	Police	\$ 6,000
50-27-6572	4 more Flock Cameras - to be placed at Apt's.	Police	\$ 8,000
FUND TOTAL:			\$ 223,600

In addition to the supplementals, there are plans to purchase two (2) patrol vehicles, which will be Chevrolet Tahoes that are fully outfitted for \$49,575 each. These will be purchased under the City’s Vehicle Replacement Program.

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With no one signing up to speak on the 2020-2021 JVCCPD budget, Mayor Mitcham closed the public hearing at 7:24 p.m. and called the next item on the agenda.

3. Consider Resolution No. 2020-37, adopting the Jersey Village Crime Control and Prevention District's Budget for fiscal year 2020-2021.

With limited discussion on the matter, Council Member Wubbenhorst moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-37, adopting the Jersey Village Crime Control and Prevention District's Budget for fiscal year 2019-2020. Council Member Wasson seconded the motion. The vote follows:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-37

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION DISTRICT BUDGET.

E. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Bless gave his Monthly Report. There were a few questions concerning the amount of dollars spent on wayfinding and gateway projects. City Manager Bless will get that information for the Council. City Manager Bless introduced Robert Basford as the new Parks and Recreation Director. He told the Council that the Golf Course is doing well. Mayor Mitcham mentioned that all of the City Manager's Reports are included in the meeting packet. Mayor Mitcham thanked Harry Ward, Director of Public Works for his detailed monthly report. Additionally, the Police and Fire reporting have good information as well. These reports provide good information for the residents to keep up with what is happening in the City. It was pointed out that our sales tax revenues exceed what was budgeted for the 2019-2020 budget year.

- 1. Monthly Fund Balance Report, Enterprise Funds Report, Governmental Funds Report, Property Tax Collection Report – June 2020, General Fund Budget Projections as of July 2020, and Utility Fund Budget Projections – July 2020.**
- 2. Fire Departmental Report and Communication Division's Monthly Report**
- 3. Police Department Monthly Activity Report, Warrant Report, Criminal Investigation Division Monthly 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**

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5. **Public Works Departmental Summary and Public Works Departmental Status Report**
6. **Golf Course Monthly Report, Golf Course Financial Statement Report, and Golf Course Budget Summary**
7. **Code Enforcement Report**

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 July 20, 2020 and the Special Session Meeting held on July 21, 2020.**
2. **Consider Resolution No. 2020-38, receiving the 2020 calculations for the no-new-revenue tax rate and the voter-approval tax rate, which were calculated using the certified estimate of taxable value required by Section 26.04 (c-2) of the Tax Code.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-38

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, RECEIVING THE 2020 CALCULATIONS OF THE NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE AND THE VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE, WHICH WERE CALCULATED USING THE CERTIFIED ESTIMATE OF TAXABLE VALUE REQUIRED BY SECTION 26.04 (C-2) OF THE TAX CODE.

3. **Discuss and take appropriate action concerning a 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 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 Warren seconded the motion. The vote follows:

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

Nays: None

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The motion carried.

G. REGULAR SESSION

- 1. Consider Resolution No. 2020-39, authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Huitt-Zollars, Inc. for CDBG-MIT Grant Engineer/Architectural/Surveying Services.**

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

Recently the Texas General Land Office announced \$6.875 billion in grants in response to disasters in 2015, 2016, and 2017. This Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funding is a unique opportunity for Jersey Village to seek grant assistance for projects.

To assist the city in applying for the grant and providing the engineering/architectural/surveying services required if one is received, City staff, has done an RFQ for these services to meet the requirements for 2 CFR 200. We received 8 responses from firms. Each response was graded by myself, Public Works Director Harry Ward and Police Chief Kirk Riggs against a standard matrix, a copy of which is included for review. Huitt-Zollars is the engineering firm that received the most points.

Here’s a summary of the total points for each respondent.

Total	Amani	Dannenbaum	Garza EMC	Gunda Corp	Huitt Zollars	IDS Engineering	SPI	West Belt
Experience (max 180)	166	176	165	177	178	178	177	105
Work Performance (max 75)	62	73	65	62	75	75	75	45
Capacity to Perform (max 45)	41	45	41	44	45	43	45	36
Totals	269	294	271	283	298	296	297	186

They have a lot of great experience in doing similar projects that involved grant projects, especially in our area. The experience of their staff and the recommendations we received also played into their ranking.

The total level of effort for the application is estimated at a cost of \$26,000. As the projects we are looking at are water and wastewater projects this would be paid for from the Utility Fund.

The duties they will provide for the city include:

Pre-Funding Services

Engineering/architectural/surveying firm will develop project scope, budget, project map(s), as well as define proposed project service/impact areas. The provider will work with the local government and Administrator, if applicable, to provide concise information needed for the submission of one or more complete disaster recovery/mitigation funding

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applications and related documents. The required information shall be submitted in a format to be described by the GLO.

Post-Funding Services

Engineering/architectural/surveying will manage and implement complete infrastructure, utilities, and eligible projects approved for disaster recovery/mitigation funding. The selected engineering/architectural/surveying firm must follow all requirements of the HUD CDBG-MIT program as administered by GLO.

- Initial Engineering and Design Support
- Engineering and Final Design Support
- Contract Procurement (Bid and Award) Support
- Contract Management and Construction Oversight
- Specialized Services

With limited discussion on the matter, Council Member Holden moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-39, authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Huitt-Zollars, Inc. for CDBG-MIT Grant Engineer/Architectural/Surveying Services. 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. 2020-39

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH HUITT-ZOLLARS, INC. FOR CDBG-MIT GRANT ENGINEER/ARCHITECTURAL/SURVEYING SERVICES.

- 2. Consider Resolution No. 2020-40, authorizing an Interlocal Grant Agreement and Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) Small Cities Terms and Conditions between the City of Jersey Village and Harris County.**

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

Recently Harris County has authorized funding as part of the CARES Act for cities to receive \$55/person as of the 2018 census number for COVID-19 related expenses. The City of Jersey Village is eligible for up to \$437,910.

Right now we have spent approximately \$30,000 for supplies, etc. We can also get reimbursed for the extra sick time we have paid out due to the Emergency Paid Sick Leave.

As part of our funds for this we could use some money for grants to local businesses. We can piggyback off the County program for grants, and the City does not have to administer

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those. I believe we will have funds allocated to us that we may not otherwise use, so providing some as grants to local businesses may be a good idea.

We can be reimbursed for costs incurred through the end of the calendar year.

Council discussed the amount of dollars that should be allocated for small businesses. Some felt that the City should cover our costs and allocate what is left to the County for small businesses. Some felt that perhaps all the funds should be allocated to the County for small businesses. City Manager Bless explained the process. The consensus was that \$300,000 should be allocated back to Harris County for the local small business fund.

With no further discussion on the matter, Council Member Singleton moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-40, authorizing an Interlocal Grant Agreement and Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) Small Cities Terms and Conditions between the City of Jersey Village and Harris County, with adding a Section 4 to address the allocation to Harris County for local small businesses in the amount of \$300,000. Council Member Warren seconded the motion. The vote follows:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-40

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING AN INTERLOCAL GRANT AGREEMENT AND CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND (CRF) SMALL CITIES TERMS AND CONDITIONS BETWEEN THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE AND HARRIS COUNTY.

Before calling the next item on the agenda, Mayor Mitcham announced that both he and Council Member Wasson have filed a conflict of interest affidavit and will not participate in the discussion or the vote on the next item on the agenda. With this announcement, he asked that Mayor Pro tem Warren call the item. Accordingly, Mayor Pro tem Warren called the next item on the agenda as follows:

- 3. Consider Ordinance No. 2020-19, amending Chapter 6 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jersey Village “Alcoholic Beverages”, by amending Section 6.7 “Consumption Prohibited Between Certain Hours at Certain Places” to allow for consumption and sales at times and locations in accordance with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code; providing a penalty; providing for severability; providing for publication; and, providing an effective date.**

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

Chapter 105 of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code permits the sale of alcohol during the hours of 10 am and 12 noon on Sunday as long as food is served for certain license holders.

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This item is to make amendments to the City’s Alcoholic Beverage Code in order to bring the City’s Code in line with State requirements outlined in the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code for the consumption and sale of alcohol within Jersey Village.

Council engaged in discussion about the item. City Attorney Pruitt explained the law. The change is to stay in line with State law. Council discussed the changed before taking the vote.

With no further discussion on the matter, Council Member Wubbenhorst moved to approve Ordinance No. 2020-19, amending Chapter 6 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jersey Village “Alcoholic Beverages”, by amending Section 6.7 “Consumption Prohibited Between Certain Hours at Certain Places” to allow for consumption and sales at times and locations in accordance with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code; providing a penalty; providing for severability; providing for publication; and, providing an effective date. Council Member Singleton seconded the motion. The vote follows:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

Mayor Mitcham and Council Member Wasson did not participate in the discussion and Council Member Wasson did not vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-19

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 6 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE “ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES”, BY AMENDING SECTION 6.7 “CONSUMPTION PROHIBITED BETWEEN CERTAIN HOURS AT CERTAIN PLACES” TO ALLOW FOR CONSUMPTION AND SALES AT TIMES AND LOCATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEXAS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CODE; PROVIDING A PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

In completing item 3 on the agenda, Mayor Mitcham called the next item on the agenda as follows:

- 4. Consider Ordinance 2020-20, adopting the water and wastewater rate calculation methods recommended by Jones | Carter and Raftelis; amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jersey Village, Texas, Chapter 70, Utilities, by amending certain Articles and Sections of Chapter 70 to provide for amendments to Water and Wastewater Rate Schedules; providing a severability clause; providing for repeal; providing a penalty as provided by Section 1-8 of the Code; and providing an effective date.**

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

Jones | Carter along with Raftelis has conducted a study and made recommendations concerning the City's water/wastewater rates.

The financial planning model considered the previous fiscal year budgets and the proposed FY21 budget and the City's most recent 10-year Capital Improvements Plan. The model forecast includes costs for a 5-year study period and defines the amount of revenue needed for the utility. The report summarizes the key findings and recommendations related to the development of the financial plan and update of rates. These updates are necessary for the City of Jersey Village to maintain their level of service on the water and wastewater systems over the next five (5) years. The City last completed a Water and Wastewater Financial Planning Study in September 2016. This study is set to expire in September 2020.

This item is to consider updating the rates charged for water and wastewater in the City of Jersey Village. Director Ward introduced representatives from Jones | Carter and Raftelis to make a presentation on their study and the recommendations. The presentation included the following topics:

1. Financial Plan and Rate Study Objectives
2. Revenue Requirements & Financial Planning
3. Financial Planning Assumptions
4. Connections and Consumption
 - a) Number of Water Connections by Class
 - b) Number of Sewer Connections by Class
 - c) Historical Water Consumption
 - d) Residential Water Consumption
 - e) Residential Sprinkler Water Consumption
 - f) Commercial Water Consumption
 - g) Commercial Sprinkler Water Consumption
 - h) Outside City Limits Commercial
 - i) Outside City Limits Commercial Sprinkler
 - j) Historical Sewer Consumption
 - k) Residential Sewer Consumption
 - l) Commercial Sewer Consumption
5. Revenue Requirements
 - a) Water Revenue Requirements
 - b) Sewer Revenue Requirements
6. Capital Improvements Plan
7. Revenues at Existing Rates
8. Impact to Cash Balance
9. Revenue at Forecast Rates

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10. Impact to Cash Balance
11. Forecasted Rate Increases
12. Residential Water Rates
13. Residential Sprinkler Water Rates
14. Commercial Water Rates
15. Outside Commercial Water Rates
16. Residential Sewer Rates
17. Commercial Sewer Rates
18. Outside Commercial Sewer Rates
19. Monthly Residential Bills
20. Residential Sprinkler Bills
21. Total Monthly Residential Bills
22. Commercial Bills
23. Commercial Sprinkler Bills
24. Total Commercial Bills

What follows is a summary Council's discussions had during the presentation.

Council engaged in discussion on capital expenditures and the difference between the ones in the five year study being presented and the impact fees that are listed in the Capital Improvement Plan that is outside this five year study.

There was also discussion about the revenue at the existing rates and the expenses for water and sewer operation and maintenance. The Consultant explained the graph being presented concerning revenues and expenses.

Cash targets were discussed. It is set at 25% of operating expenses.

There was discussion about water usage versus sprinkler usage. Some wondered if having a second sprinkler saves the customer monies. The Consultant stated that it does because sprinkler usage does not incur sewer costs.

In completing the presentation, Council discussed the rates recommended for usage over 25,000 gallons. It seems that this rate basically doubles and some members wanted to know the reasoning for the recommendation. The Consultant explained that the rates are higher in the upper blocks in order to incentivize conservation. Some members wanted to know if there are any provisions for residents wanting to fill a swimming pool. Finance Director Kato explained that there is a process for filling the pool during the winter months wherein residents do not have to pay sewer costs which reduces the cost.

There was also discussion about the commercial business that is outside the City limits. Some wanted to know why these rates were not increased. The Consultant explained that Cities have original jurisdiction for rate making. So inside City limits if a customer has an issue with rates, the Council can change the rates. If there is a problem, the residents can

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voice concerns to the Council. Those outside the limits must appeal to State agency (PUC) for rate concerns and not the Council. This change happened about five years ago.

With no further discussion on the matter, Council Member Warren moved to approve Ordinance 2020-20, adopting the water and wastewater rate calculation methods recommended by Jones | Carter and Raftelis; amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jersey Village, Texas, Chapter 70, Utilities, by amending certain Articles and Sections of Chapter 70 to provide for amendments to Water and Wastewater Rate Schedules; providing a severability clause; providing for repeal; providing a penalty as provided by Section 1-8 of the Code; and providing an effective date. 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. 2020-20

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS; ADOPTING THE WATER AND WASTEWATER RATE CALCULATION METHODS RECOMMENDED BY JONES | CARTER AND RAFTELIS; AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, CHAPTER 70, UTILITIES, BY AMENDING CERTAIN ARTICLES AND SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 70 TO PROVIDE FOR AMENDMENTS TO WATER AND WASTEWATER RATE SCHEDULES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING A PENALTY AS PROVIDED BY SECTION 1-8 OF THE CODE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

5. Discuss and take appropriate action concerning the date, time, and place to conduct the October 2020 Regular Session Meeting of the City Council due to the extension of the early voting period for the Presidential Election.

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

In connection with all Presidential Election, we have an understanding with Harris County that due to the size of this type election, they will be permitted to use our Civic Center as opposed to the U-Shaped Meeting Room for voting. Accordingly, Harris County will use the City's Civic Center for the November 2020 Presidential Election. Due to the extensive amount of equipment and room needed for this election, election workers need to setup no later than the day before early voting begins.

On July 27, 2020, Governor Greg Abbott issued a proclamation suspending Section 85.001(a) of the Texas Election Code, and expanded the early voting period for the November 3, 2020 elections. The new early voting period will begin October 13, 2020, making it necessary for Harris County to setup no later than October 12.

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Harris County has been asked if election workers can do the setup after our October 12 Council Meeting, which could last until 9:30 p.m. or later. However, given the amount of equipment and the amount of time it takes for set up, it is not possible to set it up after our meeting on October 12.

As you will recall, back in January 2020, the October 2020 City Council Meeting was rescheduled from October 19, 2020 to October 12, 2020 in order to accommodate the November Election. However, with the Governor's proclamation extending the early voting period and Harris County's inability to set up for the Presidential Election after our October 12, 2020 meeting, Council will need to decide the date, time, and place to conduct its October 2020 Regular Session Meeting.

Following are several options for Council's consideration:

1. Reschedule the October 12, 2020 Regular Session of the City Council to October 5, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.; or
2. Conduct the October 12, 2020 City Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the U-Shaped meeting room or virtually if social distancing is still being practiced.

Council engaged in discussion about the various options. It was the consensus of Council to go with item 2 as suggested by Staff but move the date back to October 19.

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 Wasson: Council Member Wasson stated school is slated to start soon. We all need to pay attention to school zones and drive safely. Also, on tonight's agenda, we codified a state regulation into our City Code. There are many regulations by other entities that we as a City must follow. With COVID and meeting remotely, we have missed recognizing City employees,

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so thank you all for your efforts in serving Jersey Village. Council Member Wasson closed by welcoming Robert Basford, the new Director of Parks and Recreation, to the City.

Council Member Holden: Council Member Holden also welcomed Robert Basford to the City.

Council Member Wubbenhorst: Council Member Wubbenhorst also welcomed Robert Basford to the City.

Council Member Singleton: Council Member Singleton also welcomed Robert Basford to the City.

Council Member Warren: Council Member Warren also welcomed Robert Basford to the City. He told Robert that he will enjoy working in Jersey Village. He also, thanked the Jersey Village Police Department for their professionalism. He recognized that due to training and professionalism, the department has come out well considering recent events.

Mayor Mitcham: Mayor Mitcham thanked city staff for their work, noting that everyone continues to do a fantastic job for the City. He also welcomed Robert Basford to the City. He thanked Staff for the monthly reports as they help Council know what is going on in the City. He closed by stating that he and his family recently took a road trip to Colorado. Along the way, he listened to a pod cast on Civics 101. It was very informative. It pointed out the importance of residents stepping up and volunteering in the community. He encouraged residents to give this pod cast a listen.

J. ADJOURN

There being no further business on the Agenda the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.



Lorri Coody, City Secretary