

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, HELD ON OCTOBER 1, 2018 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 Ray at 7:00 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor, Justin Ray	City Manager, Austin Bless
Council Member, Andrew Mitcham	City Secretary, Lorri Coody
Council Member, Greg Holden	
Council Member, James Singleton	
Council Member, Gary Wubbenhorst	

Staff Present: Isabel Kato, Finance Director; Kevin T. Hagerich, Director of Public Works; and Christian Somers, Building Official.

Council Member, Bobby Warren, was not present at this meeting.

B. SPECIAL SESSION

- 1. Conduct a separate vote to ratify the property tax increase of 1.41% as reflected in the 2018-2019 budget adopted on September 17, 2018, and place the adoption of this tax rate increase on the October 15, 2018 meeting agenda as an action item.**

Isabel Kato, Finance Director, introduced the item. Background information is as follows: On September 17, 2018, Council adopted Ordinance No. 2018-18, which adopted a budget that will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$111,488 a 1.41 % increase from last year's budget, and of that amount \$131,709 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

Section 102.007(c) of the Local Government Code states that a governing body adopting a budget that requires raising more revenue from property taxes than in the previous year, must conduct a separate vote to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the newly adopted budget.

This vote, must be a record vote, and is in addition to and separate from the vote adopting the budget or the vote required to set the tax rate that is provided for by Chapter 26, Tax Code, or other law.

With limited discussion on the matter, Council Member Mitcham moved to ratify the property tax increase of 1.41% reflected in the newly adopted municipal budget for fiscal year 2018-2019 and that the adoption of this tax rate increase be placed the October 15, 2018 meeting agenda as an action item. Council Member Wubbenhorst seconded the motion. The record vote follows:

Council Member Mitcham:	Aye
Council Member Holden:	Aye
Council Member Singleton:	Aye
Council Member Wubbenhorst:	Aye

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Mayor Ray, although present, did not vote. Council Member Warren was not present and did not vote.

The motion carried.

- 2. Conduct the first 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 1.41 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds the lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax rate calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code.)**

Mayor Ray opened the public hearing at 7:05 p.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 1.41 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 1.41 percent.

In completing the Finance Director's presentation, Mayor Ray called upon those signing up to speak as follows:

Bruce Bowden, 16325 Lewis, Jersey Village, Texas (713) 410-9766: Mr. Bowden spoke to City Council about the proposal to increase total tax revenues. He told City Council that he is not in favor of this proposal. In support of his position on the matter, Mr. Bowden told City Council that he would rather see Council make cuts to the budget as opposed to the 1.4% increase. He justified cuts to the budget stating that he has seen city workers riding around in air conditioned city vehicles as opposed to working.

Carlos Rodriguez, 16322 Jersey Drive, Jersey Village, Texas: Mr. Rodriguez supports the words of Mr. Bowden in connection with the proposal to increase total tax revenues. He is not in favor of the 1.4% increase. He too stated that he has seen city workers riding around in air conditioned city vehicles as opposed to working. He would prefer that City Council cut the budget as opposed to the 1.4% increase.

With no other 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 1.41 percent, Mayor Ray stated:

The City Council will meet on Monday, October 15, 2018 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 public hearing at 7:16 p.m.

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3. Consider Resolution No. 2018-63, authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Brooks & Sparks, Inc. for the engineered design of the new Public Works facility located at 12527 Taylor Road.

Kevin T. Hagerich, Director of Public Works, introduced the item. Background information is as follows: On July 9, 2018, the City of Jersey Village purchased a shell structure located at 12527 Taylor Road, Houston, Texas 77041 to serve as the new Public Works facility.

As discussed at the June 18, 2018 City Council Session, upon the purchase of this property, the building would require a build-out.

This request is to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Brooks & Sparks, Inc. for the engineered design of the new Public Works facility located at 12527 Taylor Road.

With limited discussion on the matter, Council Member Singleton moved to approve Resolution No. 2018-63, authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Brooks & Sparks, Inc. for the engineered design of the new Public Works facility located at 12527 Taylor Road. Council Member Mitcham seconded the motion. The vote follows:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-63

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 THE ENGINEERED DESIGN OF THE NEW PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY LOCATED AT 12527 TAYLOR ROAD.

C. RECESS THE SPECIAL SESSION

Mayor Ray stated that the Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code Section 551.087 – Economic Development Negotiations is not needed. Accordingly, City Council did not conduct an Executive Session and Items D and E below were not called.

D. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.087, conduct deliberations regarding Economic Development Negotiations to locate a Retail Service Center within Jersey Village.

E. ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Given that the Executive Session was not conducted, Mayor Ray called the next item on the agenda as follows:

F. SPECIAL SESSION CONTINUED

- 1. Consider Resolution No. 2018-64, authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Argos USA LLC, relating to the provision of development services within the City.**

Austin Bless, City Manager, introduced the item, stating that this item is to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Chapter 380 Agreement with Argos USA LLC.

With limited discussion on the matter, Council Member Mitcham moved to approve Resolution No. 2018-64, authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Argos USA LLC, relating to the provision of development services within the City. Council Member Singleton seconded the motion. The vote follows:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-64

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ARGOS USA LLC, RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES WITHIN THE CITY.

G. ADJOURN

There being no further business on the Agenda the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.



Lorri Coody, City Secretary