

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF BRAZORIA

CITY OF LAKE JACKSON

BE IT KNOWN that the City Council of the City of Lake Jackson met on Monday, September 20, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in Regular Session at 25 Oak Drive, Lake Jackson, Texas, Lake Jackson City Hall with the following in attendance:

Gerald Roznovsky, Mayor
Buster Buell, Mayor Pro Tem
Jon Baker, Councilmember
Matt Broaddus, Councilmember
Rhonda Seth, Councilmember
Vinay Singhania, Councilmember

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Seth led the pledge of allegiance.

INVOCATION

Councilmember Buell led the invocation.

VISITORS COMMENTS

No visitor comments.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of minutes – September 7, 2021
- B. Accept board and commission minutes
 - 1. Planning Commission 081121
 - 2. Charter Review Commission 081621
 - 3. Traffic Commission 081021
- C. Ordinance amending Ch. 102 Utilities to add water well clearance restrictions for septic sludge and injection wells – second reading
- D. Ordinance amending Sec. 102.1 by revising fees charged for water, sewer, garbage and dumpster services – second reading
- E. Ordinance amending Sec. 14-194 to raise the multi-family inspection fee from \$2.00 per unit per month to \$2.50 per unit per month – second reading

On motion by Councilmember Singhania seconded by Councilmember Buell with all present members voting “aye” the consent agenda was approved as follows:

- A. Approval of minutes – September 7, 2021 - *approved*
- B. Accept board and commission minutes - *accepted*
 - 1. Planning Commission 081121
 - 2. Charter Review Commission 081621

3. Traffic Commission 081021

- C. Ordinance amending Ch. 102 Utilities to add water well clearance restrictions for septic sludge and injection wells – second reading - *adopted*
- D. Ordinance amending Sec. 102.1 by revising fees charged for water, sewer, garbage and dumpster services – second reading - *adopted*
- E. Ordinance amending Sec. 14-194 to raise the multi-family inspection fee from \$2.00 per unit per month to \$2.50 per unit per month – second reading - *adopted*

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER GATEWAY LAKE JACKSON OWNER LP FOR 2022 HOUSING TAX CREDITS FOR GATEWAY APARTMENTS LOCATED AT 111 LOGANBERRY STREET

Mayor Roznovsky opened the public hearing at 6:33 p.m.

Noah Hale w/ Fairstead

Mr. Hale touched on Fairstead's operations. When Fairstead invests in a community, they will be around for a minimum of fifteen years.

Seventy-three of the units at Gateway are already covered by Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) that are servicing low-income households. Additionally, it has another thirty-seven units that qualify as workforce housing. The remainder of the units are unrestricted market rate units. Fairstead specializes in mixed income housing. The plan is to do a substantial renovation of the community. Fairstead is investing approximately \$50,000 per unit. Every apartment will get new cabinets, flooring and high-end finishes. Rents do not change. Resident's currently living in the apartments will not be displaced during renovations. All the landscaping will be revamped.

Councilmember Baker asked if the swimming pool would be upgraded. Mr. Hale said it would be upgraded with BBQ stations and make it more inviting and attractive.

Councilmember Buell asked if local contractors would be used. Mr. Hale stated local solicitations would be put out for contractors as well as HUB contractors.

Councilmember Baker asked about the gate and mentioned it is not always working. Jonathan Campbell with SETH mentioned that the gates were replaced about 18 months ago and are now working properly.

Public hearing was closed at 6:45 p.m.

RESOLUTION OF NO OBJECTION FOR GATEWAY APARTMENTS 2022 HOUSING TAX CREDITS

On motion by Councilmember Baker seconded by Councilmember Buell with all present members voting "aye" the resolution of no objection for Gateway Apartments 2022 Housing Tax Credits passed.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER RESOLUTION NOMINATING CANDIDATES FOR THE BRAZORIA COUNTY APPRAISAL BOARD

Mr. Mundo stated staff does not have any nominations. This item will be on the next agenda for nominations.

DISCUSS AMENDING CH. 82 SOLID WASTE TO PROHIBIT THE SCAVENGING OF HEAVY TRASH ITEMS

Mr. Mundo stated Councilmember Singhania brought this to the attention of staff. Currently, large trash is not covered under the ordinance.

Ms. Russell stated this was modified for recyclables ten years ago. The city has never had an issue with heavy trash. Ms. Russell has drafted an amendment to Ch. 82 to add a section pertaining to scavenging through heavy trash. This will give recourse to the Police Department to cite an individual scattering trash.

This will come back to the next meeting with a clean version of the ordinance.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER A RESOLUTION TO JOIN THE TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Ms. Russell stated the Federal Government has cracked down and caught many of the culprits. States pulled together and got a settlement agreement with Johnson and Johnson and other distributors. Money is being paid to the States and divided among their towns. The estimated amount for our community is \$75,000. If cities agree to the settlement, they will get these funds in three payments. These dollars can be used to reimburse the city for expenses that are associated with opioid use such as training for employees, police department, fire department and EMS on responding to someone that's overdosing. The state is asking cities to join the settlement.

On motion by Councilmember Singhania seconded by Councilmember Seth with all present members voting "aye" the resolution to join the Texas Attorney General's opioid settlement agreement was approved.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING DISASTER DECLARATION – FIRST AND FINAL

On motion by Councilmember Buell seconded by Councilmember Singhania with all present members voting "aye" the rules for two readings were suspended.

Mr. Mundo stated staff estimates another three weeks for debris collection. The city must be under a disaster declaration to qualify for relief.

Mayor Roznovsky explained why city's use and call for a disaster declaration.

On motion by Councilmember Seth seconded by Councilmember Baker with all present members voting "aye" the extension of the disaster declaration was approved.

AWARD CONTRACT TO DXI FOR CHLORINE AND SULFUR DIOXIDE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$231,925

Ms. England informed council that DXI was the sole bidder for the Chlorine and Sulfur Dioxide. The city is pleased with their service and is recommending the award of the contract.

On motion by Councilmember Buell seconded by Councilmember Broaddus with all present members voting "aye" the contract to DXI for chlorine and sulfur dioxide in an amount not to exceed \$231,925 was approved.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER COMPENSATION FOR COUNCIL APPOINTED EMPLOYEES MODESTO MUNDO AND SHERRI RUSSELL FOR HOURS WORKED DURING HURRICANE NICHOLAS EVENT

Ms. Borth stated that one of the employees has already maxed out on their vacation hours. Mr. Mundo didn't expect compensation or anything extra for his hours worked during the event. Ms. Russell felt the same way.

Mayor Roznovsky stated if the 214's were tallied up, it would probably equate to a weeks' worth of vacation.

On motion by Councilmember Buell seconded by Councilmember Seth with all present members voting "aye" council agreed to give Modesto Mundo five days of vacation and Sherri Russell two days of vacation for the hours worked during the Hurricane event.

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

1. Hurricane Nicholas Update

Mr. Mundo summarized the events of Hurricane Nicholas and went over a slide presentation.

Councilmember Broaddus asked if citizens have options on taking their own debris to the mulch site. Mr. Mundo said they do. Lora-Marie Bernard, PIO will be updating information on the website letting people know what they can do. The city's PIO has done a great job putting information out to the public along with the mayor.

Mr. Mundo thanked Bryan Sidebottom for his assistance during the storm. Mr. Mundo also thanked staff and volunteers for their help.

An update on the storm will be on the next agenda city council agenda

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTUPDATES

1. Construction Funds FinancialUpdate
2. General Fund Projects
3. Utility Fund Projects
4. Bond Projects

Mr. Aguirre went over the projects. Mr. Aguirre mentioned that COVID has slowed down some of the projects.

Ms. Borth updated council on the downtown projects. The start date will be January. Businesses did not want to start during the holidays.

The animal control facility proposals have been opened. PGAL and Thorne Architects of San Antonio are finalists. Interviews are starting this week. Ms. Borth will update at the next meeting.

ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Councilmember Broaddus thanked city staff, CenterPoint and local businesses for everything they did during the storm.

Councilmember Singhanian felt the same as Councilmember Broaddus. He was very thankful for the Lake Jackson spirit.

Councilmember Seth was also very thankful for city staff during the Hurricane event.

Councilmember Baker also thanked the community for coming together as a whole.

Mayor Roznovsky went over calls received from citizens. Mayor Roznovsky announced a luncheon being sponsored by The Lions Club for city employees on Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

These minutes read and approved this _____ day of _____ 2021.

Gerald Roznovsky, Mayor

Sally Villarreal, Interim City Secretary