

BEACH CITY COUNCIL

SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES

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MAYOR PRO TEM: Rita Standridge

ALDERMAN: Ray Smith

Tommy Clayton

Vaughn Bercaw

Douglas Walker

CITY ATTORNEY: Daniel Jackson – Absent

CITY SECRETARY: Margaret Gainer

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MOTION made to accept as drawn, conditional to County Engineer Don Brandons acceptance of the drainage plan.

MOTION: Walker

SECONDED: Bercaw

Show of Hands

APPROVED: 5 - 0

III. Develop the FY 2008/2009 Budget

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equipment better. They did not have the Crawfish boil this year but are planning a barbeque in August. Tracy asked for questions from Council. Alderman Smith asked what his fuel budget for 2007 and what did it end up being. He said the fuel budget for 1007 was \$1,000.00 and as of January 1st, 2007 they were already over \$1,000.00 and they still have half a year to go. *The Beach City Volunteer Fire Department Requested \$45,000.00.* Mayor Persiani said as far as budgeting we had \$48,000.00 in the 2007/2008 budget. Tracy said their estimated income for this year is \$76,000.00. After discussion and comments Alderman Smith said he would like to move that budget amount up to \$50,000.00 just based on fuel cost and everything cost more. Alderman Walker said \$45,000.00 and if they need to they can come back. Alderman Bercaw said \$50,000. Mayor Persiani said what he is hearing is Contract for \$45,000.00, budget \$50,000.00. Alderman Clayton said it's nice that we can raise it to that amount but it may be to our advantage to use the surplus in TexPool to pay off the truck note. It would depend on what interest they are paying.

Returning to this item the Mayor and Council discussed the budget line by line and came up with the conclusion that total revenues would be \$119,000.00 and total expenditures would be \$119,000.00.

IV. Review and act upon Resolution adopting Amended Investment Policy for FY 2008/2009.

Mayor Persiani read the last changes that were made to the Investment Policy in 2005. He went on to say that in reading this he don't believe we have to change the Policy but a couple questions came along the way. Do we want to seek certificates of deposit at independent financial institutions where collateral securities are safe kept at a third party financial institution? Do we want to consider credit unions or is it a different organization. Mayor Persiani said that Prosperity Bank said that they could offer us better interest rates than just a CD, but it would be security backed. He said he would be glad to have Gina *JEANNA* Allen come and talk to us about that.

MOTION made to accept the policy that is currently in place per to our requirement to review and adopt annually.

MOTION: Walker SECONDED: Standridge Show of Hands
APPROVED: 5 - 0

V. Citizens and Council Member Comments

Alderman Standridge made these comments as discussion in Item II. She stated that the seven and a half + acres, originally owned by Ken Mitchell have been subdivided. Mr. Thompson said he did not know anything about that as that parcel was not part of Barrow Ranch. Alderman Standridge said it should have come back before Council, because what we approved is not there now. She went on to say that it should never have been approved at the County Courthouse. Mayor Persiani said J. Ashley came to this Council and he got that piece of property, and it was not called Barrow Ranch and it was subdivided to be sold. It was part of the original acquisition by J. Ashley.

June 3, 2008

VI. Adjourn


Mayor Persiani adjourned the meeting at 9:20 P.M. Tuesday, June 3, 2008.

ATTEST TO:



Margaret Gainer
City Secretary

APPROVED



Guido Persiani
Mayor