

COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2015, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, April 9, 2015 with the following members present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Rivas, Robinson, Lee, Garcia and Gonzales; City Manager Squyers and City Secretary Raines. City Attorney DeFoyd arrived after roll call.

The meeting was opened with Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Council Member Lee and seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve the minutes as presented. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Chief Ayala passed on his report.

Fire Chief Meir advised they have responded to 70 calls this month, assisted Galena Park with a grass fire, were still working with the Boy Scouts on their fire badges and Big Bass on a evacuation plan.

Kyle Reed, Public Works Director, reported that he was hoping that the sidewalk project on Holland would be complete but it was being held up by the rain and they were estimating that it would be complete in about two weeks and the contractor was doing an excellent job. He stated the mosquito truck was on the street and they have minimum complaints and he needs complaints in from the citizens and there was no reason why they couldn't call and tell them they needed to spray and advised they could call Public Works or City Hall and if it was after hours, the city hall line rolled over to the police station. He advised that they could not spray if it was raining or the wind was high.

Council Member Garcia advised that they could call the police department if they had a problem after 5:00 p.m..

Ivan Rojas, Parks and Recreation, advised that everything was going ok in their department, all the baseball and softball leagues were playing now and he was

hiring lifeguards for the summer, if they knew anyone looking for a job to ask them to call him or come by the gym and fill out an application. He reported that that the fence at Smith Park had been installed and really looked nice and the gate automatically locked at 11:00 p.m..

Mayor Diaz stated that she was at the parks everyday with her kids playing baseball and she wanted to compliment Kyle and Ivan, that the parks look very good and she hasn't heard any complaints over there and she thought everything was going really well over there and she thanked them for what they do keeping the parks clean and that every night they announce that everyone needs to pick up their trash and Isaac gives the kids a treat for picking up the trash.

Cindy Miller, Heritage Hall Director, announced that Senior Olympics would start on April 27th and go through May 1st and that Jacinto city would again host the Opening Ceremonies on Monday, April 27th at 8:45 in the Milton Lusk Gym and they would break for lunch at 11:30 a.m. at the Town Center and the seniors would be going to different centers each day.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Diaz advised that the Galena Park/Jacinto City Rotary had a food fair at Town Center on Tuesday and from what she heard they had a pretty good crowd, over 300 boxes.

City Manager Squyres stated there was a long line at the building and he was shocked for a week day.

Mayor Diaz stated that she did want to mention that the President of the Rotary did compliment Jacinto City, stating that we did an excellent job, that Ivan helped them tremendously and thanked Ivan and Lon for what they did. She stated they were going to try to do it every month, Galena Park one month and Jacinto City the next.

Mayor Diaz thanked Joyce and Kathy for the Easter Egg Hunt, that they did an excellent job as always, that we had a lot of kids, over 300, she thought that

with baseball having their pictures that day they all came over after pictures and thanked public works and the council for all their help with the event.

She stated that she did see the mosquito truck spraying last night so she knew they were out there.

She advised that this weekend the Galena Park Rotary was having their Country Fair with a carnival, food booths, etc., she encourage everyone to go out and support this because the money collected would go toward scholar ships for the students.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Squyres stated that he hated to correct our fire chief but she was new and didn't understand that wasn't a grass fire, it was mosquito control on the levy.

He stated that we have talked about court collection before and we know we are on a new system now and the success has been tremendous.

He stated that they heard the auditor last week talking about the 9.5 million or so that we had in the bank as cash reserves and how that was more that we normally keep and one of the reasons we have always sited, during Ike for example, we knew that we were extremely overpaid for many many things that came in estimated and to be honest, Kathy, Joyce and himself would see the check roll in from FEMA, knowing that we were not spending anything like that and we finally got the audit and would be meeting with the State tomorrow and should be seeing a bill for about \$85,000 of overpayments that we will be refunding, we were expecting much more than that and when we hear \$85,000 We were tickled to death. He stated that they were very generous to the city.

He stated with all the rain we had weeds and grass and he thought that we had send out close to 100 letter in just the last couple of days so if you got a letter and your yard had already been mowed, we were double checking them just before we mail the letters, we were not trying to offend anyone but were trying to get as pro active as we could about that.

Mr. Squyres stated that the one thing Kyle didn't mention was the Rabies Clinic Scheduled for April 18th at the public works facility from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and we would have prices available for all the services soon, that we had stepped up our enforcement on dogs, they had to be vaccinated and have a collar on them with both the city tag and vaccination tag on them.

He advised that we have had a little bit of criticism about the fence because of the gaping hole on the west side that was not fenced, there was a little misunderstanding with the property owner and the company that did it, we have clarified that and it would be fenced in and it would be secure.

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Council to consider approval of budget amendment to Street Department Code 19-6803 Repair of Equipment in the amount of \$6,000.

Mr. Reed explained that this was our newest dump truck and that the warranty was out on the truck and we had to have it fixed.

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Gonzales to approve the amendment of the Street Department Budget Code 19-6803 in the amount of \$6,000 for repair to the dump truck. Vote 5 for 0 against

2. Council to consider granting a permit to little league baseball to use a mobile concession stand at Smith Park

City Manager Squyres stated that he, Ivan and the fire chief met with Mr. Menendez the other day covering all the basis on this topic, that he had purchased a small trailer that used to be a coca-cola trailer and he wanted to use it as a concession stand and the current city ordinance doesn't permit that unless it is permitted specifically by city council and the way the ordinance reads is typically two weeks at a time but they were city council so if they wanted to let them use it for season that was fine, Mr. Squyres read the ordinance covering mobile concessions. Mr. Squyres stated that he had heard council talk about building something there but they need something for this season, they had

talked to him, they had marked out a location for it, the power was there, it was adequate and appeared safe and they were going to extremely limit them on what they could do, no deep fryers or any of those kind of things, it was only served by 20 amps of power but they felt it would be safe and the building official would sign off on it if they approve it.

Council Member Lee ask if they were possibly approving this for the remainder of this ball season and was advised that was up to them.

Mayor Diaz ask if it was something like they had there last year.

Mr. Squyres stated it was a very small trail and he thought the only thing they were going to heat was nacho sauce out of a small crock pot.

Council Member Garcia made a motion that the council consider granting a permit to the little league for the whole ball season for a mobile concession stand at Smith Park.

City Attorney DeFoyd questioned if they were waiving the 14 day requirement.

Council Member Garcia stated yes, waiving the 14 day requirement.

Council Member Rivas stated that he passed by there last week and the trailer was already parked, he went by there Tuesday and the trailer was being used and Mr. Menendez needs to be told that he needs to slow down, it never made it this far and he jumped the gun. He stated that it was a good thing, don't get him wrong but there were hurdles that he had to cross before he gets these things granted and that goes for anything so he thought they needed to revisit with him and let him know this if they go ahead and approve it and it was a good thing, they need something there but he needs to be reminded that there are rules put in place.

Mayor Diaz ask City Manager Squyres if he would talk to Mr. Menendez and tell that before he decides to do anything to make sure that he talks to them before he jumps the gun.

Mr. Squyres stated that they did not grant permission before council approval and they wanted to be very clear about that.

Council Member Lee stated that he agreed completely with Council Member Rivas and he did talk with Mr. Menendez and he was concerned about several things and not just this and he thought that we needed to make very sure that everything was in compliance, up to code and that he realizes that this is temporary, it was a good thing that we were doing it.

Mayor Diaz stated that like he said, just temporary for the baseball season and maybe next year we can look into building a concession stand and like JJ said, it has to be done, whether we build something that the city pays for or we allow him to provide what he has right now.

Council Member Rivas stated that he thought we needed to start thinking right now about having something placed there.

Council Member Lee stated that he didn't want this to get in the way of our doing something permanent.

There was general discussion about looking into building something permanent.

Council Member Gonzales stated that at the minimum, he needs to be checking in with the Parks and Recreation Director and at least get him in the loop.

Council Member Lee stated that he thought there was a danger in doing things without approval to the point that we may say no to his next request.

Mayor Diaz again ask Lon to speak to Mr. Menendez and tell him what the issues were with the council today.

Council Member Garcia ask if we should add something to the motion that if he is not complying the permit was over.

City Attorney DeFoyd stated that you could always revoke the permit.

City Manager Squyres stated that it really couldn't be opened up until they took action on it and the building inspector went by and confirmed it and Ivan signs

off on it.

Council Member Lee stated that he was hesitant to approve something and get another surprise later.

Council Member Rivas seconded Council Member Garcia's motion. Vote 5 for 0 Against

There was a question from the audience if the trailer would be moved in and out. She was advised that it would be permanent for the season.

3. Allan Jamail of The Keep Jacinto City Clean Committee (KJCCC) to ask Mayor and Council to consider adopting a resolution declaring the Week of April 11th as keep Jacinto City Clean Week and to speak on the health conditions of the city.

Mr. Jamail stated that first of all he would like to say that our city probably on a regular basis loses good citizens but the one comes most recent to him was Ms. Garey, she was a great asset to the city and he knew that we were all going to miss her.

He stated that the other thing he would like to say was to congratulate the three new reelected council people unopposed and he guessed the other ones that are coming up are hoping they will maybe have an easy trip as well.

Mr. Jamail stated that he did want to talk about the health conditions of the city But he also had on the agenda a request for council to consider passing the resolution on keep Jacinto City clean. He stated what that was in relation to was that for years our Nation has had a day and a week that they have celebrated or brought to the attention of the citizens of the Nation the need for keeping the nation clean and of course that come down to cities like Jacinto City and the State of Texas has adopted the same program, Don't Mess With Texas – Trash Off Day and all of that is coming about this Saturday, April 11th and he would like to see Jacinto City participate in that so that was why he had ask for this resolution to be passed. He advised that there was going to be a conference this June and he probably would pay his own expenses there and at that conference there will be a lot of training seminars and he would love to see the

city sent someone and if they did he wouldn't have to go. He advised that it was not too expensive, all you had to do was pay for the hotel room, the conference was free and there was a lot of information to be gained.

Mr. Jamail stated that we had to educate our citizens on the laws we have on the books and on the need to keep the city clean and that was what this resolution was also for, to bring attention to that and hopefully by having this resolution passed as a first time event that is really recognized by the city council maybe we could increase it each year. He stated that he would like to see the Mayor appoint a committee of good citizens, maybe someone that worked in the city and maybe city official that wanted to participate so that they could collectively put their ideas together and come up with ways as to how we can, every April 11th, better educate the people and get more involved in keeping the city clean. Mr. Jamail stated that he had talked with several different cities that participate in the program and how they manage it.

Mr. Jamail stated that our city was suffering, that on January 16th the Mayor said that she would like to see our city go back to the way it use to be when it was clean and then when he address them in May she had agreed with him and she said she thought everybody wanted to keep Jacinto City clean but he disagreed with that, he knew that she probably meant all the elected officials but he was here to tell her that not everybody in this city didn't want to keep Jacinto City clean, that he could say that with proof. Mr. Jamail discussed the news letters the city sends out, stating that the majority of the citizens do not respect the new letter nor utilize the information in it. Mr. Jamail stated that he didn't know why people didn't want to obey the law or why they didn't want to keep their places clean and ask Lon if he agreed about the newsletters.

Mr. Squyres stated that he agreed, that it was a constant problem.

Mr. Jamail stated that this nation was a nation of law and we were governed by law and we have to work with these people and try to educate these people and try to get them to understand that it is in the best interest of them and the city to obey these laws. He discussed the issue of dogs not being vaccinated, that he had reported numerous violations and could report them every day but when the newsletter comes out advising that dogs have to be vaccinated and have tags

people pay no attention to it. He stated that people were just not obeying the law, we have a problem in this city and the problem was not going to go away by passing this resolution, it was not going to go away until they decide they were going to put forth a plan that has action in it.

He stated that we had a good City Manager, he was very proud of Lon, that he came up through the ranks here in Jacinto City and he could remember the Mayor as a child so he knew she was not accustomed to what she was seeing in this city, she wasn't raised that way.

There was discussion about loss of property values and Mr. Jamail ask them to please consider the resolution.

Mayor Diaz stated that she did want to clean up the city and we were working on it and we need the citizens to help out.

Mr. Jamail stated he thought that by using the dog ordinance that Lon was using now might get our citizens on track . He provided the Mayor and Council with pictures of three houses where people had turned their front yards into parking lots and because people were no longer respecting health laws and stuff, they just do what they want to do, years ago that was not the case.

He stated that if they did create a committee, then next April we might get different groups to adopt an area, that he and Linda would be picking up on Oats Road from Mercury to the feeder on Saturday.

Mr. Jamail ask if we could do anything about getting people to repair their houses, paint, replace trim, etc. before it got so bad and was advised by City Attorney DeFoyd that our ordinance pertained to structural rather than cosmetic that we can't do HOA, all we can do is send letters asking them to clean up.

There was discussion on what was considered a nuisance and what day was heavy trash pickup and what was considered heavy trash.

Mayor Diaz ask if we could put on the marquee when heavy trash pickup was and put up signs through the city.

Mayor Diaz stated that we would work on this.

Council Member Robinson stated that like the Mayor said, we did an early tire roundup and got 480 tires that people through away and we actually didn't do tire roundup until May and one of the things he brought up was that if people were going to start cutting limbs, that we open up public works for a few day, rent a chipper and let people bring small limbs down there and chip it up and use it for mulch around the trees, that limbs take up a lot of space in a dumpster and they talked about different ordinance on trailers, etc. so they were working on the problem and he appreciated what Mr. Jamail had to say.

Mayor Diaz stated that she thought that if we put out the signs about heavy trash day that would help out.

Council Member Garcia stated that just for everybody's information, that yesterday she was in Mr. Squyers office and he showed her where back before November 15th you would not have a printout on XL that shows how many in the city had received letters for dog situations or high weed situations and she was estimating that it was about 950 which was about 1/3 of the city already being covered, that we did have something in place and it was just going to take time.

City Manager Squyres stated that the count as of today was just under 1000 if we added the letter that Joyce sent today and what that was is contacts of some kind, some of them are citations, some are compliance letters about high grass, dogs and a little bit of everything but we were making progress. He stated that early on he wanted to thank Mr. DeFoyd, that one of the first things he faced was these five individuals and the Mayor telling him to do something about this now and he ask to meet with Mr. DeFoyd and he gave him some additional idea and down the road the next time we see a charter review we have some additional ideas that we are going to try to fold into this to give it more power and make fines heavier for those who chose to disobey the law.

- 4. Resolution 2015-4R declaring annually the week of April 11th as Keep Jacinto City Clean Week.**

Council Member Garcia stated that she would like to make a comment on this

and advised Mr. Jamail that she wanted to thank him for bringing this up, she thought it was a great idea but like we stated we were already working on this and it was going to take some time to get it all done. She stated that he sent her a couple of emails and she was sure that he sent it to everybody but when she read the first email she did read somewhere close to the end when he had already emailed it to Mr. DeFoyd so she was just going to ask and she didn't want him to take it the wrong way or anything but Mr. DeFoyd was our City Attorney and it was stated in the Charter in Article 6, Sec. 3 where Mr. DeFoyd does draft resolutions, ordinances and all that but it was just when the Mayor and Council, City Manager or Department Heads ask him to do it and when she read that email, to her, it was just that he didn't work directly for him, he worked for the city but they didn't mind him coming in, they like suggestions, that was their job to listen to all of the citizens but please don't take it the wrong way, she was not against it, she thought it was a great idea, she just wished it had been brought to their attention before going to Mr. DeFoyd.

Mr. Jamail stated that in response to that he had two things, one was that the city attorney worked for the citizens of Jacinto City and two because of April 11th being so close that was why he had to do it as quick as he did and get it to him and she was missing the point because he did draft it, that when he sent him that it was just words and he took it and made it proper so there was nothing in violation of any rule or law that this city has so he didn't know what her point was.

Council Member Garcia stated that when a resolution was made it came through the city, he could bring up the idea, he could bring it up to the council.

Mr. Jamail asked where she was reading that in the charter and she advised it was Article 6, Sec. 3 and read the contents for Mr. Jamail.

Mayor Diaz ask that we not argue about this, that if they wanted to talk about it after the council meeting they could do so.

A motion was made by Council Member Lee and seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve Resolution 2015-4R declaring annually the week of April 11th as keep Jacinto city Clean Week. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Patty Davis, 11606 Seagram advised that they had lost power about 2:30 p. m. and that about 6 houses were without power, that the power company came out but they can't fix it because the neighbors tree has grown up in the lines. She stated that the power company was out here a few weeks ago cutting trees on lines and obviously they didn't get this tree and now another truck has to come out and cut the tree limbs and they don't even know if they are going to be able to get back out here today, that number one it made her angry because that was a very irresponsible homeowner, he should make sure that tree gets cut down but she thinks he has power and she didn't know when they would have power again.

Mayor Diaz ask if she had complained to Center Point and Ms. Davis said it was not in her yard, she shouldn't have to do that.

City Manager Squyres verified her address and advised that as soon as we get out of the meeting he would go call Center Point and see what we could do for her.

Mayor Diaz ask Ms. Davis to give Mr. Squyres her phone number after the meeting so that he could report back to her.

Ms. Davis stated that there were a lot of issues in this city, that she had been here 50 years and the trash cans that people leave out from one trash day to the next was terrible and we had so many cats in this city who get into trash bags and the trash truck does not pick that up and half of her neighbors, who were renters, didn't pick it up either. She stated that she and her mom care about their house and like she said, they had lived there 50 years.

She questioned some other issues she had with property being kept clean.

Mayor Diaz ask her to call and let Lon know the addresses on the house that she feel are a nuisance so that we can address the issue.

Ms. Davis stated there was something that they could do about the cats, it was called the catch and release program.

Mr. Squyres advised that we had actually applied for a grant to do just that

through two different agencies and we hope to do it and what we would do is catch them, spay them, notch their ear and then release them again and there was two private groups that do this and he wouldn't give the location and he thought that 27 cats at that one location had been done already.

There was a discussion about people leaving food out for cats and it being a problem.

Mayor Diaz advised that we would look into her issues and Lon would call Center Point about her power, be sure and give him her number.

Donna Dailey, 1701 Cheston, stated that she was in agreement with this, that of course they wanted their property value to go up but she would hate to think that we get somebody walking around saying you need to this or you need to do that because you know what, people that live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones and she knew that a lot of the property wasn't painted as well as it should be, she had a house before that wasn't painted and it was because she couldn't afford it. She stated that we needed to take some things into consideration; now it didn't cost anything to be clean but it did cost sometimes to fix your house and if you were a senior you were not able to or something and whatever happened to the community that said hey, what do you need, can we help you, and not like it used to be just to get our picture taken and run for office., she was talking about just being good folks and if you see somebody that needs some help offer to help them. She stated that it was real easy to make a resolution , but if they can't afford to fix their house, they can't afford the fines, that she was all for having things neat but we were not in River Oaks, so if someone need help maybe we could just be good folks and help them.

Louisa Perez, 1506 Cheston, stated tht she agreed with that, it would be nice to help, that some of these house would probably be elderly houses and cites two or three house on her street where issues with elderly property owners. She stated that she knew they drove around and see it, it was not their job to tell them because they see it. She stated the other thing was the speeders on Cheston was the same thing in the mornings and most of these are teachers from the high school and now with it being darker in the morning it was more dangerous. She stated that she knew that cops had to be at the schools in the morning but right there on Cheston was really bad. She stated the noise from

The Oasis was still a problem , they can't sleep, and the police department has not resolved the situation, that it had been almost a year they had been telling them about it.

Mayor Diaz ask the Chief if he would like to say something about this.

Chief Ayala stated that he goes by there himself many time during the day and night and didn't hear anything, that he knew the traffic was a problem, he advised that when we get a call, our officers go and check it out to see if we can catch them in the act and they would continue to monitor the situation .

Robert Hernandez, 10245 Chadwick, stated that his concern was about the train tracks in Galena Park, that today he was on the high road and he waited about 15 minutes for the train to pass so he could get into Galena Park. He stated that the trains were more frequent in Galena Park, that they had two sets of tracks. He questioned the possibility of putting some kind of sensors in Galena Park and on Mercury that will flash and let the people on Mercury know there is a train in Galena Park before they get on the high road and can't turn around.

Lon stated that was a big problem and in fact Jacinto City and Galena Park had an organization called The CAP, a joint system that deals with industry and trains are part of industry and it was such an issue that they had chosen that to be one of their topics over the next year and they were asking Port Terminal Railroad (which is who that is) to come out and address that and that is the No 1 Suggestion for them.

Juanita Aguilar, 1501 cheston, stated that back to what her sister had said, they had discussed this and they were going to have a meeting with the Oasis and no body ever called them to give them the resolution of the meeting with the Oasis. She stated that she ask for the reports and a bunch of the reports they had done was not in there, that she had one on March 24th , that Sgt. Aguilara came out there and she read the report where he said that no loud noise was detected and she was going to contradict him because she took video and on her video from her back porch, there was a house in front of her, Holland Ave. and then the Oasis and you could hear, on her phone, the music blaring as he passes in front of it and goes to the side and back of the building then he leaves and the music

Is still blaring and they could give evidence to show what the cops were not doing. She stated that she had lived in that house for over a year and it had been an issue since she moved in and nobody here had done anything to relieve the peace and quite in their neighborhood. She stated that the police were not patrolling, that she patrols the city and she see officer trying to catch speeders coming into our city from Chula's when they should be patrolling our city.

She stated tht something needed to be done that they were tired, she didn't know what they were going to do, she was taking video because she was keeping her proof, it was not just going to be word of mouth. She stated that the last time she talked to the chief there was going to be 0 tolerance, no warnings, they were going to be sited and each officer says it is to their discretion, why is it up to the discretion of the officer, she was tired and fed up, she said this was enough either they do something or they get the media involved.

Chief Ayala stated that he has had no complaints of drunk drivers coming out of Oasis but he had complaints about drunk drivers coming down Market Street, on the feeder road and down Mercury and discussed how they were handling this problem and that our officers were doing their job.

Mayor Diaz ask Chief Ayala to speak with her after the meeting.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Rivas ask Mr. Jamail how many people did he think owned these houses, actual homeowners and Mr. Jamail answered none.

Mr. Rivas stated that was the problem he thought so on the discussion they had about situation like this, that was something that Lon had brought up and he thought that was a good point so what do we need to do to make that property owner know that the tenant is going to be responsible just like he is and that was the point he thought we needed to get across on some of these.

There was general discussion regarding this issue and Mayor Diaz stated that when they rent the property, they had to put up a water deposit in their name so we would have that and we were looking into a new ordinance on rental houses.

Mr. Rivas stated another things with the trash pickup, etc. Mr. Robinson was talking about all the branches going over to public works and getting a chipper to chip them all up and he thought that would be a good idea because we could use the mulch. He stated that we were looking into that fence being completed and told Ivan that what he had for him was the handicapped parking spaces on the boys baseball side; we needed to define that better if he could look into that for him.

Council Member Robinson stated that he would bring them a stencil and all they would have to do was paint them.

There was general discussion regarding the painting and posting of handicapped parking spaces.

Council Member Rivas address the two ladies complaining about the Oasis, stating that he had been across the street and sat and waited and he did not hear the loud music but he was not saying that it didn't happen.

Council Member Robinson thanked everyone for helping with the Easter Egg Hunt, that we had a big crowd and everyone seem to enjoy it. He advised that on April 27th at 8:45 a.m. the Senior Olympics opening ceremony would be at the Jacinto City gym.

Council Member Lee thanked everyone for being here tonight and thanked Mr. Jamail for his comments and concerns, that he had spoken to Mr. DeFoyd a year or so ago because he was concerned about the businesses on Market St., Holland, etc. and he told him that just because he didn't like the way something looked didn't mean we could do something about it but we can address nuisances, health and fire issues but we can't always, by law, but we needed to be working on reestablishing pride in property owners and he thinks if we can do that we could get a lot of results.

He stated that he would also like to say that Calvary Baptist Church was having a fund raiser on April 18th, a BBQ and they were trying to raise money for their Building fund.

Council Member Garcia stated that she would like to thank Kyle for getting the mosquito truck out there because we were really in need of it. She thank Ms. Patty Davis for her first visit to our council meeting and encouraged her to come back again. She thanked Mr. Jamail for bringing up the resolution, she was all for it and they were working on it. She welcomed the representative from the Port of Houston Authority. Ms. Garcia stated that yesterday when she was visiting with Mr. Squyres, they discussed some complaint they were getting about trailers, where they were parked, etc. and she wanted to bring up to the council that maybe they could consider having a 30 minute workshop prior to the next council meeting to discuss this ordinance and ask Lon to explain what the present ordinance covered.

City Manager Squyres advised that the present ordinance only addressed RV trailers and there were a lot of other trailers that were an issue and one of the issues was boats and they would like to look at the trailer ordinance again and possibly define it better.

Council Member Garcia stated that after the workshop we hold a hearing at a later date for the citizens who currently own or may own in the future such vehicles and listen to what they have to say.

Council Member Gonzales thanked Mr. Jamail for the issues that he had brought out and they had talked about them a few times and he was just wondering with the committee, the Keep Jacinto City Clean Committee, would there be a possible way to incorporate like volunteers or like individuals that are doing community service that could help mow, that he was mainly concerned about the seniors that can't actually get out there and mow their own grass and can't afford to have it done and he would be more than happy to help those people if we could find the people that need that help and we could also get some kind of help from volunteers and he would be glad to help with that too.

Mayor Diaz stated that we could get the school involved, a lot of the organizations. She stated that she knew it was short notice, that April 11th was Saturday and it would be hard to get the volunteers at school but she knew they would be happy to do it but they already had the Country Fair going on that day and half of the school was involved.

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Mr. Jamail stated that this was done on a quick notice and he wanted it to break the ice for the program and his plan was to try to get the Mayor, Council and City Manager to give them the locations where people can't afford to have their property taken care of and then to recruit volunteers to adopt certain places in the city and if the Mayor and Council will adopt theirs first, others will follow.

Mayor Diaz stated that we could do that.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joyce Raines". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

**Joyce Raines
City Secretary**