



MAYOR  
ANA DIAZ

# City of Jacinto City

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## Minutes

The Mayor and City Council met in Regular Session on  
Thursday, June 13, 2024 at 6:00p.m. in the Council Chamber at 10301 Market Street.

### COUNCIL MEMBERS

MARIO GONZALES  
CARMELA GARCIA  
ALLEN LEE  
JIMMY "JJ" RIVAS  
GREGG ROBINSON

### CITY MANAGER

LON D. SQUYRES

### CITY SECRETARY

CHRISTAL RODRIGUEZ

### CITY ATTORNEY

JIM DEFOYD

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

#### 2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

#### 3. ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Rivas, Robinson, Lee, Garcia and Gonzales; City Manager Squyres, and Assistant City Manager Kathy Greiner.  
City Attorney Defoyd and City Secretary Rodriguez were absent.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

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

#### 5. REPORTS OF OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND COMMITTEES

##### **Mayor: Ana Diaz**

\* Spoke regarding her new duties as secretary for Harris County Mayors and Councils Association. There was a general discussion with the council and public, of suggestions for meeting locations and guest speakers for the association.

##### **City Manager: Lon Squyres**

- \* Thomas covered really well the debris pick up, they're doing a great job. We did a comparison of numbers, so far, we are on track to outpace the amount of debris we picked up either in Ike or Harvey. That's how large of an issue this storm was that blew through in one evening with no predictions or warning. Please tell your neighbors, don't mix your debris, don't put your wind damaged siding or fencing and things like that with your brush pile. We are hoping to send the vast majority of the brush pile to the chippers; That way we can process it more economically. The remainder of the items need to go into dumpsters and be hauled away. If fencing with nails go into the chipper, it can lead to hurt people and damaged equipment. As Thomas said, next week we'll be starting our third pass through the entirety of the city, we hope that will be it for the vegetation. Monday we'll start putting notices out for people stop putting things out on the curb.
- \* We had our first call with FEMA today, it was basically an applicant briefing telling us what's to come. The way that it's going to work, since it's not a major disaster, we won't see one hundred percent from FEMA, in all likelihood we'll get seventy five percent of every dollar we spend back. We'll recoup every dollar that we have coming to us to make the burden of this event as light as possible.
- \* When the storm came through, we were actually at a Harris County Mayors and Councils, the officers really quickly held the elections for the next year and Mayor Diaz was elected as the secretary for that organization. Congratulations Mayor.



**Public Works: Thomas Rogers**

- \* Should be done with the second pass of brush pickup by the end of the week and be starting the third. Once the third pass is done, we'll be going back around to pick up any fence boards. We've been putting the brush at public works building and estimate we've collected about twelve thousand square yards.
- \* The wastewater plant project is still moving along, the contractors that were working the 24-inch sewer line has been completed.
- \* (Mayor asked if we've been driving around for mosquitos because she hadn't seen them spraying lately) We were out four times last week and twice at the beginning of this week and will be picking it back up again Monday. (Mayor asked how often we spray) We usually spray Monday, Wednesday and Friday but it depends on the rain. We are on top of it.

**Police: Chief Joe Ayala**

- \* There's been several jugging's occurring. Once you leave a bank here in the city at the 10-300 block at the feeder road, you want to make sure you don't leave your money in your car while you run errands. The chances of someone following you are very high, they break into your car and take your money. It's also been happening at a bank on Federal and I-10.
- \* There's been reports of West Nile, not in our city but in the north and west side. We want to make sure our yards are kept clean and the grass cut.
- \* Be aware of your surroundings, we've had some reports of burglary of motor vehicles and suspicious activity. Secure your vehicles. Call, give us a description, where the suspicious activity is occurring; We can check it out and make sure your neighborhood stays safe. You can remain anonymous.

**City Hall: Kathy Greiner**

- \* No Report at this time.

**Fire: Interim Chief Mo Davis (Report given by Bodak)**

- \* We've been working along with Public Works on a preplan in case of fire due to the brush and limb pile being collected at public works. We've coordinated with them to prevent anything going off.
- \* We've had a few prank calls.
- \* (Mayor asked if Fire Department was getting ready for Fourth of July Fireworks) Yes, yes, we are.

**Heritage Hall: Elizabeth Flores (Out)**

- \* No report at this time.

**Parks & Recreation: Ivan Rojas**

- \* We've been picking-up limbs and such, but we were able to get all the parks picked up, each park had at least two or three trees fall. I appreciate everyone at Public Works, we all got together to do that.
- \* We've got about 19 kids coming every week right now to our Summer Program at the gym.
- \* Our Swim Lessons are full for the summer.
- \* The Port of Houston Community Beauty Relations got in contact with me; They are looking to do Beauty of the Barrel, which they're going to clean up and beautify 12 trash cans and install them at the park, make it look nice out there.
- \* I got in contact with the artist for the murals for the boxes, he's pretty booked up for the summer so hopefully in early October, he'll be out here to beautify the boxes we have out here.
- \* Pool has been busy; the rain doesn't keep anyone away. As long as there's no thunder, lightning and you can see the bottom of the pool, we're good to go.
- \* This past weekend, we had "Las Bannana's" there, they set up a booth, it was a good turn out for the people and for them.
- \* (Mayor mentioned that the splash pad is free and asked if it stays busy) Ivan confirmed that yes, the splash pad is free and is open 7am -10pm everyday and is busy every day.

**Jacinto City Branch Library: Delaney Daly**

- \* Happy to report we've had a really good attendance. In the last twelve days we've had 157 people attend programs and we've had 658 people walk through our doors, which is record breaking for the library. We have a lot of amazing programs coming up, for example on Saturday we're going to have therapy dogs at the library at noon. There's lots of summer reading program events, if you want to get signed up, I highly recommend it, the prices are great.



## 6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

\* Donna Dailey, 1701 Cheston

-Inquired if the city offered Senior Swimming. Ivan replied that there is from 4pm-5pm.

-Inquired as to if the wood being chipped, could possibly be offered to the citizens as mulch. The Mayor said she had already pitched the idea to Lon and Lon replied that the idea is being explored for safety and best practice/outcome.

\* Tony Gonzalez, 10827 Munn

-Expressed concerns regarding proper drainage for construction of a new house next door, which is being built higher than his. The construction has taken a year and a half now and the temporary trench is not helping. He handed pictures of how flooded his yard is because the neighbors' yards are draining onto his. Lon asked to be able to speak with city attorney Defoyd for suggestions on what we can do. Lon also asked Tony to call him in the morning so they can review the permits.

## 7. NO UNFINISHED BUSINESS

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

### 1. Council to Approve Economic Alliance Houston Port Region Service Agreement.

Lon addressed the mayor: They made their presentation a couple weeks ago and now it's time to approve the agreement we have with them for the services they provide to the city and the region.

**Motion made by Council Member Robinson** to Approve Economic Alliance Houston Port Region Service Agreement.

**Second was made by Council Member Lee**

**Favor: 5/0**

### 2. Council to consider issuance of an RFP for debris removal and disposal.

Lon explained the process: We have to put an RFP out and has to stay open for at least thirty days, Federal Purchasing Guidelines, so we can hire a company to come in and haul away from the debris pile to wherever we decide to take it. It's usually the big landfill off McCarty.

**Motion made by Council Member Robinson** to issue an RFP for debris removal and disposal.

**Second was made by Council Member Garcia**

**Favor: 5/0**

### 3. Council to consider issuance of an RFP for debris monitoring.

Lon explained that the FEDS don't want you to just haul away your debris, they want monitoring to be done because people fight over debris and steal one another's debris and exaggerate the amount of debris being taken because during Harvey we paid a little over eight dollars and fifty cents per yard so we have to hire a monitoring company to certify the amount of debris being taken. We have to follow the required rules in order to get reimbursed.

**Motion made by Council Member Garcia** to issuance of an RFP for debris monitoring.

**Second was made by Council Member Gonzales.**

**Favor: 5/0**

## 9. COUNCIL COMMENTS

### **Councilmember Rivas**

-asked Police Chief Ayala for the definition of littering. Police Chief responded and Rivas replied with a personal experience story of littering by his neighbor. The Police Chief asked for the address and will look into the matter.

-Asked who is responsible for clearing the trees and debris in the easements because the easement on Akron has limbs. Lon replied that the city will be passing and checking on easements after passing for fencing and things like that. Towards the end of the budget year, if there are no other crisis's to use up money on, the city goes through the easements or city right of ways near both sides of the streets and we look for trees that either leaning severely or that the root structure is starting to look like it will pull up a sidewalk or sewer line up or if it's getting near the street light and it's blocking the light. We are coming up on budget year, it might not be a bad idea to look at.

-There was a lady selling BBQ Plates on Sunday behind the Cinema. The Police were called and investigated. She was shut down for not making arrangements with the city firsthand. The Mayor said that we have had business do that but they've had to make arrangements with the city first.

-The food Pantry was having AC issues, thank you Ivan for looking into that and getting that fixed. The Fire Department had to check out a lady that was having heat issues there. The lady was well enough later on to drive herself home. Thank you to the Fire Department as well.



-It might be a good idea to place a bench, like the ones on Lane, for the people to wait in line at the food pantry. It would benefit the community to have a bench there, not just the food pantry. The Mayor agreed that a bench would be good and suggested that it would be nice to have them all a round the park. Councilman Rivas spoke on adoption and wished everyone a Happy Father's Day.

**Councilmember Robinson**

-expressed that he hopes Tony will get a good resolution to his problem. He addressed the public to be careful, watch the weather and stay hydrated.

**Councilmember Lee**

-thanked Public Works and expressed God's blessings.

**Councilmember Garcia**

-asked the library about the Therapy Dog Program. Librarian Daly responded with the info.

-She then asked what boxes were to be painted with the murals. Lon responded that they were the traffic signal boxes.

-She also asked what the plan was for the fourth of July. Ivan responded that the pool will open that day and that the ice-cream truck will set up at the pool then at lane street.

-She then mentioned about providing a stationed air pump for bicycles as a service for the city because she that at a restaurant that she went to.

-She asked Lon when the budget meeting would be held. Lon replied that they will being probably early July. He will be emailing some proposed dates to the council for their consideration.

**Councilmember Gonzales**, Thanked Thomas for the hard work he and his crew are doing.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:59pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Christal Rodriguez  
City Secretary