



# City of Jacinto City

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LON D. SQUYRES

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## CITY ATTORNEY

JIM DEFOYD

MAYOR  
ANA DIAZ

## Minutes

The Mayor and City Council met in Regular Session on  
Thursday, April 23, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the  
Council Chamber at 10301 Market Street.

### 1. Call to Order: at 6:00 p.m.

- a. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:  
*The meeting was opened with Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.*
- b. Roll Call: *The following members were present:*  
Mayor Diaz; Council Members Rivas, Robinson, Lee, Garcia and Gonzales;  
City Manager Squyres, City Attorney Defoyd and City Secretary Rodriguez.

### 2. Mayor & Council Comments:

- Mayor & Council thanked everyone for being present, reminded everyone to be neighborly and care for the elderly. They also reminded everyone that the police department can be called after hours for sewer problems as they are able to reach the personnel that are on-call each evening and to keep Ms. Shuptrine's family in their prayers.

### 3. Public Comments:

- There were no public comments at this time.

### 4. Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meeting(s):

The minutes required more time to finalize; Mayor and council agreed to revisit the minutes at the next council meeting.

### 5. Reports/Announcements of City Departments:

#### Police: Chief Joe Ayala

- No report at this time.

#### Jacinto City Branch Library: Nyla Vela

- Starting May 28th, you can register for the summer reading program. There are many activities and fun prizes. Visit the library to sign up.

#### Public Works: Thomas Rogers

- The department has been busy working with contractors due to a lot of rain. Our crews have been cleaning storm drains and pumping out water quickly after heavy rainfall. Blockages can happen, so we are addressing that as needed. We are trying to manage water flow and clean annulets. If anyone has any problems or questions after hours, there is always someone available to call 24/7 for assistance.
- The wastewater plant project is moving smoothly, trying to keep up with the contractors.
- We have a mosquito class scheduled at Heritage Hall next month. We have a couple of guys signed up for that too.
- Mayor Diaz stated that a resident on Fairfax expressed gratitude for the public works team's timely response to potential flooding. Before last week, she was worried about water reaching her home and another resident mentioned she was stranded at home all day due to the rainfall. However, after the team began pumping water before the recent rain, she felt relieved and informed that it was helpful. The proactive efforts of the public works team made a difference, and the resident wanted to ensure they were recognized for their work. Overall, the community appreciates the team's quick actions to prevent flooding.

**Fire: Captain Mike Bodak**

- No report at this time.
- Councilmember Garcia inquired if the fire department did any special programs for the students such as an “Open House”. Captain replied that we currently do not, but he would mention it to Interim Chief.

**City Hall: Kathy Greiner**

- No report at this time.

**Heritage Hall: Elizabeth Flores**

- No report at this time.

**Parks & Recreation: Ivan Rojas**

- The department is getting ready for summer by preparing the pool and programs. Planning to update the marquee next week so the public is informed about the activities.
- Mayor Diaz suggested planning a few movies at the pool or ball field this summer.

**6. Unfinished Business:**

- a. None

**7. New Business:**

- a. Chad Burke, President & CEO, Economic Alliance to present Annual Report.

*Chad Burke thanked the Mayor & Council for the opportunity to present the annual report and thanked Jacinto City for being a long-time member of the organization. Chad presented his new Executive Assistant-Jacinto City's own Kailyn Gonzales.*

*Mr. Burke spoke on how the Houston Port region is the largest petrochemical complex and the busiest, most valuable port in the U. S. It contributes 20% to Texas's GDP, highlighting its importance for the state. About 70% of imports are consumer goods, while over 60% of exports are manufactured items made in the region. This manufacturing supports jobs and demand for retail and housing. Houston is unique as it imports and exports an equal amount of goods, unlike other major ports that often ship empty. This situation offers significant business advantages.*

*The mission is to grow the economy through various initiatives, such as capital investment, project development, public policy, infrastructure, transportation, and workforce development. Collaborating with cities on quality-of-life projects is also important. Recent wins include projects with chemical and refining companies, such as Pemex in Deer Park. Current projects include NRG and Marathon.*

*Mr. Burke discussed recent policy, transportation and workforce efforts. Kailyn and Karen scheduled over 40 meetings across 2 days in Washington, D.C., focusing on infrastructure, freight mobility, more transportation, workforce development, coastal protection, and tariff exemptions. In Texas, plans for state legislative priorities are in progress, with meetings held with the House Speaker for infrastructure funding. A focus on port region freight transportation is noted, and a visit to Midland is planned for discussions related to these priorities.*

*Transportation projects including redevelopment of highway 225, 146 and the beltway section are currently underway, with funding efforts in progress. The highway 225 overlay is 50% complete, and future plans include the reconstruction of the 610 bridge in collaboration with the Port of Houston.*

*Additionally, workforce development initiatives target around 5,000 students annually in the east and greater Houston area, promoting job opportunities through industry volunteer outreach in local schools.*

*He also mentioned that September 17<sup>th</sup> is the Gulf Coast Industry Forum and spoke on the line-up of expected speakers.*

*Mayor Diaz thanked Chad for his report & everything that Economic Alliance does for the City of Jacinto City.*

- b. Mayor & Council to consider Resolution 2026-7R approving the submission of an application for “FY 27 SB 224 Catalytic Converter Grant Program” for the Police Department of Jacinto City, Texas.

*-Read by City attorney Defoyd.*

*-City Manager Squyres & Police Chief Ayala addressed questions that Councilmember Rivas had regarding the grant.*

**\*Motion to accept Resolution 2026-7R, Made by Council Member: Rivas**

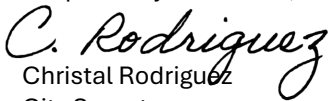
**\*Second was made by Council Member: Garcia**

**\*Favor: 5/0**

- c. Mayor & Council to consider and take action to amend Capital Outlay Budget to replace AC Unit at City Hall, in the amount of \$8,750.00.  
*-City Manager Squyres relayed that this a/c unit had not been replaced before and was done so now as an emergency.*  
**\*Motion to amend Capital Outlay Budget, Made by Council Member: Garcia**  
**\*Second was made by Council Member: Lee**  
**\*Favor: 5/0**
- d. Mayor & Council to consider and take action to amend Public Works Department Budget to replace copier machine at Public Works, in the amount of \$3,550.00.  
*-City Manager Squyres confirmed that the machine is being replaced due to the same reasons that the machine at PD was replaced as this was in the best interest of the city.*  
**\*Motion to amend Capital Outlay Budget, Made by Council Member: Gonzales**  
**\*Second was made by Council Member: Robinson**  
**\*Favor: 5/0**
- e. Mayor & Council to Consider Resolution 2026-8R Adopting Code of Ethics.  
*-Read by City attorney Defoyd and only requires one reading.*  
**\*Motion to accept Resolution 2026-7R, Made by Council Member: Robinson**  
**\*Second was made by Council Member: Lee**  
**\*Favor: 5/0**

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Christal Rodriguez  
City Secretary

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