

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING
MISSION CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 20, 2014 4:30 P.M.
MISSION CITY HALL**

PRESENT:

Norberto Salinas, Mayor
Maria Elena Ramirez, Councilwoman
Ruben D. Plata, Councilman
Norie Gonzalez Garza, Mayor Pro Tem
Dr. Armando O'cana, Councilman
David Guerra, City Attorney
Anna Carrillo, City Secretary
Martin Garza, Jr., City Manager

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT:

Robert Henderson, RBC Capital Markets
Jacinto Garza, P.E., L&G Engineers
Joe Kalifa, L&G Engineering

STAFF PRESENT:

Guillermo Seguin, Deputy City Manager
Janie Flores, Finance Director
Eduardo Belmarez, Purchasing Director
Roberto Salinas, Public Works Director
Daniel Tijerina, Planning Director
Randy Perez, Asst. Finance Director
Jonathan Wehrmeister, Judge
Roberto Dominguez, Chief of Police
Cesar Gutierrez, Utilities Department

1. Call to order

With a quorum being present, Mayor Norberto Salinas called the meeting to order at 4:36 p.m.

2. Discussion and action to approve new sanitation rates to be charged to City of Mission by Allied Waste Services, (AWS) effective February 1, 2014 thru January 31, 2015

Under the City's current contract with AWS, they are permitted to increase the rates they charge the City for trash collections services, each year, based on the increase in the Consumer Price Index, (CPI) for the preceding 12 months period. The City of Mission received a letter from AWS dated January 7, 2014, the CPI for the preceding 12 month period increased by an adjusted 0.54%, well under the contract's cap on AWS increases based on the CPI of no more than 4%. This increase will not require an increase in the rates the City charges customers at this time.

Staff and City Manager recommend approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Norie Gonzalez Garza moved to approve the new sanitation rates to be charged to City of Mission by Allied Waste Services. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Maria Elena Ramirez and approved unanimously 5-0.

3. Budget Amendment – Solid Waste Fund

Assistant Finance Director Randy Perez presented the budget amendments BA-2014-42 to the City Council for approval.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Councilman Ruben Plata moved to approve budget amendments BA–2014-42 as recommended. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ramirez and approved unanimously 5-0.

4. Authorization to purchase via Buy-Board contract numbers 425-13 and 430-13; nine (9) Sanitation Side Loaders; (5) Brush Trucks with integrated Grapplers; and 22,500 – 96 gallon garbage cans for the City’s Sanitation program

Staff was seeking authorization to purchase, via the above referenced Buy-Board contracts, (9) Sanitation Side Loaders; (5) Brush Trucks with integrated Grapplers; and 22,500 – 96 gallon garbage cans. This equipment would be used by the City of its own Sanitation services which are slated to begin on September 1, 2014. This request was being presented at this time due to the lead time needed to receive the equipment. The 9 side –loaders have a 60-90 day delivery time; the 5 brush trucks have a 120-150 day delivery time and the 22,500 garbage cans have 150-180 day delivery time. It is anticipated that the funds for this equipment would be provided through the issuance of a \$5,000,000 bond issue which is proposed to be completed and funds delivered to the City by the end of March 2014.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Garza moved to approve the authorization to purchase via Buy-Board contracts, (9) Sanitation Side Loaders; (5) Brush Trucks with integrated Grapplers; and 22,500 – 96 gallon garbage cans. Motion was seconded by Councilman Plata and approved unanimously 5-0.

5. Approval of Resolution # 1372 designating the Mayor of the City of Mission as authorized representative of the City of Mission to give notice of intent to reimburse expenditures with proceeds of Tax Exempt Obligations

The attached Resolution designated the Mayor as the authorized representative of the City of Mission to give notice of intent to reimburse expenditures with proceeds of tax exempt obligations. The tax exempt obligations would be used for the City of Mission Solid Waste System capital needs.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Councilman Plata moved to approve Resolution #1372 designating the Mayor of the City of Mission as authorized representative of the City of Mission to give notice of intent to reimburse expenditures with proceeds of Tax Exempt Obligations. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Garza and approved unanimously 5-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 1372

**A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MISSION AS
AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CITY OF MISSION TO GIVE NOTICE
OF INTENT TO REIMBURSE EXPENDITURES WITH PROCEEDS OF TAX
EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS.**

6. Award Bid for the Construction of the Downtown Streetscape Mobility Improvement Project

City Council authorized staff to solicit bids for the Construction Downtown Streetscape Mobility Improvement Project. The City of Mission accepted and opened four (4) bid responses for this project. Staff was recommending awarding to Highmark Construction Company, LLC whose total base bid was \$1,888,417.87 and was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder meeting all specifications.

Councilwoman Ramirez moved to award bid for the construction of the Downtown Streetscape Mobility Improvement Project to Highmark Construction Company, LLC who was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder meeting all specifications. Motion was seconded by Councilman Plata and approved unanimously 5-0.

7. Approval of Work Authorization No. 16 with L&G Engineering Related to the City of Mission Streetscape Improvement Project

Work Authorization No. 16 entailed construction management services for engineering, geotechnical testing and support services for and during construction. Services also include coordination with business owners along Conway, the Texas Department of Transportation, and Private Utility Owners during construction. These services were estimated for the duration of project.

Councilman Plata moved to approve Work Authorization No. 16 with L&G Engineering related to the City of Mission Streetscape Improvement Project. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Garza and approved unanimously 5-0.

8. Approval to declare Bunker Gear as surplus and authorize Mayor to donate items to one of Mission's Sister Cities during the upcoming Mayor's International Brunch

Staff was requesting to declare bunker gear which included 14 coats and 16 pairs of pants as surplus and to authorize Mayor Salinas to donate item to a Mission Sister City during the upcoming festivities. These items no longer meet the TCFP, Texas Commission on Fire Protection Standards.

Councilman Armando O'cana requested to have a Hold Harmless Agreement with an as is provision signed by the Sister City who would be receiving the donated items.

Councilman Plata moved to declare Bunker Gear as surplus and authorize Mayor to donate items to one of Mission's Sister Cities during the Mayor's International Brunch. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ramirez and approved unanimously 5-0.

9. Adjournment

At 4:48 p.m., Councilman Plata moved for adjournment. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Garza and approved unanimously 5-0.

Norberto Salinas, Mayor

ATTEST:

Anna Carrillo, City Secretary