

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING
MISSION CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 6, 2014 4:30 P.M.
MISSION CITY HALL**

PRESENT:

Norberto Salinas, Mayor
Jessica Ortega-Ochoa, Councilwoman
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:

Ruben D. Plata, Councilman

ALSO PRESENT:

Kathy Olivarez, Progress Times
Juan Eliseo Gonzalez
Jim & Beth Barnes
Fred Kurth
Jaime Gutierrez
Jose de la Fuente
Joe Sanchez
Craig Verley
Richard Perez
Bob Henderson, RBC Capital Markets
Ricardo Lopez, MCISD Superintendent
Susan Valverde, Sylvan Learning
Dalinda Alcantar, Border Kids Code
Marcos Silva, Border Kids Code
Rossie Romo, La Joya ISD
Dolores Gonzalez, IDEA Academy
Irma Munoz, IDEA Academy
Christina Valdez, Mission ISD
Frances Sanchez, Mission ISD

STAFF PRESENT:

Nelia Hernandez, Asst. City Secretary
Aida Lerma, Deputy City Manager
J.J. Rodriguez, Deputy City Manager
Roberto Salinas, P.E. Public Works Director
Eduardo Belmarez, Purchasing Director
Janie Flores, Finance Director
Randy Perez, Asst. Finance Director
J.P. Terrazas, City Engineer
Alex Meade, MEDC, CEO
Bobby Salinas, Asst. Planning Director
Rick Saldana, Fire Chief
Robert Dominguez, Chief of Police
Joel Laralde, Asst. Chief of Police
Luduvico Martinez, B & G Club Director
Robert Hinojosa, Risk Manager
Roland Rodriguez, I. T. Director
Luis Contreras, Museum Director
Marissa Wingate, Media Relationa
Mario Flores, Interim Golf Director
Daniel Silva, MEDC Chief Operating Officer

1. Call to order

With a quorum being present, Mayor Norberto Salinas called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

2. Approval of Resolution No. 1387 requesting financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB); authorizing the filing of an application for such assistance; and designate the Mayor as the designated authorized representative

Staff was requesting approval of the resolution requesting financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB); authorizing the filing of an application for such assistance; and designating the Mayor as the designated authorized representative. The application was filed and authorized with TWDB in an amount not to exceed \$19,639,000 to provide for the cost of a 4.5 MGD Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Councilman Armando O'cana moved to approve Resolution # 1387 requesting financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) as recommended. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Jessica Ortega-Ochoa and approved unanimously 3-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 1387

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MISSION REQUESTING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD; AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE; AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

3. Approval of Work Authorization No. 6 with Melden & Hunt, Inc. related to the City of Mission Waste Water Treatment Plant Permit Renewal and Amendment

Work Authorization No. 6 consisted of preparing the permit renewal and major amendment in accordance with TCEQ requirements. In summary, project included a Technical report submittal to TCEQ and assistance to the city in the advertisement of permit renewal as required on this process.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval subject to City Attorney's approval of Work Authorization No. 6 .

Councilman O'cana moved to approve Work Authorization No. 6 with Melden & Hunt, Inc. related to the City of Mission Waste Water Treatment Plant Permit Renewal and Amendment as recommended. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ortega-Ochoa and approved unanimously 3-0.

4. Approval of Work Authorization No. 8 with Melden & Hunt, Inc. related to the City of Mission Waste Water Treatment Plant Expansion Engineering and Construction Administration Services

Work Authorization No. 8 included the Engineering Design (PS&E) and Construction administration for the City of Mission's WWTP Expansion from 9 MGD to 13.5 MGD.

Total estimated cost of Professional Services and Application for this project was \$1,655,000.

The City of Mission had budgeted \$1M for FY 2014-15 as Phase I of Professional Services for this project. Phase II of project would be budgeted for in FY 2015-16.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval subject to City Attorney's approval of Work Authorization No. 8.

Mayor Pro Tem Norie Gonzalez Garza joined the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

Councilman O'cana moved to approve Work Authorization No. 8 with Melden & Hunt, Inc. related to the City of Mission Waste Water Treatment Plant Expansion Engineering and Construction Administrative Services as recommended. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ortega-Ochoa and approved unanimously 4-0.

5. Award Proposal for Engineering Services for Inspection, Material Testing and Construction Management for Mile 2 North Roadway Project Reconstruction and Widening of an Existing 2 Lane Rural Road and Authorize City Manager to negotiate and execute contract incident thereto

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City Council authorized staff to solicit Request for Qualifications (RFQ's) for Engineering Services in accordance with the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act (V.T.C.A., Government Code Section 2254.001). Proposals received were referred to an evaluation committee appointed to review and evaluate on the basis of demonstrated competence and qualifications to perform the services.

Staff received four (4) proposals. The Evaluation Committee comprised of the Public Works Director, Planning Director, and Deputy City Manager evaluated all proposals submitted. All proposals were evaluated on set criteria outlined in the RFQ.

After careful evaluation and assessment, the evaluation committee deemed that L&G Engineering was the highest qualified firm to perform the Engineering Services for Inspection, Material Testing and Construction Management for Mile 2 North Roadway Project as per Government Code Sec. 2254.003, "Selection of Provider."

Staff would engage firm in negotiations for fair and reasonable firm fix rates.

Staff and City Manager recommended to adopt selection criteria of Evaluation Committee, Award proposal to L&G Engineering and authorize City Manager to engage in negotiations with L & G and execute a contract for Professional Services incident thereto.

Councilman O'cana moved to adopt selection criteria of Evaluation Committee, award proposal to L&G Engineering and authorized City Manager to engage in negotiations with L & G and execute a contract for Professional Services as recommended. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Garza and approved unanimously 4-0.

6. Approval Of Resolution # 1388 of the City Council of the City Of Mission, Texas, supporting Mission Economic Development Corporation's Code The Town Initiative that aims to teach computer programming to potential business startups

Mission Economic Development Corporation was requesting support for the creation of Code the Town, a small business fund that aims to teach computer programming to potential business startups. The Code the Town program presented a great opportunity for Mission residents to not only learn to code, but to develop creative and critical thinking skills that are necessary for work in any field.

Mission EDC partnered with Sylvan Learning extending the initiative to elementary students. Sylvan Learning Center will offer two-week boot camps consisting of daily eight-hour sessions in which Mission elementary students will be the first to pilot their new STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math) curriculum.

The children also had the opportunity to collaborate with other children on building a project that they would present during Computer Science Education Week on December 8 -14, 2014.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Councilman O'cana moved to approve Resolution # 1388 supporting Mission Economic Development Corporation's Code The Town Initiative as recommended. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ortega-Ochoa and approved unanimously 4-0.

RESOLUTION # 1388

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MISSION, TEXAS,
SUPPORTING MISSION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION'S CODE THE
TOWN INITIATIVE THAT AIMS TO TEACH COMPUTER PROGRAMMING TO
POTENTIAL BUSINESS STARTUPS**

7. Budget Amendment – MEDC

Mr. Perez presented the budget amendments BA–2014-76 to the City Council for approval.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Mayor Pro-Tem Garza moved to approve budget amendments BA–2014-76 as recommended. Motion was seconded by Councilman O’cana and approved unanimously 4-0.

Mayor Salinas asked council to go into executive session pursuant to V.T.C.A. Gov. Code Sec. 551.001 for item 8 of the agenda.

At 4:54 p.m., Councilman O’cana moved to convene into executive session. Motion was seconded by Mayor-Pro Tem Garza and approved unanimously 4-0.

8. Executive Session pursuant to V.T.C.A. Gov. Code Sec. 551.001

Consultation with Attorney Sec. 551.071

A. Carolyn M. McEwen vs Robert Dominguez, Chief of Police, and Joel Larralde,
Assistant Chief of Police, in their official capacities

The City Council will reconvene in open session to take any actions necessary

At 5:12 p.m., Councilman O’cana moved to reconvene in open session to take action on the above mentioned item. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ortega-Ochoa and approved unanimously 4-0.

On item 8-A, Councilman O’cana moved to consent to the hiring by the City Attorney of Guerra, Leeds, Sabo & Hernandez, PLLC to represent the City in this matter. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ochoa and approved unanimously 4-0.

9. Adjournment

At 5:13 p.m., Councilman O’cana moved for adjournment. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ortega-Ochoa and approved unanimously 4-0.

Norberto Salinas, Mayor

ATTEST:

Anna Carrillo, City Secretary