

**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING  
MISSION CITY COUNCIL  
JANUARY 11, 2010 4:30 P.M.  
MISSION CITY HALL**

**PRESENT:**

Norberto Salinas, Mayor  
Maria Elena Ramirez, Councilwoman  
Ruben D. Plata, Councilman  
Norie Gonzalez Garza, Councilwoman  
Leo Olivarez, Mayor Pro Tem  
David Guerra, City Attorney  
Anna Carrillo, City Secretary  
Julio Cerda, City Manager

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Kathy Olivarez, Progress Times  
Joe Roseland  
Buster Brown  
Bill Filut  
Arlene Rivera  
Dan Mak  
Celso Gonzalez  
Cathy Garcia  
Pat Townsend, Jr.

**ABSENT:**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Nelia Hernandez, Asst. City Secretary  
Sonia Carnes, Deputy City Manager  
Guillermo Seguin, Deputy City Manager  
Sergio Zavala, Planning Director  
Bobby Salinas, Planning Dept.  
Roberto Salinas, City Engineer  
Paul Schaefer, Golf Course Director  
Joanne Longoria, CDBG Director  
Gilbert Sanchez, Fire Marshal  
Rick Saldana, Fire Chief  
Ruben Diaz, Public Works Director  
Victor Gonzalez, Streets Director  
Elizabeth Cabrera, Purchasing Director  
Leo Longoria, Chief of Police  
Robert Dominguez, Asst. Chief of Police  
Martin Garza, Chief of Police  
Janie Flores, Finance Director  
Randy Perez, Accountant  
Julian Gonzalez, Parks & Rec. Director  
Mayra Rocha, Speer Memorial Library  
Juan C. Avila, Interim B & G Club Director  
Roland Rodriguez, D.P. Manager  
Noemi Munguia, HR Director  
Jonathan Wehrmeister, Judge  
Rosie Salazar, Risk Manager  
Jesse Lerma, Civil Service Director  
Glorina Flores, Purchasing Dept.

**1. Call to order**

With a quorum being present, Mayor Norberto Salinas called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

**2. Pledge Allegiance and Invocation**

Mayor Salinas led the meeting with the pledge of allegiance and City Manager Julio Cerda gave the invocation.

### 3. Departmental Reports

Mayor Pro Tem Leo Olivarez moved to approve the departmental reports as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Maria Elena Ramirez and approved unanimously 3-0.

### 4. Citizens Participation

None

#### 1.0 Public Hearing

##### 1.1 Planning & Zoning Recommendations

###### A. Conditional Use Permit: Carnival & Fun Fair, 12.4 Acres out of Lot 25-6, W.A.S. Subd., January 17, 2010 – February 3, 2010, AO-I, Texas Citrus Fiesta

The subject site was located near the NW corner of Conway and Griffin Parkway (F.M. 495). Texas Citrus Fiesta organizers had been given permission to have the carnival and fun fair on the vacant lots to the north and west of the old Carl's Supermarkets on the dates mentioned above. The hours of operation were as follows: Weekdays 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. and Weekends 1:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Parking for both events was provided by utilizing the old Carl's parking lot adjacent to the events. Staff encouraged that "No Parking" signs be placed along Conway and F.M. 495 and that there be early morning trash pick-up throughout the entire site during the Heart of Americas Carnival's tenure.

The Zoning code stated that a carnival site should be a minimum of 300' away from a residentially used property from lot line to lot line. There were 3 homes currently being constructed within the new Oaks at Holland Phase II Subdivision, however the homes would not be completed for this 2010 event, thus in compliance with the separation code (Note: These new homes will trigger the separation requirement if the 2011 Texas Citrus Fiesta is at this same location).

Security was evident as in past events via Mission PD officers (as hired by Texas Citrus Fiesta) and sufficient restrooms had to be available. All provisions of Chapter 10 of the Mission Code of Ordinances – Amusements and Entertainment – needed to be complied with, in particular the insurance coverage requirements for amusement rides. There was no public opposition at P&Z's 1/6/10 hearing. The P&Z unanimously approved of the conditional use permit as noted below.

Staff Recommendation: Approval subject to: 1) installation of a perimeter fence/debris stop, 2) installation of "No Parking" signs along Conway and Griffin Parkway, and 3) Compliance to City insurance requirements.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Mayor Salinas asked if there were any comments for or against the CUP request. There was none.

Mayor Pro Tem Olivarez moved to approve Conditional Use Permit: Carnival & Fun Fair, 12.4 Acres out of Lot 25-6, W.A.S. Subd., January 17, 2010 – February 3, 2010, AO-I, Texas Citrus Fiesta. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ramirez and approved unanimously 3-0.

**B. Conditional Use Permit: Sale & On-Site Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages, 303 N. Shary Road, (Previously Café de Paris), Lot 1, Gutierrez-Alvarez Subd., C-3, Life of Use, Jose Chanin**

The restaurant site was located 1/3 mile north of the Expressway along the west side of Shary Road. The re-activation of this attractive building was as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Floor: re-open 1<sup>st</sup> floor as an Italian Bistro setting;  
1<sup>st</sup> floor had 1040 square feet;  
Hours of operation were expected to be typical (weekdays 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor: activate during mid-evening & late evening as a bar;  
2<sup>nd</sup> floor had 425 square feet;  
hours of operation would have been mid-evenings til closing after midnight;

Mr. Chanin was also the property owner of the retail/office-type suites to the south. There was one driveway access point for both the restaurant/bar and the southern suites. This single-driveway access point was important because it maximized traffic safety by reducing conflict points on a widened Shary Road. First and foremost, we stated that the parking of the suites to the south were available for patrons using the Italian bistro (with their staff using the least conducive spaces). The plan was that once the southern suites were closing, their parking became available for the restaurant/bar use. Since Mr. Chanin was in control of leasing the suites, this measure of user control was important to dissuade any late-hour prospects. Since there was a bar component, such uses must have been 300' from area residence. There were some homes within the 300' radius. There was no public opposition at P&Z's 1/6/10 hearing. The P&Z approved of the conditional use permit as noted below.

Staff Recommendation: Approval subject to: 1) waiving the 300' separation requirement, 2) 1 year re-evaluation after business license issuance, and 3) acquire a business license.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Mayor Salinas asked if there were any comments for or against the CUP request. There was none.

Councilwoman Ramirez moved to approve Conditional Use Permit: Sale & On-Site Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages, 303 N. Shary Road, (Previously Café de Paris), Lot 1, Gutierrez-Alvarez Subd., C-3, Life of Use, Jose Chanin. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Olivarez and approved unanimously 3-0.

At 4:42 p.m. Mayor Salinas asked to continue with items 4.23 and 4.24 of the agenda.

## **2.0 Disposition of Minutes**

### **2.1 City Council Meeting – December 14, 2009**

Councilman Plata moved to approve the minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Olivarez and approved unanimously 4-0.

## **3.0 Acknowledge Receipt of Minutes**

### **3.1 Boys and Girls Club of Mission – November 18, 2009**

#### **Mission Civil Service Commission – November 30, 2009**

Councilman Plata moved to acknowledge the receipt of minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Olivarez and approved unanimously 4-0.

#### **4.0 Approvals and Authorizations**

##### **4.1 Adoption of Ord. # 3528 for CUP for Carnival & Fun Fair, 12.4 Acres out of Lot 25-6, W.A.S. Subd., January 17, 2010 – February 3, 2010**

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Olivarez moved to approve Ord. No. 3528 for CUP for Carnival & Fun Fair, 12.4 Acres out of Lot 25-6, W.A.S. Subd., January 17, 2010 – February 3, 2010. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ramirez and approved unanimously 4-0.

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 3528**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MISSION, TEXAS GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR CARNIVAL & FUN FAIR, 12.4 ACRES OUT OF LOT 25-6, WEST ADDITION TO SHARYLAND SUBDIVISION, JANUARY 17, 2010 - FEBRUARY 3, 2010

##### **4.2 Adoption of Ord. # 3529 for CUP for the Sale & On-Site Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages, 303 N. Shary Road, (Previously Café de Paris), Lot 1, Gutierrez – Alvarez Subd.**

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Councilman Plata moved to approve Ord. No. 3529 for CUP for the Sale & On-Site Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages, 303 N. Shary Road, (Previously Café de Paris), Lot 1, Gutierrez – Alvarez Subd. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ramirez and approved unanimously 4-0.

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 3529**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MISSION, TEXAS GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR THE SALE & ON-SITE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, 303 N. SHARY ROAD, (PREVIOUSLY CAFÉ DE PARIS), LOT 1, GUTIERREZ-ALVAREZ SUBDIVISION

##### **4.3 Adoption of Annexation Ord. # 3530 for the following areas: Tract A: All of Lots 32-1, 32-2, 31-2, and North 30 acres of Lot 30-2, W.A.S. (to include all of lots in Basham No. 2 Subd., Vela – Zamora Subd., Alex Cavazos Subd., and Premier Subd.);and Tract B: Lots 2, 3, 4, & 6, Mission Farm Estates**

This was the last step of the annexation cycle. Two public hearings were held and annexation was instituted on December 14, 2009. This step would have the Council consider approving the Annexation Ordinance.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Olivarez moved to approve Ord. No. 3530 for the following areas: Tract A: All of Lots 32-1, 32-2, 31-2, and North 30 acres of Lot 30-2, W.A.S. (to include all of lots in Basham No. 2 Subd., Vela – Zamora Subd., Alex Cavazos Subd., and Premier Subd.);and Tract B: Lots 2, 3, 4, & 6, Mission Farm Estates. Motion was seconded by Councilman Plata and approved unanimously 4-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 3530**

AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX CERTAIN TERRITORY AND TO INCORPORATE THE SAME WITHIN THE CORPORATE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF MISSION, COUNTY OF HIDALGO, STATE OF TEXAS, BEING DESCRIBED AS TRACT A: ALL OF LOTS 32-1, 32-2, 31-2, AND NORTH 30 ACRES OF LOT 30-2, WEST ADDITION TO SHARYLAND (TO INCLUDE ALL OF LOTS IN BASHAM NO. 2 SUBDIVISION, VELA-ZAMORA SUBDIVISION, ALEX CAVAZOS SUBDIVISION, AND PREMIER SUBDIVISION AND INCLUDING ALL ROW OF PERIMETER FM 1924); AND TRACT B: LOTS 2, 3, 4, & 6, MISSION FARM ESTATES

At 4:48 p.m. Councilwoman Norie Gonzalez Garza joined the meeting.

**4.4 Approval of Res. # 1253 extending Ord. # 2997 (Sharyland Utilities Franchise Agreement)**

The Franchise Agreement with Sharyland Utilities, L.P. would expire on January 24, 2010; this Resolution would extend the agreement to February 28, 2010. This would have allowed sufficient time to complete the new Franchise Agreement process.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Councilman Plata moved to approve Res. No. 1253 extending Ord. # 2997 (Sharyland Utilities Franchise Agreement). Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ramirez and approved unanimously 5-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1253**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MISSION, TEXAS EXTENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2997 (SHARYLAND UTILITIES FRANCHISE AGREEMENT) TO FEBRUARY 28, 2010.

**4.5 Tax Collections Report – November, 2009**

Mrs. Janie Flores, Finance Director presented the Tax Collections Report for November, 2009, for acceptance.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Olivarez moved to approve the Tax Collections Report for November, 2009, as recommended. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ramirez and approved unanimously 5-0.

#### **4.6 November 2009 Financial Statements**

Mrs. Flores presented the Financial Statements for November 2009, for acceptance.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Councilwoman Garza moved to approve the November 2009 Financial Statements. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Olivarez and approved unanimously 5-0.

#### **4.7 Budget Amendments: Designated Purpose Fund, CDBG, General Fund, Utility Fund, Recreation Fund, and MEDC Capital Projects Fund**

Mrs. Flores presented the budget amendments BA-40 thru BA-45 to the City Council for approval.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Councilman Plata moved to approve budget amendments BA-40 thru BA-45. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ramirez and approved unanimously 5-0.

#### **4.8 Approval of Res. # 1254 requesting financial assistance and authorizing the filing of an application to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)**

Resolution entailed the financial application approval and authorization to be filed with the TWDB and the designation of Mayor Norberto Salinas as authorized representative of the City of Mission; Mr. Robert Henderson, RBC Capital Market as Financial Advisor, Mr. Fred L. Kurth, P.E., RPS, Melden & Hunt, Inc, as Engineer; Mr. Jesus Ramirez, Ramirez and Guerrero LLP as Bond Counsel.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Councilman Plata moved to approve Res. No. 1254 requesting financial assistance and authorizing the filing of an application to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Garza and approved unanimously 5-0.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1254**

Application Filing and Authorized Representative Resolution  
(WRD-201A)

#### **4.9 Bid for the purchase of Waterline Material to connect water distribution system from Inspiration Road to Military Road**

On November 23, 2009, City Council authorized staff to solicit bids for the purchase of Waterline Material to connect water distribution system from Inspiration Road to Military Road and provide the International Butterfly Park (NABA) with water service and fire protection. The City of Mission had accepted and opened three (3) bid responses for this project. Staff was recommending awarding to low bidder – Emmsa Piping Systems for a total cost of \$95,006.42. Initial cost was estimated and budgeted at \$100,000.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Councilman Plata moved to approve bid for the purchase of Waterline Material to connect water distribution system from Inspiration Road to Military Road. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Garza and approved unanimously 5-0.

**4.10 Bid for reparation of roof for the City of Mission - Historical Museum**

On December 14, 2009 City Council awarded the bid for reparation of roof for the City of Mission – Historical Museum. The bid was awarded to Celso Gonzalez Construction for a total of \$33,900. Celso Gonzalez Construction had notified the City of Mission that there was a mathematical error on their bid response and had therefore underbid the project. Staff recommended rescinding the award to Celso Gonzalez Construction. Staff further recommended awarding the bid to the second low bidder meeting all specifications, terms, and conditions, O.G. Construction, for a total overall cost of \$44,250.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Councilwoman Garza moved to approve bid to the second low bidder for reparation of roof for the City of Mission - Historical Museum. Motion was seconded by Councilman Plata and approved unanimously 5-0.

At 4:59 p.m. Councilman Plata stepped out of the meeting.

**4.11 Authorization to solicit bids for “Housing Assistance Program Phase 09 –I”**

CAC met on Tuesday, December 08, 2009, and approved staff’s recommendation to provide assistance for the reconstruction of four (4) homes subject to eligibility and title clearance.

Reconstruction:

- 1004 Hidalgo - 2 Bedrooms
- 321 Alma - 2 Bedrooms
- 1125 N Los Ebanos - 3 Bedrooms
- \*208 North St - 2 Bedrooms

\*Subject to curing title problems to the satisfaction of City Attorney

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Olivarez moved to authorize to solicit bids for “Housing Assistance Program Phase 09 –I”. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ramirez and approved unanimously 4-0.

**4.12 Authorization to accept contract between Morin’s Nutrition Program and Boys and Girls Club of Mission**

Morin’s Nutrition Services would provide nutritional snacks on a weekly basis to the Boys and Girls Club of Mission after school program.

Parental consents would be obtained before providing service to participants.

Ms. Sylvia Morin, authorized representative of Morin’s Nutrition Services, answered the questions the council had regarding the program.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Olivarez moved to authorize contract between Morin's Nutrition Program and Boys and Girls Club of Mission. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ramirez and approved unanimously 4-0.

At 5:01 p.m. Councilman Plata rejoined the meeting.

**4.13 Authorization to accept the 2009 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant from the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division**

The City of Mission Police Department was requesting authorization to accept the 2009 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant from the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division. The grant would have been utilized toward the purchase of police equipment. The total amount of the grant was \$66,179.98. There was no cash match required for this grant.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Councilwoman Garza moved to accept the 2009 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant from the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Olivarez and approved unanimously 5-0.

**4.14 Authorization to purchase police portable radios through HGAC Contract**

The City of Mission Police Department was requesting authorization to purchase a total of eight (8) police portable radios through an HGAC Contract. The total cost of the project was \$34,265.40 that would have been paid through the FY 2009 Homeland Security Grant Funding provided by the Office of the Governor's Division of Emergency Management. There was no cash match required for this grant.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Councilman Plata moved to authorize to purchase police portable radios through HGAC Contract. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ramirez and approved unanimously 5-0.

**4.15 Authorization to continue with New World System Records Management for software and upgrades**

The City of Mission Police Department was requesting to continue with New World Systems Records Management for software and upgrades. New World Systems had been Mission Police Department's software provider for all the records management systems to include computer aided dispatch, jail, mug shots, bar coding, field reporting, etc. since 1991. New World Systems provided for services to any of the modules and included any upgrades to the current operating system. The total amount of the agreement was \$78,668.00.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Olivarez moved to authorize to continue with New World System Records Management for software and upgrades. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Garza and approved unanimously 5-0.



**4.16 Authorization to enter into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of Mission, Texas and the County of Hidalgo for the use of Equipment**

The City of Mission Police Department was requesting authorization to enter into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of Mission, Texas and the County of Hidalgo for the use of tactical equipment. The Mission Police Department and the County of Hidalgo Sheriffs Office were called upon to work cooperatively during joint Special Weapon and Tactics operations; therefore, the Hidalgo County Sheriffs Office was providing equipment to the Mission Police Department for the said joint operations. The equipment was tactical equipment that would be utilized when our Special Weapons and Tactics Team was called to an incident necessitating their skill and equipment. The Mission Police Department was respectfully requesting your concurrence on engaging in this Interlocal Agreement.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Councilwoman Garza moved to authorize to enter into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of Mission, Texas and the County of Hidalgo for the use of equipment. Motion was seconded by Councilman Plata and approved unanimously 5-0.

**4.17 Authorization for Mission Fire Dept. to submit application to Emergency Management Performance Grant Program**

The Mission Fire Department was seeking authorization to submit a grant application to the Texas Division on Emergency Management Fiscal Year 2010 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG). This grant provided federal funding to assist the local government in developing and carrying out emergency management programs. The funding would be utilized to pay for a portion of the salaries of the City's Emergency Management staff (Administrative Assistant and Fire Chief). Mission Fire Department had been the recipient of the EMPG grant for the last 20 years.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Councilwoman Garza moved to authorize for Mission Fire Dept. to submit application to Emergency Management Performance Grant Program. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Olivarez and approved unanimously 5-0.

**4.18 Authorization for Mission Fire Dept. to accept and enter into contract with the City of Brownsville Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and GlobaFone Inc. for an Iridium Satellite Phone**

The Mission Fire Department was seeking authorization to enter into an agreement and contract with the City of Brownsville OEM and Globafone Inc. This Iridium Satellite phone was part of the FY 07 Homeland Security Grant. The agreement that the Fire Department considered was to maintain the Iridium Satellite phone in good working order and to renew the service plan annually for a period of three (3) years. The Fire Department would be responsible for renewing the service contract. After the initial three (3) year period was completed the phone would become property of the City of Mission. Currently, the phone was under a service plan until October 14, 2011. After that date, the Fire Department would be responsible for renewing the service agreement which was \$116.75 a month or \$1,401.00 annually. This amount did not include all the applicable taxes.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Olivarez moved to authorize for Mission Fire Dept. to accept and enter into contract with the City of Brownsville Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and GlobaFone Inc. for an Iridium Satellite Phone. Motion was seconded by Councilman Plata and approved unanimously 5-0.

**4.19 Approval of Res. # 1255 declaring the adoption of Cadereyta Jimenez, Nuevo Leon, Mexico as a Sister City**

Approval to declare the adoption of Cadereyta Jimenez, Nuevo Leon, Mexico as a Sister City. Authorizing Mayor Salinas to act as the official representative of Mission to carry out this program.

Cadereyta Presidente Municipal Eduardo Javier de la Garza Leal and a delegation will be guests at the Mayors International Brunch on January 30, 2010 at which time the declaration and adoption of sister cities will be made official.

The Sister City Concept was inaugurated by the President of the United States in 1956 to establish greater friendship and understanding between the people of the United States and other nations through the medium of direct personal contact. That the Council on behalf of the people of Mission accepts the people of Cadereyta Jimenez, Nuevo Leon, Mexico to participate with Mission as its Sister City for the purpose of creating greater mutual understanding between the peoples of our two great cities and nations.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Olivarez moved to approve Res. No. 1255 declaring the adoption of Cadereyta Jimenez, Nuevo Leon, Mexico as a Sister City. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ramirez and approved unanimously 5-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1255**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MISSION, TEXAS DECLARES THE ADOPTION OF CADEREYTA JIMENEZ, MEXICO AS A SISTER CITY.

**4.20 Approval of Res. # 1256 declaring the adoption of Casimiro Castillo, Jalisco, Mexico as a Sister City**

Approval to declare the adoption of Casimiro Castillo, Jalisco, Mexico as a Sister City. Authorizing Mayor Salinas to act as the official representative of Mission to carry out this program.

Mayor Victor Manuel Olguin Flores and a delegation of Casimiro Castillo will be guests at the Mayors International Brunch on January 30, 2010 at which time the declaration and adoption of sister cities will be made official.

The Sister City Concept was inaugurated by the President of the United States in 1956 to establish greater friendship and understanding between the people of the United States and other nations through the medium of direct personal contact. That the Council on behalf of the people of Mission accepts the people of Casimiro Castillo, Jalisco, Mexico to participate with Mission as its Sister City for the purpose of creating greater mutual understanding between the peoples of our two great cities and nations.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Councilman Plata moved to approve Res. No. 1256 declaring the adoption of Casimiro Castillo, Jalisco, Mexico as a Sister City. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Olivarez and approved unanimously 5-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1256**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MISSION, TEXAS DECLARES THE ADOPTION OF CASIMIRO CASTILLO, JALISCO, MEXICO AS A SISTER CITY.

**4.21 Authorization to purchase two (2) police vehicles via Buy Board, HGAC or State approved contract**

The City of Mission Police Department was requesting authorization to purchase two (2) 2010 Ford F150 Trucks via Buy Board, HGAC or State approved contract. The Ford Trucks would have been utilized for police operations. These vehicles would have been purchased utilizing federal drug forfeiture funds. The total purchase price for these vehicles was \$44,764.00 via the Buy Board contract. Staff was requesting approval to purchase the aforementioned police vehicles.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Olivarez moved to authorize to purchase two (2) police vehicles via Buy Board, HGAC or State approved contract. Motion was seconded by Councilman Plata and approved unanimously 5-0.

**4.22 Authorization to purchase police mobile radios through HGAC Contract**

The City of Mission Police Department was requesting authorization to purchase a total of seven (7) police mobile radios through an HGAC Contract. The total cost of the project was \$37,380.00 that would have been paid through the FY 2009 Recovery Act Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program administered by the Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance. There was no cash match required for this grant.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Councilman Plata moved to authorize to purchase police mobile radios through HGAC Contract. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Garza and approved unanimously 5-0.

**4.23 Approval of Res. # 1251 approving the creation of the Texas Regional Housing Finance Corporation, approving Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws thereof, and related Matters**

The Texas Regional Housing Finance Corporation's ("TRHFC") mission was to support the development of affordable single and multifamily housing projects throughout the State of Texas while giving back to local communities. The TRHFC was a cultural and educational facilities corporation created to strengthen local communities by assisting with the financing and refinancing of the acquisition, construction and equipping of affordable housing developments. With the goal of giving back to Texas communities, the TRHFC assisted local governments as well as private and 501(C)(3) developers with the issuance of taxable and tax-exempt financing aimed at improving the quality of life in Texas. The Texas Regional

Housing Finance Corporation was committed to promoting economic and social programs in our Texas communities. The TRHFC shared a portion of all issuance fees directly with the local community. This unique commitment to “give back” directly to the communities in which we operated set the TRHFC apart.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Olivarez moved to approve Res. No. 1251 approving the creation of the Texas Regional Housing Finance Corporation, approving Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws thereof, and related Matters. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ramirez and approved unanimously 3-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1251**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING CREATION OF THE TEXAS REGIONAL HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION, APPROVING ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND RELATED MATTERS**

At 4:43 p.m. Councilman Ruben Plata joined the meeting.

**4.24 Approval of Res. # 1252 approving the creation of the Texas Regional Cultural Education Facilities Finance Corporation, approving Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws thereof, and related matters**

The Texas Regional Cultural and Educational Facilities Corporation’s (“TRCE”) mission was to support economic development, job creation, and social programs throughout the State of Texas while giving back to local communities. The TRCE was a cultural and educational facilities corporation created to strengthen local communities by assisting with the financing and refinancing of the acquisition, construction and equipping of cultural, educational and community benefit activities. With the goal of giving back to Texas communities, the TRCE assisted local governments and 501(C)(3) charitable organizations with the issuance of taxable and tax-exempt financing aimed at improving the quality of life in Texas. The Texas Regional Cultural and Educational Facilities Corporation was committed to promoting economic and social programs in our Texas communities. The TRCE shared a portion of all issuance fees directly with the local community in Mission, Texas. This unique commitment to “give back” directly to the community in which we operated sets the TRCE apart. The TRCE's goal of combining the economic benefits associated with new capital investments along with giving back to the local municipalities and charitable organizations was the cornerstone of our mission to encourage economic growth and community development for our Texas communities.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Olivarez moved to approve Res. No. 1252 approving the creation of the Texas Regional Cultural Education Facilities Finance Corporation, approving Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws thereof, and related matters. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ramirez and approved unanimously 4-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1252**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING CREATION OF THE TEXAS REGIONAL CULTURAL EDUCATION FACILITIES FINANCE CORPORATION, APPROVING ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND BYLAWS THEREOF, AND RELATED MATTERS**

At 4:45 p.m. Mayor Salinas asked to continue with item 2.1 of the agenda.

**5.0 Unfinished Business**

None

**6.0 Routine Matters**

**6.1 City Manager's Comments**

Mr. Cerda congratulated Mayor Salinas, the Anzalduas Bridge Board, and the council for the opening of the Anzalduas Bridge.

**6.2 Mayor's Comments**

None

At 5:14 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Olivarez moved to convene into executive session. Motion was seconded by Councilman Plata and approved unanimously 5-0.

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

**7.1 Purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property Sec. 551.072**

- A. All or Portions of Lots 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, & 10 of Block 157, Original Townsite, of Mission, Hidalgo County Texas**

**7.2 Private consultation with the City Attorney Sec. 551.071**

- A. Claim regarding cleaning and mowing liens on the South ½ Lot 11, Block 71, Mission Original Townsite**

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

At 5:28 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Olivarez moved to reconvene in open session. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ramirez and approved unanimously 5-0.

On item 7.1-A, Councilman Plata moved to authorize City Manager to purchase all or portions of Lots 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, & 10 of Block 157, Original Townsite, of Mission, Hidalgo County Texas for \$185,000 subject to contract between Hidalgo County Gin and City of Mission. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ramirez and approved unanimously 5-0.

No action was taken on item 7.2-A.

**8.0 Adjournment**

At 5:29 p.m., Councilman Plata moved for adjournment. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Garza and approved unanimously 5-0.

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Norberto Salinas, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Anna Carrillo, City Secretary