

**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING
MISSION CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 25, 2018 4:30 P.M.
MISSION CITY HALL**

PRESENT:

Dr. Armando O'caña, Mayor
Jessica Ortega-Ochoa, Councilwoman
Ruben D. Plata, Councilman
Norie Gonzalez Garza, Mayor Pro Tem
Gus Martinez, Councilman
Abiel Flores, City Attorney
Anna Carrillo, City Secretary
Martin Garza, Jr., City Manager

ALSO PRESENT:

Progress Times-Jamie Trevino
American Sign Language-Cristina Ordaz
American Sign Language-Jehu Cabrera Jr.
All Hands & Hearts-Sheri Brash
Larry Fair
Christina Ojeda
Iliana Fraire
Pam Garcia
Albert Garcia
Maxilou Link
Eudelia Ortegon
Ewin Zuo
Arturo Campos
Isauro Trevino
Maria Ester Pena
Sharon Black

ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Nelia Hernandez, Asst. City Secretary
Paula Banda, Administrative Assistant
Aida Lerma, Deputy City Manager
Randy Perez, Deputy City Manager
Angie Vela, Finance Director
Ezeiza Garcia, Asst. Finance Director
Jaime Acevedo, Planning Director
Jesus Galicia, Code Enforcement Officer
Noemi Munguia, HR Director
Nereyda Pena, Asst. HR Director
Robert Hinojosa, Risk Manager
Eduardo Belmarez, Purchasing Director
Roland Rodriguez, I. T. Director
Humberto Garcia, Media Relations
Charlie Longoria, Media Relations
Juan Pablo Terrazas, City Engineer
Roberto Salinas, Public Works Director
Jesse Lerma, Civil Service Director
Gilbert Sanchez, Fire Chief
Rene Alvarez, Asst. Fire Chief
James Cardoza, Emergency Mngmnt. Coord.
Robert Dominguez, Chief of Police
Jonathan Wehrmeister, Judge
Joanne Longoria, CDBG Director
Mario Flores, Golf Course Director
Juan Arevalo, Boys & Girls Club Director
Brad Bentsen, Parks & Recreation Director
Belinda Garza, Library Manger
Cynthia Lopez, Museum Director
Cesar Gutierrez, Sanitation Director
Alex Meade, MEDC Chief Exec. Officer
JC Avila, Fleet Maintenance Director
Ernie Zapata, Health Dept. Supervisor
Adela Ortega, Food Pantry Manager
Rey Medrano Police Officer

1. Call to order

With a quorum being present, Mayor Dr. Armando O'caña called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

2. Invocation and Pledge Allegiance

City Manager Martin Garza, Jr. gave the invocation and Mayor O'caña led the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

3. Report from the Greater Mission Chamber of Commerce

Robert Rosell, CEO from the Greater Mission Chamber of Commerce reported that the Chamber had won the 2nd Place Media Award for the Go Mission campaign from the Texas Chamber of Commerce Executives. He also reported on upcoming chamber events and ribbon cuttings that had recently taken place.

4. Departmental Reports

Mayor Pro Tem Norie Gonzalez Garza moved to approve the departmental reports as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilman Ruben Plata and approved unanimously 4-0.

5. Citizens Participation

Isauro Trevino, 125 Guadalupe Street thanked the first responders and thanked the unsung heroes of the water and sewer plant for all of their hard work in keeping our water supply safe.

Pam and Tom Garcia, 1412 Dora Jean asked for help with the flooding in their area. They requested that something be done to resolve this issue. They also stated that nothing was done to prevent the cars from passing on the flooded street causing waves and water to enter their home.

Arturo Campos, 1404 Dora Jean spoke about the flooding in his area and asked for assistance with the drainage.

Maria Ester Pena, 709 Oblate requested a facility be considered to be open to assist children with special needs during a natural disaster.

Sheri Brash from All Hands Volunteers a nonprofit organization was assigned to our area to help provide free cleanup assistance to anyone who needed it.

At 4:35 p.m. Councilwoman Jessica Ortega Ochoa joined the meeting.

1.0 Public Hearing

1.1 Planning & Zoning Recommendations

- A. Conditional Use Permit: Home Occupation – Registered Home Provider, 2003 W. 40th Street, Lot 68, Taurus Estates #9 Phase III Subdivision, R-1, Iliana Fraire, Adoption of Ordinance # 4646 approving 1.1A**

On June 13, 2018 the Planning and Zoning Commission held a Public Hearing to consider this conditional use permit request. The subject site was located near the Hillcrest Drive and W. 40th

Street intersection along the south side of W. 40th Street. There was no public opposition during the P&Z Meeting. The Board unanimously recommended approval.

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Staff Recommendation: Approval subject to: 1) a 1 year re-evaluation in order to monitor this new child care facility, 2) must be DHS certified, 3) must comply with the Home Occupation portion of the Zoning Code, and 4) must obtain a business license.

City Manager recommended approval.

Mayor O'caña asked if there were any comments for or against the request.

Maria Ester Pena of 709 Oblate mentioned her concerns about the living conditions.

Applicant Iliana Fraire of 2003 W. 40th St. spoke in favor of the request She advised the council that she was willing to follow the recommendations that were given to her in order to open up her business.

Councilman Plata moved to approve the cup and to adopt Ordinance No. 4646 Conditional Use Permit: Home Occupation – Registered Home Provider, 2003 W. 40th Street, Lot 68, Taurus Estates #9 Phase III Subdivision, R-1, subject to: day to day operations of the registered home provider be limited to the garage and living area (no bedrooms) as per staff's recommendations. Motion was seconded by Councilman Gus Martinez and approved unanimously 5-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 4646

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MISSION, TEXAS
GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A HOME OCCUPATION –
REGISTERED HOME PROVIDER, 2003 W. 40TH STREET, LOT 68, TAURUS ESTATES #9
PHASE III SUBDIVISION

B. Public Hearing for Draft Five Year Consolidated Plan and Strategy 2018-2022/Proposed Annual Action Plan FY 18-19

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) required local jurisdictions to prepare and submit a 3 or 5 Year Consolidated Plan and Strategy (CPS) and an Annual Action Plan in order to receive federal funds through the Community Development Block Grant Program (CBDG). The development of the Five Year Consolidated Plan and Strategy sets goals, objectives and outcomes, identifies the needs and priorities of the community, involved an extensive needs assessment and community outreach process. The Annual Action Plan described the activities that would be undertaken with CDBG funds in furtherance of the objectives set forth in the CPS 2018-2022. The DRAFT of this document was available at the Community Development Office, Speer Memorial Library, Housing Authority of Mission and the City's official website.

In accordance with the Citizens Participation Plan, the Citizens Advisory Committee for the approved the proposed Five Year Consolidated Plan and Strategy and made their recommendations for the Action Plan during a meeting held on May 29, 2018. A notice of public hearing was published in the Progress Times on June 1, 2018 to announce two public hearing and thirty day comment period to solicit input on the DRAFT Five Year Consolidated Plan and Strategy 2018-2022 and proposed projects for the Annual Action Plan 2018-2019. The 2018 CBDG Allocation was \$960,474. The purpose of this public hearing was to solicit public comment on the recommended funds allocations. The department would accept comments through the end of the comment period July 2, 2018.

No action was taken on this item since it was only for public hearing.

2.0 Disposition of Minutes

2.1 Special Meeting and City Council Meeting – June 18, 2018

Mayor Pro Tem Garza moved to approve the minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilman Plata and approved unanimously 5-0.

3.0 Acknowledge Receipt of Minutes

3.1 Parks & Recreation Department – May 8, 2018

Traffic Safety Committee – May 1, 2018

Mission Economic Development Corporation – April 17, 2018

Speer Memorial Library – May 15, 2018

Councilman Plata moved to approve the minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ochoa and approved unanimously 5-0.

4.0 Approvals and Authorizations

4.1 Approval of Resolution # 1556 designating Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization members

Hidalgo County MPO as per Section 2-A of the HCMPO Bylaws and Operating Procedures which stated that each governmental entity may be represented by three (3) members of the governmental entity, one of whom shall be the Mayor by virtue of his position, and the other two (2) appointed by the governmental entity by force of resolution. All three (3) may represent the governmental entity at any and all MPO Policy Committee meetings, but only one may exercise the right to vote.

The current primary alternate was City Manager Martin Garza, Jr. and proxy was Public Works Director Roberto Salinas, P.E.

Staff City Manager recommended approval.

Both Councilwoman Ochoa and Councilman Martinez mentioned that they wanted to get more Involved.

Mayor Pro Tem Garza moved to approve the Resolution No.1556 designating Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization members Councilwoman Jessica Ochoa as the alternate and proxy Councilman Gus Martinez the new MPO Policy Committee members. Motion was seconded by Councilman Plata and approved unanimously 5-0.

RESOLUTION NO.1556

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING HIDALGO COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION MEMBERS

4.2 Board Appointment: Planning & Zoning Commission

This appointment was to replace the position vacated by Dr. John Guerra who had resigned from the board. Mayor O'caña was recommending the appointment of Hector Moreno. Term of appointment was through December 31, 2020.

Planning & Zoning Commission: Appointed Hector Moreno to replace Dr. John Guerra who resigned from the board, term to expire December 31, 2020.

Mr. Hector Moreno of 1003 Burrus St. stated that he was very grateful for the opportunity to serve on the board.

Staff City Manager recommended approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Garza moved to approve the Board Appointment for Planning & Zoning Commission to Hector Moreno as recommended by Mayor O'caña. Motion was seconded by Councilman Plata and approved unanimously 5-0.

4.3 Authorization to Execute Second One-Year Renewal Option with Lincoln Financial

In 2016, the City of Mission entered into a contractual agreement with Lincoln Financial Group for Basic Life, Accidental Death & Dismemberment (AD&D) and Long-Term Disability (LTD). The contract terms were for one year with two one-year renewal options with no increase in rates. There would be no increase in rates for this renewal. Staff was seeking authorization to extend contract for second one year renewal option with Lincoln Financial Group. This agreement would extend contract from October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Garza moved to authorize to Execute Second One-Year Renewal Option with Lincoln Financial Group. Motion was seconded by Councilman Plata and approved unanimously 5-0.

4.4 Authorization to Execute First One-Year Renewal Option with BlueCross BlueShield of Texas.

In 2017, the City of Mission entered into a contractual agreement with BlueCross BlueShield of Texas for Third Party Administrator, PPO Network and Pharmacy Benefit Management (PBM). The terms for this contract was for one year with two one-year renewal options, there would be a 0.50% increase in the administrative fee. Staff was seeking authorization to extend contract for first one-year renewal option with BCBSTX. This agreement would extend contract from October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019.

Staff Recommendation: Authorization of first one-year renewal with BCBSTX through Ricardo Filizola, GEF Financial Group.

City Manager recommended approval.

Councilman Plata moved to authorize to Execute First One-Year Renewal Option with BlueCross BlueShield of Texas BCBSTX through Ricardo Filizola, GEF Financial Group. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Garza and approved unanimously 5-0.

4.5 Interlocal Agreement between the City of Mission, Texas and the City of Alton, Texas regarding the use of the Animal Control Facility

The City of Mission had been providing the City of Alton with impound services. Alton paid the City of Mission \$3,000.00 for the expansion of the facility.

The City of Alton was requesting the renewal of the Interlocal Agreement. The fee would remain the same as last year \$70.00 per animal, if an animal needs to be quarantined the fee would be 200.00 per animal.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Garza moved to approve Interlocal Agreement between the City of Mission, Texas and the City of Alton, Texas regarding the use of the Animal Control Facility. Motion was seconded by Councilman Plata and approved unanimously 5-0.

4.6 Approval for the implementation of two (2) speed humps on Rio Grande Drive between Frio Street and Red River Drive in accordance with City of Mission Code of Ordinances, Division 5, Speed humps, Section 110.351 to Section 110.354

The Mission Police Department received several complaints from the Homeowners' Association of Cimarron, Inc. of vehicular traffic traveling at a high rate of speed on Rio Grande Drive in close proximity to the existing Cimarron Park. The Homeowners' Association filed an application with the City of Mission for the aforementioned speed humps. On June 19, 2018, the Traffic Safety Committee met and reviewed the request. It was the recommendation of the Traffic Safety Committee to implement the installation of the speed humps. The request was being forwarded to you for your review and consideration.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Councilman Plata moved to approve implementation of two (2) speed humps on Rio Grande Drive between Frio Street and Red River Drive in accordance with City of Mission Code of Ordinances, Division 5, Speed humps, Section 110.351 to Section 110.354. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ochoa and approved unanimously 5-0.

4.7 Authorize the purchase of 4- 40 Cubic yard Heavy Duty Rectangle Roll Offs through Wastequip Via Buy Board Contract Number 516-16 for the City's Sanitation Department

Sanitation Department was requesting to purchase 4 - 40 Cubic Yards Roll Offs from Wastequip through Buy Board Contract Number 516-16.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Garza moved to authorize the purchase of 4-40 Cubic yard Heavy Duty Rectangle Roll Offs through Wastequip Via Buy Board Contract Number 516-16 for the City's Sanitation Department. Motion was seconded by Councilman Plata and approved unanimously 5-0.

4.8 May 2018 Financial Statements

Finance Director Angie Vela presented the May, 2018 Financial Statements for approval.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Garza moved to approve the May, 2018 Financial Statements, as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ochoa and approved unanimously 5-0.

4.9 Tax Collection Report – May, 2018

Finance Director Vela presented the Tax Collections Report – May, 2018 for approval.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Councilman Plata moved to approve the Tax Collections Report – May, 2018, as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Garza and approved unanimously 5-0.

4.10 Request for proposals for 911 Emergency Ambulance Services

The Mission Fire Department, Office of Emergency Management was seeking authorization to request proposals for 911 Emergency Medical Services. The current contract with MedCare

EMS expires July 19, 2018. The City of Mission had maintained a contract with our current provider since November of 1998.

The proposal process for ambulance services would allow an excellent opportunity for the City of Mission and its citizens to address a number of important broader issues regarding planning, implementation and coordination of pre-hospital emergency services.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Garza moved to authorize the proposals for 911 Emergency Ambulance Services. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ochoa and approved unanimously 5-0.

4.11 Authorization to request proposals for engineering services regarding drainage assessment

The City of Mission was requesting authorization to seek proposals and statement of qualifications from professional engineering firms for the purpose of performing a drainage assessment within the City.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Councilman Martinez moved to authorize to request proposals for engineering services regarding drainage assessment. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Garza and approved unanimously 5-0.

Mayor O'caña asked Council to go into Executive Session.

At 5:38 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Garza moved to convene into executive session pursuant to V.T.C.A. Gov. Code Sec. 551.001 for item 4.12. Motion was seconded by Councilman Plata and approved unanimously 5-0.

4.12 Approval of Ordinance No. 4647 approving the vacating and abandoning a twenty-foot (20') street right-of-way located adjacent to the north line of Lot 4 Yewell Subdivision as shown on survey plat attached (City Attorney may ask City Council to go into executive session on this item under the "Consultation with Attorney" exception before considering this matter in open session)

The property was located near the northwest corner of School Lane and Ragland Road. A request was submitted to construct an accessory building on Lot 4 Yewell Subdivision for a residence currently being built on Lot 33 of John H. Shary Subdivision. However, there was a recorded 20' street right-of-way along the northern 20' of Lot 4 that must be abandoned for construction to be allowed. There were no utilities within this 20' of street right-of-way being considered.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

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At 6:09 p.m., Councilman O'caña moved to reconvene in open session. Motion was seconded by Councilman Plata and approved unanimously 5-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Garza moved to approve to adopt Ordinance No. 4647 approving the vacating and abandoning a twenty-foot (20') street right-of-way located adjacent to the north line of Lot 4 Yewell Subdivision conditioned upon Lot 4 and Lot 33 of John H. Shary Subdivision being the same owner and that those two lots been joined as one lot. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ochoa and approved unanimously 5-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 4647

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MISSION, TEXAS, VACATING AND ABANDONING A TWENTY FOOT (20') STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 4 YEWELL SUBDIVISION, MISSION, HIDALGO COUNTY TEXAS; AUTHORIZING CONVEYANCE OF LAND TO ABUTTING LANDOWNERS; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, EFFECTIVE DATE AND OPEN MEETINGS CLAUSES; AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS

5.0 Unfinished Business

None

6.0 Routine Matters

6.1 City Manager's Comments

City Manager Martin Garza thanked the first responders for their assistance in 308 rescues and evacuations of city residents during the storm. He thanked all of the directors that were involved and congratulated them on a job well done.

6.2 Mayor's Comments

6.3 Mayor O'caña thanked the first responders who rendered aid in the time of need. He also stated that along with Facebook live we have begun the service of having sign language interpreters to continue with transparency. A meeting was held on Friday with Senator Ted Cruz and Senator John Cornyn to discuss immigration he stated that the removal of children from their parents was a traumatic event for the children.

6.4 City Council Comments

Councilwoman Ochoa thanked the City Manager and Mayor for their help in the sandbagging efforts to help residents. She mentioned that the immigration situation is very serious and she asked that we should demand better, be active and participate.

Councilman Plata thanked staff and God for getting the community through the torrential rain fall. He also advised that the 700 Club has sent water, cleaning supplies and snacks to assist all those in need.

Mayor Pro Tem Garza thanked the staff and stated that she was grateful to live in the City of Mission. Councilman Gus Martinez thanked the staff for all of their hard work during the recent rain event.

7.0 Adjournment

At 5:51 p.m., Councilman Plata moved for adjournment. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ochoa and approved unanimously 5-0.

ATTEST:

Dr. Armando Ocaña, Mayor

Anna Carrillo, City Secretary