

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING
MISSION CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 1, 2020 3:00 P.M.
MISSION CITY HALL**

In accordance with the order of the Governor issued on March 16, 2020 The City of Mission, Texas will conduct the meeting scheduled for June 1, 2020 at 1201 E. 8th Street, Mission, Texas. In order to comply with “Social Distancing” there will be limited public access in Council Chambers to slow the spread of COVID-19. In accordance with Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code members of the public as well as members of the City Council may choose to participate via teleconference. The public dial information to participate in the telephonic meeting is as follows:

Time: Monday, June 1, 2020 03:00 PM Central Time

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9904662781?pwd=SGVIL3JZRFRdENzWXI5VUxFT1ZUQT09>

Meeting ID: 990 466 2781 - Password: 833227

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PRESENT:

Dr. Armando O’caña, Mayor
Jessica Ortega-Ochoa, Councilwoman
Ruben D. Plata, Councilman
Norie Gonzalez Garza, Mayor Pro Tem
Alberto Vela, Councilman
Gus Martinez, City Attorney
Anna Carrillo, City Secretary
Randy Perez, City Manager

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT:

Eric Davila
Ramon Navarro
Jose M. Garza
Jamie Trevino

STAFF PRESENT:

Aida Lerma, Deputy City Manager
David Flores, Deputy City Manager
Eduardo Belmarez, Purchasing Director
Charlie Longoria, Media Relations
Frank Cavazos, Fire Marshall
Joel Chapa, Police Officer

1. Call to order

With a quorum being present, Mayor Dr. Armando O’caña called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. Request by Sharyland ISD to provide a 30 second Firework Show at the upcoming graduation ceremonies for the class of 2020 on June 11, 12 and 13, 2020 with fire safety assistance from the City of Mission

A request had been received by Sharyland ISD to provide a 30 second Firework Show at the upcoming graduation ceremonies for the class of 2020.

The graduation ceremonies would all be held at Thompson Football Stadium starting at 8:00 p.m. Below are the dates:

- June 11, 2020: Sharyland Advanced Academic Academy (SA3)
 - scheduled to be completed at approximately 9:15 p.m. which means that the firework show would start right after. An estimated time range would be 9:30 p.m. to 9:45 p.m.

- June 12, 2020: Pioneer High School
 - Scheduled to be completed at approximately 9:45 p.m. which means that the firework show would start right after. An estimated time range would be 9:45 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- June 13, 2020: Sharyland High School
 - scheduled to be completed at approximately 9:45 p.m. which means that the firework show would start right after. An estimated time range would be 9:45 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Staff and City Manager recommend approval.

Councilman Jessica Ochoa moved to approve Request by Sharyland ISD to provide a 30 second Firework Show at the upcoming graduation ceremonies for the class of 2020 on June 11, 12 and 13, 2020 with fire safety assistance from the City of Mission. Motion was seconded by Councilman Ruben Plata and approved unanimously 4-0.

3. Schedule of events for Mission Madero International Bridge Construction and HCRMA roles and responsibilities

Mayor Armando O'cana discussed a tentative schedule of events for the Bridge Construction.

A presentation was shown Mission has put forth \$35M for mobility and drainage for this project. The focus is on passenger, vehicle and rail traffic. The rail in Mission would provide the only rail crossing between Brownsville and Laredo. Regional partners are on board with the plan.

An Interlocal Agreement has been entered into with Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority for Management of Environmental & Traffic Studies. City has hired a consultant to assist with Presidential Permit Extension Process. Coordination with Legislators for a meeting in August, 2020 is in the planning stages. TxDOT has confirmed that the Madero Bridge will be in the Texas-Mexico Master Plan.

4. Mission Madero International Bridge Project Overview

- Environmental – HCRMA
- Traffic Study – HCRMA

Eric Davila and Ramon Navarro made a presentation on the preliminary work for the Environmental Phase of the Project. Two options were shown. The traffic engineering pertains to traffic projections. These two components are very important in order to move forward with the projects.

- Rail Road – Jose M. Garza

Mr. Garza reported on where Kansas City US and Mexico Railroad meet and the options for the railbridge.

5. Legal aspects on obtaining presidential permit extension

The Presidential Permit the City currently has will expire on July, 2021

6. Status report on foreign-side bridge relations

Eduardo Belmarez, Deputy Assistant reported on the following:

A meeting took place on May 22, 2020 with Diputado Javier Garza Faz from the state of Tamaulipas who assured us that he would support the project in conjunction with also following up on work that had been done in regards to possible Mission Madero Bridge design work on the Reynosa side. Diputado Faz would brief the city in a week on any existing preliminary design work that had been done in Reynosa in

relation to the bridge project and future economic development projects for expansion of maquiladoras that would benefit from the construction of the bridge.

A conference call with Licenciado Enrique Gomez, South Texas Regional Director for Governor of Tamaulipas Francisco Javier García Cabeza de Vaca was held to introduce the bridge project. An agreement was made to meet in person and allow the city the opportunity to present the Bridge project and the preliminary design components. Support letter would be requested to add to the bridge renewal application.

Consultants were to coordinate meetings with local, state and federal governments, and business communities on the Mexico side to allow the city the opportunity to embrace them in supporting the Mission Madero-Reynosa International Bridge Project.

Developed unprecedented partnerships to facilitate the development of new relationships and the exchange of important project information and form specific marketing and business expansion and retention initiatives.

At 3:40 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Garza moved to convene into executive session pursuant to V.T.C.A. Gov. Code Sec. 551.001. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ochoa and approved unanimously 5-0.

7. Executive Session pursuant to V.T.C.A. Gov. Code Sec. 55.001

Consultation with Attorney Sec. 551.071

A. Economic strategic plan toward acquiring a presidential permit extension update

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

At 4:43 p.m. Councilman Plata moved to reconvene in open session. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Garza and approved unanimously 5-0.

On item A – No Action

8. Date, Time and Location for upcoming Workshop

July 13, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. Mission City Hall

9. Adjournment

At 4:44 p.m. Councilman Plata moved for adjournment. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ochoa and approved unanimously 5-0.

Dr. Armando O'caña, Mayor

ATTEST:

Anna Carrillo, City Secretary