

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING
MISSION CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 6, 2020 4:30 P.M.**

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
Randy Perez, City Manager
Anna Carrillo, City Secretary

ALSO PRESENT:

Jamie Trevino, Progress Times

ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Aida Lerma, Deputy City Manager
David Flores, Deputy City Manager
Angie Vela, Finance Director
Michael Elizalde, Grants Administrator
Susie De Luna, Asst. Planning Director
Noemi Munguia, HR Director
Robert Hinojosa, Risk Management
Eduardo Belmarez, Purchasing Director
Roland Rodriguez, I. T. Director
Roxanne Casarez, Public Information Director
Charlie Longoria, Media Relations
Juan Pablo Terrazas, City Engineer
Gilbert Sanchez, Fire Chief
Frank Cavazos, Deputy Fire Chief
James Cardoza, Emergency Mngmnt. Coord.
Roberto Dominguez, Chief of Police
Joanne Longoria, CDBG Director

1. Call to order

With a quorum being present, Mayor Dr. Armando O'caña called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

2. Discussion on issues related to the November 3, 2020 Election

Pursuant to Section 145.094 of the Texas Election Code the deadline for a candidate's name to be removed from the ballot as a result of death was on or before Friday, August 14, 2020. Should this occur their name would not be placed on the ballot. Mr. John Lopez, candidate for City Council Place 2 passed away on July 20, 2020.

As per Election Advisory 2020-12 issued on March 18, 2020 by Texas Secretary of State Director of Elections Keith Ingram, deadlines related to Declarations of Ineligibility, Withdrawal or Death: The deadlines that applied to the November 3, 2020 election would apply to all candidates who were currently on the ballot for the May 2, 2020 Election. The postponement did not have the effect of reopening candidate filings.

Councilman Ruben Plata expressed his sympathy to the family of Mr. John Lopez.

No action was taken on this item as it was for discussion only.

3. Discussion and Action on Ordinance # 4928 of the City Council of the City of Mission, Texas Canceling the General Election to be held on November 3, 2020 in Accordance with the Texas Election Code; Declaring the Unopposed Candidates for Councilmember Place 2 and Councilmember Place 4 providing for severability; and effective date

Texas Election Code Section 2.051 provided that a city was to cancel an election if no candidate in the election was opposed on the ballot. Therefore, City Council Place 2 and City Council Place 4 are unopposed.

The following candidates, who were unopposed in the November 3, 2020 general election, were declared elected to office, and would be issued certificates of election following the time the election would have been canvassed:

Candidate Place 2 – Ruben Plata

Candidate Place 4 – Alberto “Beto” Vela

Mayor Pro Tem Norie Garza moved to approve Ordinance 4928 Canceling the General Election to be held on November 3, 2020 in Accordance with the Texas Election Code; Declaring the Unopposed Candidates for Councilmember Place 2 and Councilmember Place 4. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Jessica Ochoa and approved unanimously 5-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 4928

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MISSION TEXAS CANCELING THE CITY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEXAS ELECTION CODE; DECLARING THE UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES FOR COUNCILMEMBER PLACE 2 AND COUNCILMEMBER PLACE 4 PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND EFFECTIVE DATE

4. Adjournment

At 4:54 p.m. Councilwoman Ochoa moved for adjournment. Motion was seconded by Councilman Alberto Vela and approved unanimously 5-0.

Dr. Armando O’caña, Mayor

ATTEST:

Anna Carrillo, City Secretary