

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING  
MISSION CITY COUNCIL  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2020      4:00 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:**

Charlie Garcia, Arkiiform

**ABSENT:**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Aida Lerma, Deputy City Manager  
David Flores, Deputy City Manager  
Angie Vela, Finance Director  
Michael Elizalde, Grants Administrator  
Susie De Luna, Planning Director  
Alex Hernandez, Subdivision Coord.  
Noemi Munguia, HR Director  
Robert Hinojosa, Risk Management  
Eduardo Belmarez, Purchasing Director  
Roland Rodriguez, I. T. Director  
Alex Fajaro, Media Relations  
Gilbert Sanchez, Fire Chief  
Frank Cavazos, Deputy Fire Chief  
Roberto Dominguez, Chief of Police  
Joanne Longoria, CDBG Director  
Daniel Silva, CEO, Mission EDC  
Rick Venecia, Interim Boys & Girls Club Director  
Brad Bentsen, Parks & Recreation Director  
Noel Barrera, Health Dept. Director  
Fatima Garcia, MEC  
Mario Flores, Golf Course Director  
Rene Alvarez, Asst. Fire Chief  
Abel Bocanegra, EIT  
Jody Tittle, Asst. Fire Chief

**1. Call to order**

With a quorum being present, Mayor Dr. Armando O'caña called the meeting to order at 4:24 p.m.

**2. Discussion and possible action on modifying COVID-19 City of Mission guidelines**

Currently there were no disconnects for utility accounts and not charging online fees for payments over the phone. There was approximately \$221,000 in delinquency. Direction was being requested from council.

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Recommendation was not to disconnect delinquent accounts, recommendation was to call or contact citizens who were delinquent to offer assistance avenues or partial payments.

Garage Sale permits not being issued direction was being requested from council. Recommendation was to start issuing permits, but to strictly enforce CDC guidelines. Councilman Alberto Vela suggested giving the applicant information on the safety guidelines.

Boys & Girls Club was considering the reopening for educational purposes to assist students who do not have assistance at home. Currently staff has been assisting other departments during the pandemic. Staff has been working their regular hours.

Mayor is in agreement to open the club, but asked to have the Boys and Girls Club Board to have an emergency meeting to consider the opening. Mayor Pro Tem Norie Garza was in agreement to open and asked what the hours would be for the club. The hours would be 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Councilman Vela and Councilman Ruben Plata were also in agreement to open with limited students.

Councilwoman Jessica Ochoa stated that she was not in agreement to open the club due to COVID still being very active. She felt that if the children were not going to school they should not attend the Boys & Girls Club.

Councilwoman Ochoa moved to accept COVID related modification guidelines as discussed and related to delinquent water accounts, garage sale permits and Boys & Girls Club. Motion was seconded by Councilman Vela and approved unanimously 5-0.

### **3. Discussion and possible action on City of Mission Events**

Recommendation was for all Community Events that are being held virtually are to proceed as planned.

The events are as follows: Speer Memorial Library Pumpkin Decorating Contest, Halloween Costume Contest and Curbside Trick-or-Treat, Mission Chamber of Commerce Gala, Princess Anna Pageant, Boys & Girls Club Drive by Halloween & Candy Giveaway.

November events will be discussed on October 21, 2020.

Councilwoman Ochoa moved to accept COVID related modification guidelines as discussed and related to upcoming city of Mission Events. Motion was seconded by Councilman Vela and approved unanimously 5-0.

### **4. Discussion regarding City of Mission Ordinance 4849**

Ordinance 4849 stated that under Conditional Uses in the single-family residential zoning district the following was amended to read as follows: Section 1.371-3 Conditional Uses: duplex use; conditions of eligibility: must be a corner lot, or must be adjacent to an existing duplex, triplex, or fourplex, vacant property cannot be between two single-family residences, and on a case by case basis.

Mayor Pro Tem Garza stated that the zoning should reflect what is on the ground and recommended to rescind Ordinance 4849.

Susie De Luna, Planning Director stated that the item would be placed on the Planning & Zoning agenda on October 14 and City Council on October 26.

**5. Adjournment**

At 5:26 p.m. Councilman Ochoa moved for adjournment. Motion was seconded by Councilman Plata and approved unanimously 5-0.

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Dr. Armando O'caña, Mayor

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Anna Carrillo, City Secretary