



MINUTES

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT:

Kristina Silva
Adam Garza
Berenice Garcia
Brenda Enriquez
Amanda O'caña
Dave Hendricks
Dee Rendon
Lisa Rivera
Oscar Martinez
Carlos Garcia
Robert Zamora, Jr.

STAFF PRESENT:

Aida Lerma, Deputy City Manager
David Flores, Deputy City Manager
James Cardoza, Emergency Management Coord.
Angie Vela, Finance Director
Daniel Silva, MEDC CEO
Gilbert Sanchez, Fire Chief
Noemi Munguia, Human Resource Director
Roberto Dominguez, Chief of Police
Robert Hinojosa, Risk Manager
Brad Bentsen, Parks & Recreation Director
Rey Medrano, Police Officer
Mario Flores, Golf Director
Charlie Longoria, Media Relations
Ezeiza Garcia, Asst. Finance Director

CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum being present, Mayor Dr. Armando O'caña called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

1. Approval of Second Amendment to the CARES Act Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the County of Hidalgo, Texas, and the City of Mission, Texas – Perez

On Tuesday, November 24th, Hidalgo County's Commissioners Court approved a second amendment to the CARES Act Interlocal Cooperation Agreement as follows:

Section 3.2 of the Agreement was amended to allow additional time for Cities to expend designated funds by December 1, 2020.

Section 3.7 of the Agreement was amended to allow additional time for Cities to submit revised budgets for review and approval by County, as noted: Upon demonstration of additional need or change in circumstance related to the COVID-19 public health emergency, the County would review all requests for Budget increases on or before December 1, 2020.”

The County had agreed to extend the performance period for the Agreement as stated in §3.2., Section 6.2 was therefore amended to allow for the submission of final Cost Reimbursement Forms and supporting documentation by December 1, 2020.

Staff and City Manager recommend approval.

Councilman Ruben Plata moved to approve Second Amendment to the CARES Act Interlocal Cooperation Agreement. Motion was seconded by Councilman Alberto Vela and approved unanimously 4-0.

2. Approval of Resolution # _____ of the City Council of the City of Mission Adopting County of Hidalgo Order (20-018) in Response to the Continuing Public Health Emergency Related to the Continued Efforts to Mitigate the Spread of COVID-19

No action was taken on this item.

Mayor Pro Tem Jessica Ortega joined the meeting at 5:42 p.m.

3. Discussion and possible action on Texas Citrus Fiesta Events

The first option presented was to hold the Texas Fiesta Parade of Oranges as a virtual parade to be held on Saturday, January 30, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. at the Mission Event Center. Parade would commence from Victoria Drive and proceed to the front of the Mission Event center and would circulate through the parking lot area. Loading and unloading would take place on Victoria Drive.

Option two would be to have a drive by parade by having parade entries line up on the center of Conway and cars would be able to drive by the stationary entries and to also be held virtually.

Option three would be to proceed with the parade as in years past.

The Texas Citrus Fiesta Fun Fair was schedule to be held on Saturday, January 30, 2021 with the setup to be in front of the Mission Event Center with Music and Entertainment to be determined. There would be enough set up space for all vendors and public social distancing applying all CDC Guidelines.

Heart of America Carnival would be held from January 16, 2021 thru January 31, 2021 on Victoria Drive next to Mission Event Center behind Raising Cane’s. It was an outdoor event, carnival area would be fenced in, the number of individuals entering the carnival would be limited in groups, sanitation stations would be placed in various areas of the carnival, rides would be disinfected after every ride, social distancing on rides would be monitored.

After much discussion regarding the Fun Fair and the Carnival city council requested a detailed safety plan, site plan and security measures before approving these two events. The item would be placed at the regular scheduled City Council meeting of December 14, 2020

Councilman Plata moved to approve the three options for the Parade of Oranges as recommended. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ortega and approved unanimously 5-0.

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

(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)

Returning from travel procedure:

Travel resulting in self-quarantine: return from international travel (other than from a location in Mexico that is 30 miles or less from the Rio Grande Valley (Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy and Starr counties); return from a cruise; return from travel that the United States, State of Texas, Hidalgo County, City of Mission or other applicable governmental entity, had indicated required self-quarantine; or returned from domestic travel within the State of Texas to a location outside the Rio Grande Valley (Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy and Starr counties); through public transportation, which includes transportation by air, train or bus.

Travel that may result in self-quarantine: return from international travel from a location in Mexico that is 30 miles or less from the Rio Grande Valley (Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy and Starr counties); or returned from domestic travel from a location outside the Rio Grande Valley (Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy and Starr counties) without utilizing public transportation, which includes transportation by air, train or bus.

Mayor O’caña asked what were the legal parameters to tell the employees by policy to adhere to these policies.

At 6:25 p.m. Councilwoman Norie Garza moved to convene into executive session on item 4 pursuant to V.T.C.A. Gov. Code Sec. 551.001. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ortega and approved unanimously 5-0.

At 7:18 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Ortega moved to reconvene in open session. Motion was seconded by Councilman Plata and approved unanimously 5-0.

Councilman Plata moved to update COVID-19 guidelines for city employees, implement travel restrictions for city employees and authorize staff to seek bids for mass COVID-19 testing with same day results and paid for by the city as discussed in Executive Session. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ortega and approved unanimously 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:20 p.m. Councilman Plata moved for adjournment. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ortega and approved unanimously 5-0.

Dr. Armando O'caña, Mayor

ATTEST:

Anna Carrillo, City Secretary