



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:

Jamie Trevino, Progress Times
David Temming, PSI
Victor Ramos, PSI
Jim Adams, PSI
Oscar Martinez
Lisa Rivera
Carlos Garcia
Joanne Ortiz
Kristina Silva
Dee Rendon
Bill Dillard

STAFF PRESENT:

David Flores, Deputy City Manager
Angie Vela, Finance Director
Eduardo Belmarez, Purchasing Director
Roxanne Casarez, Public Information Director
Charlie Longoria, Media Relations
Juan Pablo Terrazas, City Engineer

CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum being present, Mayor Dr. Armando O'caña called the meeting to order at 3:12 p.m.

Mayor O'caña requested to consider item 2 first.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Discussion and action regarding Texas Citrus Fiesta Events as they relate to COVID-19

Oscar Martinez, TCF Board President, advised the council of the plans for the Gala, Coronation, Parade, Fun Fair and Carnival.

The gala was to be held on Saturday, January 23, 2021 at Balli's with a 250 attendance to allow for social distancing. The coronation would be held at the Neuhaus Gym on Thursday, January 28, 2021 with limited attendance. The parade and fun fair will be held on Saturday, January 30, 2021. Carnival from January 16 thru January 30, 2021.

Mayor Pro Tem Ortega and Councilman Plata recommended to cancel or postpone all of the events due to the rising numbers of COVID-19.

Bill Dillard from the Heart of America Carnival stated that they will conform to all CDC guidelines and protocols. Carnival Midway would be a total of 25 to include 8 large rides, 8 small rides, 3 food stands, 5 concessions. Rides would be operated at no more than 50% capacity. All carnival employees would be screened and would be required to wear face coverings. Carnival rides would have hand sanitizers at entrance to ride and a total of 4 hand washing stations would be distributed throughout the carnival.

Mayor O'caña recommended to postpone the events until June, 2021 which is when the Mayor's International Brunch would be held.

Recommendation from the council was to cancel the carnival and fun fair at this time. Oscar Martinez, TCF president was not in agreement with the recommendation stating the loss of revenues that would result from cancelling the events.

Councilman Plata moved to approve the parade, coronation and gala and to provide financial support in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Garza and approved unanimously 5-0.

2. Discussion and action of Performance Services Inc. (PSI) Engineering Contract

Councilwoman Norie Garza moved to table the item to give the City Manager the opportunity to explore financing options and to finalize the contract. Motion was seconded by Councilman Ruben Plata. Motion was denied 2-3 with Mayor O'caña, Mayor Pro Tem Jessica Ortega and Councilman Alberto Vela voting against.

At 4:32 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Ortega requested to convene into executive session pursuant to V.T.C.A. Gov. Code Sec. 551.001. Motion was seconded by Councilman Vela and approved unanimously 5-0.

At 4:57 p.m. Councilman Plata moved to reconvene in open session. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ortega and approved unanimously 5-0.

Councilman Vela moved to accept the recommendation from NV5, third party engineering firm in regards to Advanced Metering Infrastructure & Water Meters and LED Lighting for City Facilities. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ortega and approved 3-2 with Councilman Plata and Councilwoman Garza voting against.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:58 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