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## 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:**

Dave Hendricks, Progress Times  
Rigo Villarreal  
Ramon Navarro  
Minerva de Leon  
Phillip Pawelek, S&B Infrastructure

### **STAFF PRESENT:**

David Flores, Deputy City Manager  
Angie Vela, Finance Director  
Eduardo Belmarez, Purchasing Director  
Charlie Longoria, Media Relations  
Alex Fajaro, Media Relations  
Roberto Salinas, Public Works Director

### **CALL TO ORDER**

With a quorum being present, Mayor Dr. Armando O'caña called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

#### **1. Presentation by Rigo Villarreal, Consultant regarding the Mission Madero International Bridge Project**

Rigo Villarreal presented a tentative schedule of events of a letter that was sent to Christian Loubeau from the US Department of State.

He also stated that the deadline to finish the environmental was on August 1, 2021 as per the letter.

S&B previously conducted a feasibility study and presented its findings to the council in 2018. However, that study did not examine the Mexican side and did not include the railroad component of the project in its scope.

The environmental study must be completed between two and six years, to align with the city's schedule.

The environmental study would have a three-year shelf life once completed, the council did not want the study to be completed too far ahead of the proposed 2027 construction date.

#### **2. Negotiated cost proposal from S&B Infrastructure, Ltd**

S&B Infrastructure will conduct five impact studies for the project that will look at the feasibility of its railroad component in the United States and Mexico, and pedestrian and vehicular traffic as well as the environmental impact on both sides of the border.

Councilman Alberto Vela moved to approve proposal from S&B Infrastructure, Ltd as discussed. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jessica Ortega and approved unanimously 5-0.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:19 p.m. Councilman Ruben Plata moved for adjournment. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ortega and approved unanimously 5-0.

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Dr. Armando O'caña, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Anna Carrillo, City Secretary