



**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

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Lea Juarez

**ABSENT:**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

David Flores, Deputy City Manager  
Aida Lerma, Deputy City Manager  
Angie Vela, Finance 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.  
Joanne Longoria, CDBG Director  
Daniel Silva, CEO, Mission EDC  
Angel Ramos, Veteran's Cemetery Director  
Roel Mendiola, Sanitation Dept.  
Mario Flores, Golf Director

**EMERGENCY MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**AGENDA ITEMS**

- 1. Consideration and possible action relating to the emergency developments in the immigration surge due to temporary emergency shelter within City of Mission ETJ (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)**

James Cardoza, Emergency Management Coordinator stated that, due to recent increases in the number of released immigrants and the potential for even greater numbers to come, immigrants being released into the City of Mission may face inadequate access to medical care, shelter and other humanitarian necessities including food and water. He further stated that immigration was

under the purview of the federal government and was not under state, county or municipal jurisdiction and therefore it was necessary to take additional steps to prepare for, respond to and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 to protect public health and welfare.

A local state of disaster was declared for the City of Mission, Texas pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code. Pursuant to §418.108(b) of the Government Code, the local state of disaster should continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of the declaration unless continued or renewed by the City Council.

Randy Perez, City Manager gave a report on the City of McAllen, Catholic Charities, and Hidalgo County Precinct 3 decision to relocate temporary shelters for immigrants to the Mission Anzalduas Park which is a County park in the City of Mission ETJ. Officials had hosted a press conference summarizing the operations which were to house COVID positive immigrants if they tested positive for the virus during the intake process. The capacity of the temporary site was estimated to be 650. The area would be secured by County Precinct 3 Constables during the day and the City of McAllen during the night. Only authorized personnel would be able to have access to the site. The city of Mission would be providing mutual aid response as per our standing agreement if needed for emergency services. The health and safety of the citizens of Mission would not be jeopardized.

Councilwoman Norie Garza moved to approve the disaster declaration. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jessica Ortega and approved unanimously 5-0.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:46 p.m., Councilwoman Garza 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