



MINUTES

PRESENT:

Norie Gonzalez Garza, Mayor
Ruben D. Plata, Mayor Pro-Tem
Jessica Ortega, Councilwoman
Abiel Flores, Councilman
Alberto Vela, Councilman
Gus Martinez, City Attorney
Anna Carrillo,

ABSENT:

City

Secretary

ALSO PRESENT:

Jim & Beth Barnes
David de los Santos
Monica Gonzalez
Noel Salinas
Ronnie Ontiveros
Cayla Garza
Nanette Galvan

STAFF PRESENT:

Paula Banda, Administrative Assistant
David Flores, Asst. City Manager
Aida Lerma, Asst. City Manager
Juan Pablo Terrazas, Asst. City Manager
Esther Pena, Deputy City Attorney
Angie Vela, Finance Director
Michael Elizalde, Grants Administrator
Susie De Luna, Planning Director
Alex Hernandez, Asst. Planning Director
Noemi Munguia, HR Director
Robert Hinojosa, Risk Management Director
Peter Geddes, Procurement Director
Joe Enriquez, Utilities Manager
Roxanne Lerma, Public Information Director
Charlie Longoria, Media Relations
Alex Fajardo, Media Relations
Abram Ramirez, IT Director
Abel Bocanegra, P.E., City Engineer
Brad Bentsen, Parks & Recreation Director
Jody Tittle, Asst. Chief of Police
Rene Alvarez, Asst. Fire Chief
Joanne Longoria, CDBG Director
Daniel Silva, CEO, Mission EDC
Mayra Rocha, Speer Memorial Library Director
Cynthia Lopez, Museum Director
Adela Ortega, Mission Food Pantry Director
Mario Flores, Golf Director
Rick Venecia, Boys & Girls Club Director
Angel Ramos, Veteran's Cemetery Director
Roel Mendiola, Sanitation Dept. Director
J.C. Avila, Fleet Director
Gilbert Sanchez, Fire Chief
Frank Cavazos, Fire Marshal
Edgar Gonzalez, EIT
Rey Medrano, Police Officer

CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum being present, Mayor Norie Gonzalez Garza called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

Asst. City Manager Juan Pablo “JP” Terrazas, P.E. led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

PRESENTATIONS**1. Presentation by State Representative Bobby Guerra**

State Representative Bobby Guerra presented Mayor Garza a proclamation and a state flag that was flown at the U.S. Capitol.

2. MCISD Program Presentation - "Making a Difference"

Rescheduled for July meeting

3. May 2022 Employee of the Month

Noemi Munguia, Human Resource Director presented the May 2022 employee of the month Ricardo Cardoza, Water Distribution Crew Leader from the Public Works department.

4. Proclamation - Boys & Girls Club Week

Councilwoman Jessica Ortega moved to approve Proclamation – Boys & Girls Club Week. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ruben Plata and approved unanimously 5-0.

5. Report from the Greater Mission Chamber of Commerce

Brenda Enriquez, Mission Chamber of Commerce CEO reported on recent chamber events. Tourism & Membership Mixer will be held at the Bungalows. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Tropical Smoothie. Nomination committee is accepting board nominations and Buenas Tardes Luncheon, were some of the events that would be taking place.

6. Departmental Reports

Mayor Pro Tem Plata moved to approve Departmental Reports. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ortega and approved unanimously 5-0.

7. Citizen's Participation - Rick Salinas, 2011 N. Conway spoke about public comments that have become defamatory towards elected officials and asked for discussions to take place as to what will be allowed, he believes that by allowing the defamatory comments it is a violation of the city charter.

PUBLIC HEARING**PLANNING & ZONING RECOMMENDATIONS**

None

CONSENT AGENDA

All consent agenda items are considered routine by City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember requests an item be removed and considered separately. The City Council May Take Various Actions; Including But Not Limited To Rescheduling An Item In Its Entirety For A Future Date Or Time. The City Council May Elect To Go Into Executive Session On Any Item Whether Or Not Such Item Is Posted As An Executive Session Item At Any Time During The Meeting When Authorized By The Provisions Of The Open Meetings Act

8. Approval of Minutes –

Special Meeting – June 20, 2022 and Regular Meeting – June 21, 2022

9. Acknowledge Receipt of Minutes –

Planning and Zoning Commission – April 13, and April 27, 2022

Citizen’s Advisory Committee – May 24, May 31, 2022 and June 07, 2022

10. Authorization to submit grant application to NEH for the Humanities Collections and Reference Resources grant program

The Mission Historical Museum sought authorization to submit a grant application to the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) for the Humanities Collections and Reference Resources grant program. The funding opportunity supported efforts in strengthening the reach of humanities collections and making their intellectual content widely accessible. The museum’s Flores Funeral Home Index Project would result in a highly requested index collection that would be maintained in perpetuity, and be accessible to all researchers. The max grant request was up to \$350,000 and did not require a match.

11. Authorization to solicit bids for construction of restrooms at city parks

Parks and Recreation Department was seeking authorization to solicit bids for the construction of restrooms in various parks due to the growing park popularity and increased need. Parks considered for restroom installation are: Astroland Park, CWV Park and Oblate Park.

12. Authorization to solicit qualifications for Land Surveying Services

Staff was seeking authorization to solicit qualifications for land surveying services. Surveys would be on an “as needed” basis to include topographic, boundary, platting preliminary, and all other necessary land surveying tasks, as specified by the City.

13. Authorization to solicit qualifications for Property Appraisal Services

Staff was seeking authorization to solicit qualifications for property appraisal services, Appraisals would be on an “as needed” basis and were required for the purpose of determining fair market values associated with land purchases, for temporary or permanent easement acquisition for the construction of improvements, and for right-of-way for road construction.

Mayor Pro Tem Plata moved to approve consent agenda items 8 thru 13. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ortega and approved unanimously 5-0.

APPROVALS AND AUTHORIZATIONS

14. Homestead Exemption Variance: Being 0.145 acre tract of land, more or less, out of and forming part of Lot 3, Dillard Subdivision, R-1, Abinabad Amizabad Palacios, # - De Luna

On June 8, 2022 the Planning and Zoning commission held a Public Hearing to consider this Homestead Exemption Variance request. The subject site was located on the West side of Pino St approximately 100' North of E. 6th Street. There was no public opposition during the P&Z Meeting. The Board unanimously recommended approval.

Staff recommended approval subject to: 1) Requirement of homestead exemption variance (affidavit); 2) Comply with Model Subdivision Rules.

City Manager recommended approval.

Councilman Alberto Vela moved to approve Homestead Exemption Variance: Being 0.145 acre tract of land, more or less, out of and forming part of Lot 3, Dillard Subdivision. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Plata and approved unanimously 5-0.

15. Authorization to purchase Prestige Crown Chair Back Cushion Sets for the Mission Event Center from Workspace Interiors by Office Depot via Omnia Region 4 Contract #R191812

Staff was requesting authorization to purchase 500 Prestige Crown Chair Back Cushion Sets for the Mission Event Center from Workspace Interiors by Office Depot via Omnia Region 4 Contract #R191812. Cushions were needed to replace damaged chair backs. Cost of the purchase was \$26,779.00.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Councilman Abiel Flores moved to approve to purchase Prestige Crown Chair Back Cushion Sets for the Mission Event Center from Workspace Interiors by Office Depot via Omnia Region 4 Contract #R191812. Motion was seconded by Councilmen Vela and approved unanimously 5-0.

16. Consideration to increase Citizen Participation from two to three minutes

The public comment period was an essential part of local government meetings. This was an opportunity for members of the public to inform the governing body about their views or on items that are on the agenda.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Councilwoman Ortega moved to increase Citizen Participation from two to three minutes. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Plata and approved unanimously 5-0.

17. April 2022 Tax Collection Report

Acceptance of monthly property tax report for the month of April 2022.

The 2021 total adjusted tax levy for taxes was \$26,019,694.25 and the amount of the collections as of April 30, 2022 is \$24,714,895.25 which represented 94.99% of the total 2021 tax levy.

The total adjusted tax levy for delinquent taxes was \$2,412,771.92 and the amount of collections as of April 30, 2022 was \$443,379.16 which represented 18.38% of the total tax levies from previous years.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Plata moved to approve the April 2022 Tax Collection Report. Motion was seconded by Councilman Plata and approved unanimously 5-0.

18. Discussion and Possible Action to Select and Engage Architect from Architect Professional Pool to address needed Parks & Recreation roof repairs

Engage Architect from Architect Professional Pool to address needed Parks & Recreation Repairs.

Staff was recommending Milnet Architectural Services.

City Manager recommended approval.

Councilwoman Ortega moved to select and engage Milnet Architectural Services for Parks & Recreation roof repairs. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Plata and approved unanimously 5-0.

19. Authorization to solicit bids for construction of drainage improvement projects –

Bids would be requested for the following projects: project Glasscock (ML06n); project Tulip (ML06n)

Izaguirre Engineering Group, LLC had completed the design for project Glasscock, H.C.E. had completed the design for project Tulip.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Plata moved to solicit bids for construction of drainage improvement projects. Motion was seconded by Councilman Vela and approved 4-0 with Councilwoman Ortega abstaining.

20. Acceptance of Special Warranty Gift Deed Donation from La Joya ISD to the City of Mission for the public purpose of drainage improvements

La Joya Independent School District's intention was to donate the property to the City of Mission for public purpose (detention pond). In exchange for donation, all costs of creating and maintaining the detention pond were to be borne by the City. The City intended to continue to use the real property for said detention pond in satisfaction of Texas Education Code § 11.154. The property was currently exempt from taxation and would remain so under municipal ownership.

Property was a 1.898-acre tract of land out of 24.432 acres out of Lot 1, La Joya Elementary #19, Hidalgo County, Texas.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Plata moved to accept Special Warranty Gift Deed Donation from La Joya ISD to the City of Mission for the public purpose of drainage improvements. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ortega and approved unanimously 5-0.

21. Authorization to terminate Mission Madero-Reynosa International Bridge Project Environmental/Feasibility Study with S&B Infrastructure – Terrazas

S&B Infrastructure entered into a master agreement for professional services for the City of Mission RFP Environmental Clearance, Traffic Engineering Study and Feasibility Study services for the Mission Madero-Reynosa International Bridge Project on both US and Mexico.

No action was taken on this item.

22. Authorization to engage EGV Architects for the design of the Shary Golf Course Maintenance Building

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Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Plata moved to engage EGV Architects for the design of the Shary Golf Course Maintenance Building. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ortega and approved unanimously 5-0.

23. Authorization to partner with the County of Hidalgo and Mission CISD for the Hidalgo County Wifi Project Pct. 3, Zone 6

Authorization to partner with the County of Hidalgo, Mission CISD for the Hidalgo County Wifi Project Pct. 3, Zone 6 Total cost of the project was \$204,000 with the City of Mission cost to be as negotiated and necessary.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Councilwoman Ortega moved to partner with the County of Hidalgo and Mission CISD for the Hidalgo County Wifi Project Pct. 3, Zone 6. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Plata and approved unanimously 5-0.

24. Discussion and action to transfer Mission Fire Station #2 to the proposed new City of Mission Public Safety Building located at Military Parkway and Breyfogle Rd.

Due to the proximity of central fire station and overlap of response district. Mission Fire Station #2 would be transferred to the new City of Mission Public Safety Building located at Military Parkway and Breyfogle Rd.

Staff and City Manager recommend approval.

Councilwoman Ortega moved to transfer Mission Fire Station #2 to the proposed new City of Mission Public Safety Building located at Military Parkway and Breyfogle Rd. Motion was seconded by Councilman Vela and approved unanimously 5-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

ROUTINE MATTERS

City Manager Comments – Affordable Homes of South Texas, Hidalgo County Community Service Agency and CDBG will be holding an event on June 29 from 9:00 am to 3:00 p.m. to help citizens who may need assistance on rent, mortgage or utilities due to COVID 19. Elderly Awareness Drive thru Parade will be held on Wednesday, June 29th. Summertime Adopt-a-thon will be held on Thursday, June 30 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. at 5X5 Brewery. Mission Pawsible is conducting a pet food drive donation items can be dropped off at Brick Fire Pizza, Movie Night and Ranch House Burgers. Music at the Park will be held on Friday, July 8 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Leo Pena Placita Park. Self-Serve Sandbag Distribution is being held every Saturday from 8 a.m. -1:00 p.m. at Lions Park. City offices will be closed on Monday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

Mayor's Comments - None

City Council Comments - None

At 5:12 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Plata moved to convene in executive session pursuant to V.T.C.A. Gov. Code Sec. 551.001. Motion was seconded by Councilman Vela and approved unanimously 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to V.T.C.A. Gov. Code Sec. 551.001

21. Consultation with Attorney, Sec. 551.071

A. Status of possible addendum to MedCare EMS, Inc. Contract

The City Council will reconvene in open session to take any actions necessary

At 5:45 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Plata moved to reconvene in open session. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ortega and approved unanimously 5-0.

On item 21 A – No action

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:46 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Plata moved for adjournment. Motion was seconded by Councilman Vela and approved unanimously 5-0.

Norie Gonzalez Garza, Mayor

ATTEST:

Anna Carrillo, City Secretary