

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING
MISSION CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 27, 2018 10:00 A.M.
MISSION CITY HALL**

PRESENT:

Dr. Armando O'caña, Mayor
Norie Gonzalez Garza, Mayor Pro Tem
Jessica Ortega-Ochoa, Councilwoman
Gus Martinez, Councilman
Abiel Flores, City Attorney
Anna Carrillo, City Secretary
Randy Perez, Interim City Manager

ABSENT:

Ruben D. Plata, Councilman

ALSO PRESENT:

Jim & Beth Barnes
Rick Gonzalez

STAFF PRESENT:

Aida Lerma, Deputy City Manager
Joanne Longoria, CDBG Director
Angie Vela, Finance Director
Joel Chapa, Jr., Police Officer

1. Call to order

With a quorum being present, Mayor Dr. Armando O'caña called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

2. Authorization to enter into a consulting services agreement with H.R. Bert Peña to provide federal representation in extending the City of Mission Presidential Permit

In 1978 the City of Mission was granted a Presidential Permit to construct, operate and maintain an international vehicular and rail bridge within the City of Mission. In July 2011, the U.S. Department of State extended the permit cancellation date for 10 years, until July, 2021. The City had been working diligently to commence the construction of both the vehicular and rail components of the bridge. Mr. Peña would provide federal representation in the pursuit of extending the Presidential Permit for an additional 10 years. The initial term of the agreement would be for a period not to exceed 3 months or no later than March 31, 2019 at a compensation of \$5,000 per month. Services provided after the 3 month term would be on an as needed basis and paid at the rate of \$200.00 per hour.

Councilman Gus Martinez moved to approve to enter into a consulting services agreement with H.R. Bert Peña to provide federal representation in extending the City of Mission Presidential Permit. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Jessica Ortega-Ochoa and approved unanimously 3-0.

3. Authorization to Solicit Bids for "Housing Assistance Program – Phase 18-I"

The Citizen's Advisory Committee met on December 18, 2018 and approved staff's recommendation to provide reconstruction of five (5) homes and rehabilitation of one (1) home through the CDBG program for the following addresses:

Reconstruction:

1206 Moorefield Road – 3 bdrm 2 bath, 1100 sq ft
203 Oblate Ave – 2 bdrm 2 bath, 970 sq ft
2005 Thornton Ave – 2 bdrm 2 bath, 970 sq ft
325 Erma Ave – 2 bdrm 2 bath, 970 sq ft
3632 Lopez St – 2 bdrm 2 bath, 970 sq ft

Rehabilitation

948 Chester St

Councilwoman Ochoa moved to authorize to solicit for bids for “Housing Assistance Program – Phase 18-I” Motion was seconded by Councilman Martinez and approved unanimously 3-0.

At 10:07 a.m., Councilman Martinez moved to convene into executive session pursuant to V.T.C.A. Gov. Code Sec. 551.001. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ochoa and approved unanimously 3-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Norie Gonzalez Garza joined the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

4. Executive Session pursuant to V.T.C.A. Gov. Code Sec. 551.001

4.1 Personnel matters Sec. 551.074

A. Deliberation regarding the appointment, employment, duties of City Attorney position, and matters incident thereto.

4.2 Consultation with attorney Sec. 551.071

A. Notice of claim in reference to flooding that occurred on June 2018

B. Notice of claim in reference to automobile accident on September 25, 2018

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

At 11:06 a.m., Councilman Martinez moved to reconvene in open session. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ochoa and approved unanimously 4-0.

On Item 4.1A - Councilman Martinez moved to Authorize Mayor and City Manager to negotiate a professional services contract with Robert Galligan for the Interim City Attorney position pursuant to the terms discussed in executive session and further authorize Mayor and City Manager to negotiate professional services contract with Rick Gonzalez for Deputy City Attorney position pursuant to terms discussed in executive session.

Staff is authorized to post and advertise for the permanent position of City Attorney and all candidates are to be interviewed by the City Council at future meetings to be posted pursuant to the Open Meetings Act.

The Council hereby makes a finding that any current offers of Deputy City Attorney shall be suspended pending appropriate documentation that no pending conflicts exist between the Deputy City Attorney and the City of Mission. Should the appropriate documentation not be provided within 90 days, the staff is authorized to post and advertise for Deputy City Attorney. Council further finds that any Attorney, whether representing the city or serving as Municipal Judge, shall not represent any party in any lawsuit against the City of Mission.

A final motion authorizing Mayor and City Manager to retain the professional services of Abiel Flores after December 28, 2018, on an as needed basis. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Norie Gonzalez Garza and approved unanimously 4-0.

On Item 4.2 A – No action was taken

On Item 4.2 B – No action was taken

5. Adjournment

At 11:09 a.m., Councilman Martinez moved for adjournment. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ochoa and approved unanimously 4-0.

Dr. Armando O'caña, Mayor

ATTEST:

Anna Carrillo, City Secretary