

**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING  
MISSION CITY COUNCIL  
JULY 1, 2019 5:30 P.M.  
MISSION CITY HALL**

**PRESENT:**

Dr. Armando O'caña, Mayor  
Jessica Ortega-Ochoa, Councilwoman  
Ruben D. Plata, Councilman  
Norie Gonzalez Garza, Mayor Pro Tem  
Alberto Vela, Councilman  
Gus Martinez, City Attorney  
Anna Carrillo, City Secretary  
Randy Perez, City Manager

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Berenice Garcia, The Monitor  
Jaimie Treviño, Progress Times  
Reina Cisneros  
Marco Cisneros  
Juan Cisneros  
Jim & Beth Barnes  
Irma Flores Lopez  
M.E. Salinas

**ABSENT:**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Nelia Hernandez, Asst. City Secretary  
Aida Lerma, Deputy City Manager  
David Flores, Deputy City Manager  
Angie Vela, Finance Director  
Alex Hernandez, Subdivision Coordinator  
Noemi Munguia, HR Director  
Robert Hinojosa, Risk Manager  
Eduardo Belmarez, Purchasing Director  
Roland Rodriguez, I. T. Director  
Roxanne Casarez, Public Information Director  
Humberto Garcia, Media Relations  
Charlie Longoria, Media Relations  
Juan Pablo Terrazas, City Engineer  
Jesse Lerma, Civil Service Director  
Gilbert Sanchez, Fire Chief  
Rene Alvarez, Asst. Fire Chief  
Frank Cavazos, Deputy Fire Chief  
James Cardoza, Emergency Mngmnt. Coord.  
Robert Dominguez, Chief of Police  
Joanne Longoria, CDBG Director  
Mario Flores, Golf Course Director  
Juan Arevalo, Boys & Girls Club Director  
Brad Bentsen, Parks & Recreation Director  
Mayra Rocha, Library Director  
Cynthia Lopez, Museum Director  
Cesar Gutierrez, Sanitation Director  
Adela Ortega, Food Pantry Manager  
Joel Chapa, Police Officer

**1. Call to order**

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

**2. Invocation and Pledge Allegiance**

Pastor Obed Jimenez from El Divino Redentor Church gave the invocation.

**3. Proclamation – Corporal Jose Luis “Speedy” Espericueta, Jr.**

Chief of Police Robert Dominguez presented the Proclamation – Corporal Jose Luis “Speedy” Espericueta, Jr.

Family members received the proclamation and thanked the council.

Councilwoman Jessica Ortega Ochoa moved to approve the Proclamation – Corporal Jose Luis “Speedy” Espericueta, Jr. Motion was seconded by Councilman Ruben Plata and approved unanimously 5-0.

**4. Special Presentations to the family of Corporal Jose Luis Speedy” Espericueta, Jr.**

The office of Congressman Henry Cuellar presented the family with a United States Flag. State Representative Bobby Guerra and State Representative Sergio Munoz presented the family with a proclamation and a Texas Flag.

**5. Employee of the Month recognition**

Noemi Munguia, Human Resource Director introduced Maria E. Picazo, Mission Historical Museum Administrative Assistant for the month of March and Carmen Rodriguez, Insurance Claims Specialist, Risk Management Department for the Month of April.

**6. Report from the Greater Mission Chamber of Commerce**

Brenda Enriquez President and CEO reported on past and upcoming events for the chamber and advised the council of her attendance at a weeklong Tourism College Course.

**7. Departmental Reports**

Councilman Plata moved to approve the departmental reports as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ochoa and approved unanimously 5-0.

**8. Citizens Participation**

Horacio Pena, Jr. spoke about serving as a Municipal Court Judge for thirty years with the City of Mission and expressed that he was being treated unfairly by the City Council and asked for policy to be followed regarding his request for benefits owned to him.

David King of 1600 E. Gastel Circle, thanked the City Council and staff for their assistance with issues in their subdivision.

**1.0 Public Hearing**

**1.1 Planning & Zoning Recommendations**

None

**2.0 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)*

**2.1 Approval of Minutes**

**City Council Meeting – June 10, 2019**

**2.2 Acknowledge Receipt of Minutes**

**Mission Civil Service Commission – March 8, 2019**

**Shary Golf Advisory Board – April 30, 2019**

**Mission Rail Bridge Action Committee – May 6, 2019**

**Citizen’s Advisory Committee – May 21, 2019**

**Animal Rescue & Adoption Advisory Board – April 16, 2019 and May 28, 2019**

**Speer Memorial Library Board – May 21, 2019**

**2.3 Authorization to rescind first, One-Year Renewal Option for Palm Tree Trimming with ROD’Z Lawn Care and approve One-Year Renewal Option with Guadalupe Rodriguez dba ROD’Z Lawn Care**

On June 10<sup>th</sup> City Council authorized staff to renew contract with ROD’Z Lawn Care for Palm Tree trimming on and within City owned Properties. After review of the contract it was discovered that the contract was under Guadalupe Rodriguez dba ROD’Z Lawn Care. Staff was seeking authorization to rescind previous approval and authorize to Execute the first of two (2) - one (1) Year Renewal Options to Guadalupe Rodriguez dba ROD’Z Lawn Care. The contract terms were for one (1) year with two (2) one-year renewal options based on 0% increase in price.

Councilman Plata moved to approve the consent agenda items 2.1 thru 2.3. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ochoa and approved unanimously 5-0.

**3.0 Approvals and Authorizations**

**3.1 Approval of Resolution # 1604 amending Resolution 1556 designating a proxy for Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization members**

This Resolution was being amended to designate a proxy for the Hidalgo County MPO as per Section 2-A of the HCMPO Bylaws and Operating Procedures. The amendment was needed to replace Gus Martinez with Alberto Vela, City Councilman.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Councilman Plata moved to approve Resolution No. 1604 amending Resolution 1556 designating a proxy for Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization members. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Norie Gonzalez Garza and approved unanimously 5-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1604**

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 1556 DESIGNATING  
RGV METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION MEMBERS

**3.2 Authorization to solicit bids for Boys and Girls Club Athletic League Uniforms**

Staff was seeking authorization to solicit bids for the purchase and delivery of Athletic League Uniforms for the Boys and Girls Club. Uniforms were needed by the Boys and Girls Club for seasonal athletic leagues. This would be done in an effort to secure fair and reasonable pricing for one year base with two-one year renewal options.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

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Councilman Plata moved to authorize to solicit bids for Boys and Girls Club Athletic League Uniforms. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Garza and approved unanimously 5-0.

### **3.3 Authorization to enter into an Interlocal Agreement for 911 Public Safety Answering Point Services between the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council and the City of Mission, Texas**

The Mission Police Department was requesting authorization to enter into an Interlocal Agreement for 911 Services. PSAP Equipment and Addressing/Addressing Maintenance with the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council. The Agreement outlined the responsibilities of each entity for the purpose of complying with Chapter 771 of the Health and Safety Code. The primary purpose of the agreement was to outline both entity's responsibilities in maintaining 911 Services, the equipment utilized for operating the city's 911 system to include all addressing equipment and maintenance. If approved, the Interlocal Agreement would be valid from September 01, 2019 until August 31, 2021.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Councilman Plata moved to authorize to enter into an Interlocal Agreement for 911 Public Safety Answering Point Services between the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council and the City of Mission, Texas. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ochoa and approved unanimously 5-0.

### **3.4 Authorization to amend Surface Lease between the City of Mission and the Mission Skeet & Trap Club, Inc.**

The purpose of the amended Surface Lease was to have the Mission Skeet & Trap Club, Inc. release a total of 49.52 acres of land back to the City of Mission from the Surface Lease approved on November 14, 2011. The Mission Skeet & Trap, Inc. would still retain a total of 51.34 acres of land from the original lease for the purpose of use by the said Mission Skeet & Trap Club, Inc. It was the intention of the City of Mission to utilize the released acreage to expand city facilities/services and the future construction of training fields for the Mission Police and Fire Departments.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Councilman Plata moved to authorize to amend Surface Lease between the City of Mission and the Mission Skeet & Trap Club, Inc. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ochoa and approved unanimously 5-0.

### **3.5 Authorization to solicit proposals for Stop Loss Insurance**

In 2018, the City of Mission entered into a contractual agreement with PartnerRe for Stop Loss Insurance. Due to industry standards, the contract term was for one (1) year. Stop Loss insurance was needed for the 2019-2020 fiscal year to cap any excess cost exceeding our specific deductible for medical and prescription costs. Staff was seeking authorization to solicit proposals for Stop Loss Insurance.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Councilman Plata moved to authorize to solicit proposals for Stop Loss Insurance. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ochoa and approved unanimously 5-0.

### **3.6 Budget Amendments: Designated Purpose Fund**

Finance Director Angie Vela presented budget amendment BA–19-31 to the City Council for approval.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Councilwoman Ochoa moved to approve the budget amendment BA–19-31. Motion was seconded by Councilman Vela and approved unanimously 5-0.

### **4.0 Unfinished Business**

#### **4.1 Authorization to solicit RFQ's for Environmental Assessment for International Vehicular and Rail Bridge (Madero Bridge) Project**

Mayor O'caña requested a workshop before reconsidering this item.

### **5.0 Routine Matters**

#### **5.1 City Manager's Comments**

City Manager Perez asked for continued prayers for the Espericueta Family. He congratulated the Employees of the month and mentioned that City Hall would be closed on Thursday, July 4 for the holiday. He informed that the city was now in compliance with TWDB and was eligible for funding. He also congratulated the Mayor, Council and delegation on receiving the All-America City Designation.

#### **5.2 Mayor's Comments**

Mayor O'caña congratulated the delegation on receiving the All-America City Designation and mentioned that Mission Hospital would be celebrating 65 years of serving the community.

#### **5.3 City Council Comments**

Councilman Vela extended his congratulations to the delegation of the All-America City Designation.

Mayor Pro Tem Garza and Councilman Plata wished everyone a happy and safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Councilwoman Ochoa recognized Aida Lerma, Deputy City Manager and Roxanne Lerma, Public Relations Director for their hard work and dedication with the All-America City presentation.

Mayor O'caña asked council to go into Executive Session.

At 6:22 p.m., Councilman Plata moved 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.

### **6.0 Executive Session pursuant to V.T.C.A. Gov. Code Sec. 551.001**

#### **6.1 Consultation with Attorney Sec. 551.071 (1)**

##### **A. Regarding Personnel Policy Manual, Section 300.12 as it relates to Horacio Pena, Jr.**

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

At 7:16 p.m., Councilman Plata moved to reconvene in open session. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ochoa and approved unanimously 5-0.

On item 6.1 A – No action was taken.

**7.0 Adjournment**

At 7:16 p.m., Councilman Plata moved for adjournment. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ochoa and approved unanimously 5-0.

ATTEST:

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Dr. Armando O'caña, Mayor

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Anna Carrillo, City Secretary