

**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING  
MISSION CITY COUNCIL  
AUGUST 24, 2020 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  
Randy Perez, City Manager  
Anna Carrillo, City Secretary

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Jaime Treviño, Progress Times  
Mona Parras  
Victor Treviño  
Ricky Rendon  
Marco Flores

**ABSENT:**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Aida Lerma, Deputy City Manager  
David Flores, Deputy City Manager  
Angie Vela, Finance Director  
Michael Elizalde, Grants Administrator  
Susie De Luna, Asst. Planning Director  
Alex Hernandez, Subdivision Coord.  
Noemi Munguia, HR Director  
Robert Hinojosa, Risk Management  
Eduardo Belmarez, Purchasing Director  
Roland Rodriguez, I. T. Director  
Roxanne Casarez, Public Information Director  
Charlie Longoria, Media Relations  
Juan Pablo Terrazas, City Engineer  
Roberto Salinas, Public Works Director  
Jesse Lerma, Civil Service Director  
Gilbert Sanchez, Fire Chief  
Frank Cavazos, Deputy Fire Chief  
James Cardoza, Emergency Mngmnt. Coord.  
Roberto Dominguez, Chief of Police  
Joanne Longoria, CDBG Director  
Daniel Silva, CEO, Mission EDC  
Rick Venecia, Interim Boys & Girls Club Director  
Brad Bentsen, Parks & Recreation Director  
Cynthia Lopez, Museum Director  
Noel Barrera, Health Dept. Director  
Adela Ortega, Food Pantry Manager  
Rene Alvarez, Asst. Fire Chief

**1. Call to order**

With a quorum being present, Mayor Dr. Armando O'caña called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

**2. Invocation and Pledge Allegiance**

City Manager Randy Perez led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

### **3. Proclamation – Rotary Club International 100th Anniversary**

Councilman Ruben Plata moved to approve the departmental reports as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilman Alberto Vela and approved unanimously 4-0.

At 5:36 p.m. Councilwoman Jessica Ortega Ochoa joined the meeting.

### **4. 2020 Census Announcement**

JoAnne Longoria, CDBG Director reported that the City of Mission was at 53.1% mark in answering the Census. Ms. Longoria stressed the importance of the Census and reminded the citizens to fill out the census and that everyone counts. Census takers were now going out to the community.

### **5. Report from the Greater Mission Chamber of Commerce**

Brenda Enriquez, President of the Greater Mission Chamber of Commerce reported on several events that the Chamber was currently participating in. Discover Mission Campaign would be delivering welcome packages to the residents of the hotels. Chamber board ballots had been emailed to chamber members.

### **6. Update on Our Mission Forward CARES Grant funding**

Daniel Silva, MEDC CEO reported that a total of 850 applications had been received. Currently applicants were going by the CEED Building to sign the necessary paperwork and total of 600 had been processed. It was expected to review all applications in the next week. A total of \$650,000 had been approved for distribution.

### **7. Update on Mission Recovers CARES Grant Funding**

Aida Lerma, Deputy City Manager reported a total of 85 applications had been received for the Continue to Employ Program and a total of \$297,000 had been distributed to the business community. The Utility Account Grant had distributed a total of \$30,000.

### **8. Departmental Reports**

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

### **9. Citizens Participation**

None

#### **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 – August 10, 2020**

**2.2 Acknowledge Receipt of Minutes**

**Citizens Advisory Committee – July 14, 2020**

**Mission Boys & Girls Club – July 14, 2020**

**2.3 Authorization to submit a grant application to Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation for the Mission Fire Prevention Division**

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

**3.0 Approvals and Authorizations**

**3.1 Authorize the ratification purchase of five (5) electrostatic sprayers and five (5) Xpower Cordless Disinfectant Foggers through the CARES ACT Budget due to COVID-19**

Staff was seeking the purchase ratification of five (5) Electrostatic Sprayers and five (5) Xpower Cordless Disinfectant Foggers to disinfect city facilities, vehicles and working stations throughout the City as an exemption purchase due to COVID-19 Emergency Declaration. Due to equipment being on backorder from multiple sources city staff requested for Northern Tool & Equipment to expedite delivery of equipment. A quote for the equipment ordered in the amount of \$17,394.95 was available for the Council. City had received five (5) Electrostatic Sprayers and had been distributed to the Police Department, Sanitation Department, City Hall, Boys & Girls Club, and Public Works Department to allow staff to continue servicing the public and to enhance additional precautionary measures for the public health/safety of our citizens and city employees. Verification of federal non-debarment had been done via System for Award Management (SAM) for both the manufacturers and distributors. Exemption from competitive bidding requirements, pursuant to Texas LGC 262.024(a)(1): an item that must be purchased in case of a public calamity if it was necessary to make the purchase promptly to relieve the necessity of the citizens; (2) an item necessary to preserve and protect the public health and safety of the citizens.

Staff Recommendation: Seeking approval of ratification due to emergency exemption of equipment via CARES ACT due to COVID-19.

City Manager recommended approval.

Councilwoman Ochoa moved to authorize the ratification purchase of five (5) electrostatic sprayers and five (5) Xpower Cordless Disinfectant Foggers through the CARES ACT Budget due to COVID-19. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Norie Gonzalez Garza and approved unanimously 5-0.

**3.2 Authorization to revert Catholic Cemetery Baby Section 2 Lots 134, 135, 146, 147, 156, 157, 168, 169, 180, 181, 192 and 193 back to 20 X 20 Lots**

On May 28, 2013 the City of Mission replatted lots at the Catholic Cemetery to be used for Baby Section 1 (260 spaces) and Section 2 (250 spaces). After 7 years a total of 17 spaces have been utilized from Baby Section 1. Currently the city had less than 100 regular spaces left to sell at the Catholic Cemetery. Staff was requesting to replat Baby Section 2 back to regular spaces; this would add an additional 120 spaces.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Garza moved to authorize to revert Catholic Cemetery Baby Section 2 Lots 134, 135, 146, 147, 156, 157, 168, 169, 180, 181, 192 and 193 back to 20 X 20 Lots. Motion was seconded by Councilman Plata and approved unanimously 5-0.

**3.3 Acceptance of Quarterly Report of Investments for the Quarter ending June 30, 2020 and Interest Earned For nine months ending June 30, 2020**

Acceptance of quarterly report required by the Public Funds Investment Act Section 2256.023 of the Texas Government Code on the total investments for the quarter ending June 30, 2020. The total increases to investment balances for the period were \$498,888.83 and total decreases were \$2,489,000.00, leaving a total of \$11,676,532.99 in outstanding investments for the quarter ending June 30, 2020. The total interest earned on all funds year to date was \$142,264.43.

This report of the City’s investment portfolio was in compliance with State Law and the investment strategy and policy approved by the City Council.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Councilman Plata moved to approve the Acceptance of Quarterly Report of Investments for the Quarter ending June 30, 2020 and Interest Earned for nine months ending June 30, 2020. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ochoa and approved unanimously 5 -0.

**3.4 Consideration of change order for Andrew Salinas d.b.a. A-ONE Insulation for Housing Assistance at 905 Ala Blanca Ave.**

As per contractor, the applicant’s sewer line and tap budget included permits, an average of 40 linear feet of sewer lateral and connections to location of sewer tap. The contractor was requesting consideration of change order for installation of new sewer line 110 linear feet away from the city’s main sewer line. Due to this unforeseen circumstance, staff confirmed the need for a change order to include additional 70 linear feet of trench, 4” pvc pipe and backfill. Therefore, staff recommended approval of this request.

The change order was as follows:

Contract amount	\$68,500.00
Change order	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
Total amount	\$69,500.00

The total amount of the change order was \$1,000 (1.5% of Original Contract Amount and was less than the 25% cap allowed by the Texas Local Government Code).

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Garza moved to approve consideration of change order for Andrew Salinas d.b.a. A-ONE Insulation for Housing Assistance at 905 Ala Blanca Ave. Motion was seconded by Councilman Vela and approved unanimously 5-0.

**3.5 Authorization to award bids to Saenz Utility for Drainage Improvement Project for Erma Street**

Staff was seeking authorization to award bid for the Drainage improvement on Erma Street. Staff received seven (7) bids and was recommending award to Saenz Utility who was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in the amount of \$486,330.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Garza moved to authorize to award bids to Saenz Utility for Drainage Improvement Project for Erma Street. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ochoa and approved unanimously 5-0.

**3.6 Authorization to Execute Payment for Emergency Sanitary Sewer Repairs at Several Locations, rental of pumps and purchase of suction & discharge hoses**

In accordance with Local Government Code, General Exceptions, Paragraph 252.022 (a)(1)(2) “a procurement made because of a public calamity that required the immediate appropriation of money to relieve the necessity of the municipality’s residents or to preserve the property of the municipality” and “a procurement necessary to preserve or protect the public health or safety of the municipality’s residents”, hence staff was seeking authorization as an “Emergency Purchase” for sanitary sewer repairs on Holland Rd. and W. 22<sup>nd</sup> - Discharge sanitary sewer system to LS #2 & Sanitary Sewer Manhole at SE corner of Conway and I2 (US 83) completed by the 5125 Company ; Santa Fe Subdivision (NE US 83 and Bryan Rd) sanitary sewer repairs completed by Morwill, Inc. , rental of three 6” pumps from Odessa Pumps; purchase of 400’ of 8” diameter discharge line and 120’ of 6” diameter suction line also from Odessa Pumps.

Post Hurricane Hanna, the City of Mission Public Works encountered Sanitary Sewer Backups to Subdivisions, Sanitary Sewer High Levels and System failures with sanitary sewer system throughout the City.

Request to execute payment for repairs by the 5125 Company, Inc for \$89,500.00. Morwill, LLC for \$267,475.00 once work completed and Odessa Pumps as an Emergency Purchase \$18,865.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Garza moved to authorize to Execute Payment for Emergency Sanitary Sewer Repairs at Several Locations, rental of pumps and purchase of suction & discharge hoses. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ochoa and approved unanimously 5-0.

**3.7 Authorization to re-enter into an Interlocal Agreement for the Educational Resource Officer Program between the City of Mission and the Mission Consolidated Independent School District for the FY 2020-2021 school year**

The Mission Police Department was requesting authorization to re-enter into a Inter-local Agreement for the Educational Resource Officer Program between the City of Mission and the Mission Consolidated Independent School District for the 2020-2021 school year. A total of seven (7) police officers would be assigned to the school district during the school year. The total amount of the Inter-local agreement was \$396,883.52. Staff was recommending a favorable recommendation for the purpose of continuing the

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Garza moved to authorize to re-enter into an Interlocal Agreement for the Educational Resource Officer Program between the City of Mission and the Mission Consolidated Independent School District for the FY 2020-2021 school year. Motion was seconded by Councilman Vela and approved unanimously 5-0.

**3.8 Authorization to accept the 911 Funding Request from the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council Public Safety Emergency Communications/9-1-1 Division**

The City of Mission Police Department was requesting authorization to accept the 911 Funding Request from the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council Public Safety Emergency Communications/9-1-1 Division. The total amount of the award was \$122,598.70. There was no cash match required. A total of \$77,712.00 of the grant funds would be used to increase telecommunicator salaries. A total of \$32,256.70 of the grant funds would be used for telecommunicator/PSAP training and a total of \$12,630.00 of the grant funds would be used for software to enhance 911 operations.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Councilwoman Ochoa moved to authorize to accept the 911 Funding Request from the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council Public Safety Emergency Communications/9-1-1 Division. Motion was seconded by Councilman Vela and approved unanimously 5-0.

**3.9 Authorization to purchase cameras, basic wireless systems, accessories and labor for the Mission Police Skywatch Towers via a sole source vendor**

The City of Mission Police Department was requesting authorization to purchase day/night cameras with wireless capabilities. The purchase would include cameras, accessories and labor expenses to outfit two of Mission Police Departments Skywatch Towers with day/night cameras. All three Skywatch Towers would be outfitted with a wireless system in effort to view video footage in real time. The total amount for this purchase was \$96,640.12. Our 2019 Stonegarden grant funds would be utilized for this purchase.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Councilman Plata moved to authorize to purchase cameras, basic wireless systems, accessories and labor for the Mission Police Skywatch Towers via a sole source vendor. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Garza and approved unanimously 5-0.

**3.10 Authorization to purchase network switches from Insight Public Sector via Omnia Partners IT Products & Services, contract # 4400006644**

The Mission Police Department was requesting authorization to purchase network switches that were in need of replacement based on lightning strikes to equipment in our IT Bureau on June 10, 2020. The aforementioned equipment was kept in stock in order to bring operating systems back on line in case of failure. The total amount of this expenditure was \$12,236.62. This expenditure for this equipment would be paid through funds made available to the City of Mission based on the insurance claim filed by our Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Councilwoman Ochoa moved to authorize to purchase network switches from Insight Public Sector via Omnia Partners IT Products & Services, contract # 4400006644. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Garza and approved unanimously 5-0.

**3.11 Authorization to accept the FY 2020-2021 Other Victim Assistance Grant (OVAG) from the Office of the Attorney Generals' Crime Victim Services Division**

The grant was a one-year grant for FY 2020-2021. The total amount of the grant award was \$42,000.00. This grant would allow the Mission Police Department to continue the services provided by our Crime Victim Liaison program. There was no cash match required by the City of Mission. This grant would be in effect from September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Councilwoman Ochoa moved to authorize to accept the FY 2020-2021 Other Victim Assistance Grant (OVAG) from the Office of the Attorney Generals' Crime Victim Services Division. Motion was seconded by Councilman Vela and approved unanimously 5-0.

**3.12 Authorization to enter into a Program Funded State and Local Task Force Agreement and a State and Local HIDTA Task Force Agreement between the United States Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration and the Mission Police Department for FY 2020-2021**

The task force agreements outlined the responsibilities for both agencies as we mutually address illicit

trafficking of narcotics that had a substantial and detrimental effect on the health and general welfare of the public. The Mission Police Department was responsible for our peace officer's salaries and overtime. The DEA would, subject to availability of funds, reimburse the City of Mission for overtime payments made by it to Mission PD Investigators assigned to the McAllen Task Forces for overtime, up to a sum of \$19,180.25 per officer.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Councilman Plata moved to authorize to enter into a Program Funded State and Local Task Force Agreement and a State and Local HIDTA Task Force Agreement between the United States Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration and the Mission Police Department for FY 2020-2021. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ochoa and approved unanimously 5-0.

### **3.13 Budget Amendment – Utility Fund**

Finance Director Vela presented the Budget Amendment BA-20-29 to the City Council for approval.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Councilwoman Ochoa moved to approve the Budget Amendment BA-20-29. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Garza and approved unanimously 5-0.

### **3.14 Discussion and action on proposed 2020 Tax Rate, Take Record Vote and Schedule Public Hearing**

In accordance with the Texas Property Tax, Code City Council must propose a tax rate for the City of Mission and publish "Notice of Property Tax Rates," by September 1<sup>st</sup>. If the proposed tax was lower than the effective tax rate, if proposed rate tax rate would exceed the voter approved rate or the no new revenue tax rate (whichever was lower), one public hearing was required before the adoption of the tax rate.

The calculated no new revenue tax rate was \$0.5155 per \$100 valuation

The calculated voter approved tax rate was \$0.5490 per \$100 valuation

The current tax rate was \$0.5212 per \$100 valuation

Public Hearing was to be scheduled: September 14, 2020.

Staff and City Manager were seeking Council's Direction.

Councilman Plata said he was not ready to make a decision at this time.

After much deliberation from the council, Mayor Pro Tem Garza moved to table the item and bring it back at a Special Meeting to be scheduled for Friday, August 28, 2020. Motion was seconded by Councilman Plata and approved unanimously 5-1.

### **3.15 Authorization to award contract for installation of new storefront glass dividers and doors within Boys and Girls Club Buildings**

Request for authorization to award contract for the installation of a new storefront glass dividers at Boys and Girls Club front desk and doors leading to gymnasium and classrooms. The City of Mission had received competitive pricing from three (3) contractors for this project. After review and consultation, staff recommended award of contract to Tabeza Holdings, LLC in the amount of \$17,640 who was the lowest responsible bidder meeting all specifications and timeframe of completion.

This construction would help with social distancing due to COVID-19. This was a necessity due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Verification of federal non-debarment had been done via System for Award Management (SAM). Exemption from competitive bidding requirements due to Emergency Declaration and, pursuant to Texas LGC 262.024 (a) (1): an item that must be purchased in case of a public calamity if necessary to make the purchase promptly to relieve the necessity of the citizens; (2): an item necessary to preserve and protect the public health and safety of the citizens.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Councilman Vela moved to authorize to award contract for installation of new storefront glass dividers and doors within Boys and Girls Club Buildings. Motion was seconded by Councilman Plata and approved unanimously 5-0.

**3.16 Preliminary Plat Approval: El Crucero Subdivision, Being a 20.5 acre tract of land out of all of Lot 1 & the South 2 ½ acres of Lot 2, Block 11, & a 8.0 acre tract of land, more or less, out of Lots 33 & 34, Block 11, Texan Gardens Subdivision, Rural ETJ, Developer: Pena Chapa Development, Engineer South Texas Infrastructure Group**

On August 12, 2020 the Planning and Zoning Commission held a Public Hearing to consider the Preliminary & Final Plat Approval for El Crucero Subdivision. The subject site was located near the NE corner of W. Mile 5 Road and Iowa Road. There was no public opposition during the P&Z Meeting. The Board unanimously recommended approval as per staff's recommendation.

Staff Recommendation: Approval subject to: 1) Must meet Model Subdivision Rules; 2) Comply with the street alignment policy; and 3) Comply with comments from the County Planning Department.

City Manager recommended approval.

Councilman Plata moved to approve Preliminary Plat Approval: El Crucero Subdivision, Being a 20.5 acre tract of land out of all of Lot 1 & the South 2 ½ acres of Lot 2, Block 11, & a 8.0 acre tract of land, more or less, out of Lots 33 & 34, Block 11, Texan Gardens Subdivision, Rural ETJ, Developer: Pena Chapa Development, Engineer South Texas Infrastructure Group, as per staff's recommendations. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ochoa and approved unanimously 5-0.

**3.17 Approval of Resolution # 1683 of the City Council of the City of Mission Adopting County of Hidalgo Order (20-013) related to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency**

On August 19, 2020 County Judge, Richard Cortez County of Hidalgo issued Order (20-012) whereby guidelines had been extended due to the increase in the number of cases and hospitalizations related to COVID-19. Effective at 12:01 on August 20, 2020 SHELTER-AT-HOME: All Individuals currently living within Hidalgo County, Texas are ORDERED to SHELTER-AT-HOME in their residence. And to follow the following Orders as stated in County Order 20-013, SHELTER AT HOME CURFEW, TRAVEL, FACIAL COVERING, and OUTDOOR GATHERINGS. County Order (20-013) is hereby adopted in its entirety, specifically as to matters that pertain to the city, and shall remain in effect and in full force and effect until 11:59 p.m. September 13, 2020, unless it is modified, amended, rescinded, or superseded based on the status of COVID-19 in Texas and CDC recommendations.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Garza moved to approve Resolution No. 1683 of the City Council of the City of Mission Adopting County of Hidalgo Order (20-013) related to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. Motion was seconded by Councilman Vela and approved unanimously 5-0.



**RESOLUTION # 1683**

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MISSION ADOPTING COUNTY OF HIDALGO ORDER (20-013) RELATED TO THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

**3.18 Authorization to purchase carts for the Sanitation Department from Cascade Engineering via state approved contract HGAC Contract RC01-18**

Staff was seeking authorization to purchase 297 96-Gallon Carts for the Sanitation Department for trash pick-up from Cascade Engineering via state approve HGAC Contract RC01-18. Due to the interruption in our supply chain with Toter we were seeking an alternative to our Toter Carts in order to keep up with the demand and service. Cascade Engineering had a product that met the form, fit and function of our specifications at \$44.50 per unit compared to Toter's \$48.41 cost per unit for a savings of approximately 8% per cart.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Councilman Plata moved to authorize to purchase carts for the Sanitation Department from Cascade Engineering via state approved contract HGAC Contract RC01-18. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Garza and approved unanimously 5-0.

**3.19 Authorization for Emergency repair of Brush Incinerator**

Staff was seeking authorization to repair the Sanitation Brush Incinerator to be in compliance with TCEQ, implementation of cost savings and minimize the high volume of brush throughout the city due to Hurricane Hanna. The incinerator was operated by our Sanitation Department to downsize the brush load for a lesser cost to our designated landfill stations. There was a quote from Fel Glo in the amount of \$25,000 to replace the walls and doors with ½ Metal Plates available for the council to review. Completion of work would be approximately 3 to 4 weeks. Exemption from competitive bidding requirements, pursuant to Texas LGC 262.024(a)(1): an item that must be purchased in case of a public calamity if it was necessary to make the purchase promptly to relieve the necessity of the citizens; (2) an item necessary to preserve and protect the public health and safety of the citizens.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Councilwoman Ochoa moved to authorize for Emergency repair of Brush Incinerator. Motion was seconded by Councilman Vela and approved unanimously 5-0.

**3.20 Discussion and possible action on modifying COVID-19 of City of Mission guidelines**

This was the opportunity for the City Council to make any modifications to the City's existing guidelines.

Staff and City Manager were seeking council's direction.

No action was taken on this item.

**3.21 Authorization to purchase three (3) Dri-Prime CD150S Diesel Pumps and Suction Hose's and one (1) Doosan G240 Generator via City's CARES ACT Budget due to COVID-19**

Staff was seeking authorization to purchase three (3) Dri-Prime CD 150S Diesel Pumps and Suction

Hose's and one (1) Doosan G240 Generator via sole source and Exemption due to Emergency Declaration. The Dri-Prime CD150S Diesel Pumps and Suction Hose's were needed at City Sewer Lift Stations to keep up with the high demand due to COVID-19 Shelter in Place Order. Doosan G240 Generator would be used to safeguard continual operations of Lift Stations and Pumps. A pricing for the equipment and sole source letters were available for council's review. Verification of federal non-debarment had been done via System for Award Management (SAM). Exemption from competitive bidding requirements, pursuant to Texas LGC 262.024 (a) (1): an item that must be purchased in case of a public calamity if necessary to make the purchase promptly to relieve the necessity of the citizens; (2): an item necessary to preserve and protect the public health and safety of the citizens.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Garza moved to authorize to purchase three (3) Dri-Prime CD150S Diesel Pumps and Suction Hose's and one (1) Doosan G240 Generator via City's CARES ACT Budget due to COVID-19. Motion was seconded by Councilman Vela and approved unanimously 5-0.

#### **4.0 Unfinished Business**

None

#### **5.0 Routine Matters**

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

City Manager Perez informed that the Sanitation Department continued to work longer hours and on weekends to catch up on the brush pickup left from hurricane Hanna and the monthly trimming from residents. Free COVID testing would be taking place on August 25 and 26 at the Mission Event Center parking lot from 3 to 8 p.m. and asked for continued prayers for all of affected by COVID especially the City of Mission employees.

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

Mayor O'caña thanked Diego Palos for serving as an intern for the City of Mission for the summer months.

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

Councilman Vela, Councilman Plata Councilwoman Ochoa and Mayor Pro Tem Garza expressed their continued prayers for all of affected by COVID especially the City of Mission employees. Thanked staff for their hard work and dedication. Councilwoman Ochoa also thanked the sponsors on helping with the new blessing boxes that had been placed in different areas of the city.

At 6:59 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 Councilwoman Ochoa and approved unanimously 5-0.

#### **6.0 Executive Session pursuant to V.T.C.A. Gov. Code Sec. 55.001**

##### **6.1 Deliberation regarding real property Sec. 551.072**

- A. Discussion regarding Lots 4 thru 9, Block 205 Mission Original Townsite
- B. Discussion of land acquisition being a 10 acre and 1 acre tract of land out of Porcion 52, Lots 7-10, JF de la Garza Tract
- C. Discussion, Consideration of Counter-offer and possible action on Taylor Rd. Phase I

Parcel 34: Being a partial acquisition of 8,498 square feet or 0.1951 of an acre tract of land situated in the City of McAllen, Hidalgo County Texas, out of Lots 13 and 16 Sharyland Orchards Subdivision

- D. Discussion, Consideration of Counter-offer and possible action on Taylor Rd. Phase I Parcel 35: Being a partial acquisition of 7,616 square feet or 0.1748 of an acre tract of land situated in the City of McAllen, Hidalgo County Texas, out of Lot 128 Sharyland Orchards Subdivision

6.2 Consultation with Attorney Sec. 551.071 (1)

- A. Notice of potential Civil Action from Hollis Rutledge & Associates, Inc.

6.3 Personnel matters Sec. 551.074

- A. City Attorney evaluation

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

At 7:45 p.m. Councilman Plata moved to reconvene in open session. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Garza and approved unanimously 5-0.

On item 6.1 A - Mayor Pro Tem Garza moved to authorize Mayor and City Manager to negotiate and possibly acquire donation of land as discussed in executive session. Motion was seconded by Councilman Vela and approved unanimously 5-0.

On item 6.1 B - Mayor Pro Tem Garza moved to authorize Mayor and City Manager to negotiate and possibly acquire donation of land as discussed in executive session. Motion was seconded by Councilman Plata and approved unanimously 5-0.

On item 6.1 C - Mayor Pro Tem Garza moved to accept counter-offer on Taylor Rd. Phase I Parcel 34. Motion was seconded by Councilman Vela and approved unanimously 5-0.

On item 6.1 D - Councilman Plata moved to accept counter-offer on Taylor Rd. Phase I Parcel 35. Motion was seconded by Councilman Vela and approved unanimously 5-0.

On item 6.2 A - No Action

On item 6.3 A - Councilman Plata moved to accept content format and accept City Attorney evaluation content format and process. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ochoa and approved unanimously 5-0.

## **7.0 Adjournment**

At 7:48 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Garza moved for adjournment. Motion was seconded by Councilman Plata and approved unanimously 5-0.

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Dr. Armando O'caña, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Anna Carrillo, City Secretary