

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF SAN JUAN COMMISSION

DATE:

Tuesday, April 27, 2021

TIME:

6:04 p.m.

PLACE:

Amigos Del Valle
600 W 1st St,
San Juan, TX 78589

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mario Garza, Mayor
Leonardo “Lenny” Sanchez, Mayor Pro-Tempore
Marco “Markie” Villegas, Commissioner
Ricardo Palacios, City Attorney

STAFF PRESENT:

Benjamin Arjona, City Manager
Diana Cavazos, City Secretary
Tirso Garza, Chief of Fire
Ruben Morin, Chief of Police
Leroy Gonzalez, Director of Finance
Adelaida Cordero, Director of Human Resources
Armandina Sesin, Library Director
Patrick Willingham, Director of Parks & Recreation
Roberto Escobar, Director of Planning
Roel Garza, Director of Sanitation/ Public Works
David Salinas, Director of Utilities
Mary Enriquez, Court Administrator
Pat Karr, Director of Information Technology

ORDER OF BUSINESS

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Mayor Mario Garza called meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

II. INVOCATION: Benjamin Arjona, City Manager

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- A. It is the Intent of the City Commission to Conduct this Meeting Primarily via Teleconference Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act Procedures Announced by Governor Abbott. Due to the COVID19 Pandemic, the City has Established an Alternative for Residents to Make Public Comments During the Meeting. If you Would Like to Participate Under Public Comments, You Must Submit a Request Beginning Friday, April 23, 2021 by (1) Sending an Email to publiccomments@sjtx.us or (2) by Dropping Off the Request in the Drop Box Next to the DriveThru Behind City Hall at 709 S. Nebraska San Juan, Texas 78589. All Requests Must be Received no Later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 27, 2021. Your Request Should Include Your Name, Address, Telephone Number and Your Comment. We Ask for Everyone's Cooperation with this Procedure.

DISCUSSION: Ana Vasquez, Unit Director for the Boys and Girls Club in San Juan thanked the city for continuing to support the boys and girls club and know that our efforts helped them stay open through out the pandemic by serving our community with the meal pick up that they do daily Monday through Friday from 3:30pm to 4:30pm, the community is able to go to the facility and pick up meals. She stated they serve a dinner and a snack. They also continued to serve their members and club with computer classes, arts and crafts and their recreational activities and much more. She asked two of her volunteers to pass out the newsletter for the month of April and a schedule for our summer programs. She stated they were able to have an Easter Celebration where their members participated in their Easter egg hunt. They also did a family movie night, they celebrated their employees and had after school professional’s week and they made sure to let them know how important to the club because without them, they wouldn’t be open. She further stated we already started registration, last week was their first week. She thanked the city for sharing it on social media, they are continuing to register so if anyone has questions or need more information, they are more than welcome to give her a call or they can visit their social media page as well. They also passed out some goodie bags. Mr. Eddie Cantu, Board President stated Anna has been with us since the beginning, she’s done a tremendous job, she comes with a lot of experience and one of the things she didn’t get to mention is that what did we do when all the schools were closing. They got very creative and provided a place from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for parents to continue to go work and actually drop off their kids and from the boys and girls club the kids are able to do virtual learning but with their parents being able to go to work. He thanked the city for their support. Mayor Mario Garza asked where I the movie night going to take place to which Ms. Vasquez responded we use a facility from the resources center. Mayor Mario Garza asked what type of precautions were they taking in regards to the Covid -19, to

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which Ms. Vasquez responded we are still requiring for the members and staff to wear their masks, social distancing, wash their hands before and after each meal. Ms. Vasquez stated a few months ago we were able to switch out a lot of our faucets to the automatic safety with the toilets, we were able to install the retail for the water bottle so there's no sharing. Mayor Mario Garza thanked them so much and stated I'm so glad we're a partner with you guys and we will continue to have a good success out there. Commissioner Marco "Markie" Villegas thanked them for their hard work.

Mr. Jesus Mendoza stated I have been homebound for more than 10 years for the live streaming electro hypertensives which is caused and aggravated by exposure to the same wireless microwave radiation reaching children and teachers at school. He stated my EHS has been recognized by federal distribution by court as a physical medical condition and visibility improves conclusively that exposure to low levels of microbial radiation causes severe physical harm and disabilities even to adults. He further stated it is estimated that without knowing more than 50 percent of the population is already suffering symptoms of EHS children, teachers, doctors, attorneys and even a director of the world health organization are suffering from the EHS. He also mentioned we are the evidence. Org, despite the DHS division pandemic proportions most doctors are in the dark and denial and continue mid diagnosing and destroying with harmful drugs and invasive symptoms that disappear with just reducing exposure to micro radiation and evidence for how the cell phones used where children emit more than five times the levels allowed by federal law.

V. PRESENTATIONS:

- A. Proclamation Recognizing the Heroic Act of Angel Tseng in the City of San Juan, Texas.
- B. Proclamation Recognizing the Heroic Act of Jared Moore in the City of San Juan, Texas.

DISCUSSION: Chief of Fire, Tirzo Garza presented the Proclamation for Mr. Jared Morton and stated he's a 6-year-old who played a major role courageous act and advising somebody or a family member of a possible kitchen fire resident. He alerted his mom and pretty much prevented from there actually being major disaster or damage to their home. Chief Garza stated I did prepare a proclamation. He stated he played a major role in making our job a lot easier in the sense with his quick actions and heroic efforts in getting the situation under control and most important keeping everyone safe. Mayor Mario Garza read proclamation proclaiming Jared Moore recognizing him as a hero.

- C. Presentation on Departmental Reports: Department of Finance, Fire Department, Police Department, Municipal Court, and Department of Utilities.

DISCUSSION: Mayor Mario Garza asked Chief of Fire, Tirzo Garza in regards to the Covid-19 vaccines, if the city is going to do another vaccine here in the future to which Chief Garza responded we did 24 home moms today through with the assistance of the Texas Military. He stated I spoke to Mr. Benjamin Arjona earlier today and had a brief meeting before we went out the road. He further stated I had the gentleman from county emergency management was advising me that City of Mercedes had a thousand the other day and only 130 people got vaccinated. Chief Garza stated I would like to recommend that we go with another 500 and work in having two lines, that would be getting through a lot quicker but I'm waiting on two additional tents and we will be good to go. Mayor Mario Garza stated my thing is just as long as we have another drive here in the community because it ran pretty smooth and it was quick. Mr. Benjamin Arjona stated one of the recommendations speaking to the company was that they're asking for us to pretty much target community businesses so that's what the EDC is going to be working on reaching out to those businesses that have not been vaccinated, so we are going to reach out to every single business we need in the City of San Juan and we are also going to prioritize them. Mayor Mario Garza asked Chief Garza if there was a chance that they could consider doing an evening drive for those who work and get out at 5:00 p.m. to which Chief Garza responded whatever you all wish to do. Mayor Pro Tem Leonardo "Lenny" Sanchez thanked Chief of Police Ruben Morin and Chief of Fire Tirzo Garza for their outstanding performances from their staff. Mr. Benjamin Arjona, thanked the Chief of Police Ruben Morin, the Pal and Parks and Recreation for their staff that came out over the weekend with the Golden Gloves which was a very successful event even though it was a very short notice however, the department was able to pull it through. Everyone was very happy.

VI. ODINANCES:

- A. Consider Adoption of the Ordinance in First Reading of the Voluntary Annexation Petition of the Meadows on Ridge Subdivision Being a 5.42Acre Tract of Land Out of Lot 12, Block 31, Alamo Land and Sugar Company's Subdivision, as per Map Recorded in Volume 1, Pages 24 thru 26, Map Records, Hidalgo County, Texas, located at the Southwest Corner of Ridge and Cesar Chavez Road, as Requested by Esponjas Development, LTD.

DISCUSSION: Robert Escobar, Director of Planning and Zoning stated the Planning Department is processing a residential subdivision located at the Southwest corner of Ridge and Cesar Chavez Road. Part of the subdivision is outside the city limits but within the City of San Juan Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ). It is the City's policy to annex subdivisions processed and approved within the city's ETJ. In January 12, 2021, the City Commission approved a Resolution 21-02 accepting petition for voluntary annexation and setting dates and times for public hearings. He stated the property owner of the subject property has submitted a petition of a voluntary annexation to the City of San Juan. Upon annexation, recording of the subdivision plat, building permits and inspections will be processed by City for proposed residences. Annexation of this property is being undertaken in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 43, Municipal Annexation, Section 43.028 and the City Charter.

Mayor Pro Tem Leonardo "Lenny" Sanchez made motion to approve and was seconded by Commissioner Marco "Markie" Villegas. Motion Passed (3-0).

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- B. Consider First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 1 General Provisions, Article 1.05 Administrative Fees, Section 1.05.003 Fire Department of the City of San Juan's Code of Ordinance for the Purpose of Establishing Certain Fees for the Fire Department Provided by The City of San Juan, Texas; providing for publication and Effective Date' providing for a Severability Clause; providing for Texas Open Meetings Compliance; and Providing for a Repealer Clause.

Mayor Pro Tem Leonardo “Lenny” Sanchez made motion to untabled item and was seconded by Mayor Mario Garza. Motion Passed (3-0).

DISCUSSION: Chief of Fire Tirzo Garza stated the San Juan Fire Department is seeking authorization to Consider First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 1 General Provisions, Article 1.05 Administrative Fees, Section 1.05.003 Fire Department of the City of San Juan's Code of Ordinance for the Purpose of Establishing Certain Fees for the Fire Department Provided by The City of San Juan, Texas; providing for publication and Effective Date' providing for a Severability Clause; providing for Texas Open Meetings Compliance; and Providing for a Repealer Clause. The Fire Department services to the community and fees are necessary to offset the operation and administrative costs incurred by the City in doing so. Mayor Mario Garza asked Chief Garza if the applicants need o pay a fee when their infection doesn't pass for the sprinkler system and they come to apply again. To which Chief Garza responded yes it varies between 15 to 20 dollars the fee and normally on that situation, they would normally take the address right away for the simple reason that they will not be compliant should there be a fire that evening or that night and the system is not working there's a possibility that they won't have coverage for insurance. Mayor Mario Garza asked, so you do inform them on what you expect to which Chief Garza responded yeah that's currently the process that we're doing right now but we weren't charging.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Consider Second and Final Reading of an Ordinance for the Rezoning Request from MultiFamily Residence District (RMF) to SingleFamily Residence District (RS) of the 16.357 Acre Tract of Land out of the West 4.07 Acres of Lot 7, Block 7 and 12.29 Acres Out of the East 14.83 Acres of Lot 7, Block 6, John Closner Subdivision, out of Porciones 71 and 72, Located Approximately a Quarter of a Mile West of Raul Longoria Road, Along the North side of Eldora Road, as Requested by Melden & Hunt, Inc.
- B. Consider Second and Final Reading of an Ordinance for the Rezoning Request from SingleFamily Residence District (RS) to MultiFamily Residence District (RMF) for an 8.65Acre Tract of Land Out of Lot 12, Block 31, Alamo Land and Sugar Company's Subdivision, Located at the Southwest Corner of Ridge and Cesar Chavez Road, as Requested by Esponjas Development, LTD.
- C. Consider Second and Final Reading of an Ordinance for the Rezoning Request from SingleFamily Residence District (RS) to General Business District (C2) of Tract I the 5.43Acre Tract of Land of the South 500 feet of the West 495 Feet of Lot 14, Block 47, Alamo Land and Sugar Company's Subdivision. Tract II the 9.32Acre Tract of the West 495 Feet of the North 820 feet of Lot 14, Block 47, Alamo Land and Sugar Company's Subdivision, Located Approximately Three Quarters of a Mile East of Raul Longoria Road, Along the North Side of Nolana Avenue, as Requested by Juan Maldonado.
- D. Tax Collection Report March 2021.
- E. Quarterly Investment Report March 31, 2021.
- F. Budget Expenditure Report March 2021

Mayor Mario Garza made motion to approve and was seconded by Commissioner Marco “Markie” Villegas. Motion Passed (3-0).

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: 6:42 p.m.

- A. The San Juan City Commission will Convene in Executive Session, in Accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Vernon's Texas Statutes and Codes Annotated, Government Code Chapter 551. (Consultation with Attorney).

1. Pursuant to Section §551.071, Consultation with Attorney; Discussion and Possible Action Regarding City Hall/Transit Terminal Building.

IX. RECONVENE 7:04 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Leonardo “Lenny” Sanchez made motion to reconvene and was seconded by Commissioner Marco “Markie” Villegas. Motion Passed (3-0).

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- A. The City of San Juan will Reconvene in Open Session to Take Necessary Action, if any, in Accordance with Chapter 551, Open Meeting, Subchapter E, Procedures Relating to Closed Meeting 551, Requirements to Vote or Take Final Action in Open Meeting.

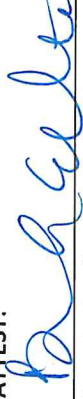
1. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding City Hall/Transit Terminal Building

Mayor Pro Tem Leonardo "Lenny" Sanchez made motion to approve as discussed in executive session and was seconded by Commissioner Marco "Markie" Villegas. Motion Passed (3-0).

X. ADJOURNMENT 7:04pm

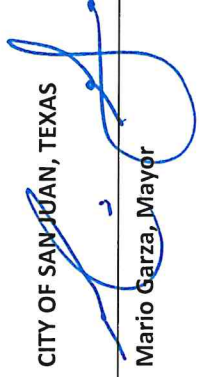
Mayor Pro Tem Leonardo "Lenny" Sanchez made motion to adjourn AT 7:04 p.m. and was seconded by Commissioner Marco "Markie" Villegas. Motion Passed (3-0).

ATTEST:



Brenda Escalante, Interim City Secretary

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Mario Garza, Mayor