

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF SAN JUAN COMMISSION

**DATE:** Tuesday, February 28, 2022

**TIME:** 12:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** San Juan Memorial Library  
Multipurpose Meeting Room  
1010 S. Standard  
San Juan, Texas 78589

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mario Garza, Mayor  
Leonardo "Lenny" Sanchez, Mayor Pro Tempore  
Adina "Dina" Santillan, Commissioner  
Ernesto "Neto" Guajardo, Commissioner  
Rick Palacios, City Attorney

**STAFF PRESENT:** Benjamin Arjona, City Manager  
Brenda Escalante, City Secretary  
Tirso Garza, Chief of Fire  
Leroy Gonzales, Finance Director

### ORDER OF BUSINESS

- I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**  
Mayor Mario Garza called meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**  
Mayor Mario Garza led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- VII. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ALL THE FOLLOWING MATTERS:**

- A. Discussion and Possible Action on Presentation by Hilltop Securities on Public Property Finance Contractual Obligations, Series 2022, Plan of Finance for the Funding of Pumper Fire Truck.**

**DISCUSSION:** Benjamin Arjona, City Manager introduced Cris Vela with Hilltop Securities. Cris Vela thanked everyone and introduced himself as Security Financial Advisor for the City of San Juan. He directed to page two that outlined the project cost and instrument that will be utilized. He informed the City Commission that Public Property Finance Contractual Obligations allows the city to finance for a longer period of time versus tax notes that only allow financing for seven years. Mr. Vela briefly explained the total amortization of 10 years which is based on the life vehicle. He noted the cost would be \$545,000 and there would be no tax rate impact including financing through the taxable assessed valuation and existing use of debt service funds. In addition, they will issue a bank-qualified paper under \$10 million which allows the city to get a better interest rate on financing. A competitive private placement transaction will take bids on March 22nd and go before the board with a transaction summary to approve the bids on the 22nd and deliver proceeds (found on pg.4) on April 19. Mr. Vela continued to explain the department services, found on pg.3, payments for the actual cost of the pumper which is about \$60,000 a year and asked if there were any questions. Mayor Mario Garza asked if March 22nd is when they go back with the lowest bid. Mr. Vela responded yes, they would present the bids and recommend the lowest bid.

**Commissioner Ernesto "Neto" Guajardo motioned to approve and was seconded by Mayor Mario Garza. Motion passed. (4-0)**

### **III. RESOLUTION**

- A. Consideration and Approval of a Resolution by the City Commission of the City of San Juan Authorizing Certain Representatives of the City to Move Forward with the Proposed Issuance and Sale of One or More Finance Lease Agreements; Authorizing the Preparation of Any Documents and Agreements Necessary to**

**Effectuate the Issuance and Sale of Such Obligations, and Other Matters in Connection Therewith.**

**DISCUSSION:** Mayor Mario Garza emphasized that he wanted to make sure everything goes as planned due to the last experience and asked Rick Palacios, City Attorney to review all the documents. Benjamin Arjona, City Manager stated the it was discussed with Chief Tirso Garza that any appraisal would be through independent appraisal instead of the same company. Mayor Garza agreed and asked if its brand-new truck. Chief responded yes it just came off the line and not a demo. Mayor Garza asked if this truck is replacing an old one or it's a new edition. Chief Garza responded it's to replace the one that broke down during the Matts Cash & Carry fire and that it was a 20-year-old truck.

**Mayor Pro-Tempore Leonardo "Lenny" Sanchez motioned to approve and was seconded by Ernesto "Neto" Guajardo. Motion passed. (4-0)**

**B. Consideration and Approval of a Resolution Establishing the Intention of the City of San Juan, Texas to Reimburse Itself for the Prior Lawful Expenditure of Funds Relating to Acquiring, Constructing and Equipping Various City Improvements from the Proceeds of One or More Series of Tax-Exempt Obligations to be Issued by the City for Authorized Purposes; Authorizing Other Matters Incident and Related Thereto; and Providing and Effective Date.**

**DISCUSSION:** Benjamin Arjona, City Manager explained the reimbursement process. Mr. Arjona informed the City Commission that Mr. Arnold Cantu was connected to the meeting via zoom, should there be any questions.

**Mayor Pro-Tempore Leonardo "Lenny" Sanchez motioned to approve and was seconded by Mayor Mario Garza. Motion passed. (4-0)**

**XI. ADJOURNEMENT 12:07 p.m.**

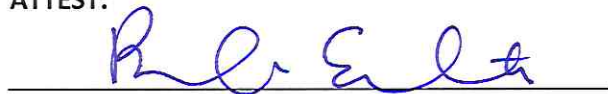
**Mayor Pro-Tempore Leonardo "Lenny" Sanchez made motion to adjourn and was seconded by Ernesto "Neto" Guajardo. Motion passed. (4-0)**

CITY OF SAN JUAN, TEXAS



Mario Garza, Mayor

ATTEST:



Brenda Escalante, City Secretary