

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF SAN JUAN COMMISSION

DATE: Tuesday, June 28, 2022

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: San Juan Memorial Library
1010 S. Standard
San Juan, Texas 78589

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mario Garza, Mayor
Leonardo "Lenny" Sanchez, Mayor Pro-Tempore
Adina "Dina" Santillan, Commissioner
Marco "Markie" Villegas, Commissioner
Rick Palacios, City Attorney

STAFF PRESENT: Benjamin Arjona, City Manager
Brenda Escalante, City Secretary
Carlos Alaniz, Deputy Fire Chief
Reymundo Casarez, Captain of Police
Leroy Gonzalez, Director of Finance
Armandina Segin, Library Director
Patrick Willingham, Director of Parks & Recreation
Monica Gomez, Planner II
Israel Garza, Director of Sanitation/ Public Works
Juan Carlos Martinez, Interim 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 6:00P.M.
- II. INVOCATION:**
Benjamin Arjona, City Manager led the Invocation.
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**
Mayor Mario Garza led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

DISCUSSION: There were no public comments.

V. PRESENTATIONS:

A. Presentation on Electricity Analysis by Valiant Energy Sources.

DISCUSSION: Rudy Ramirez with Valiant Energy Sources was present to give his presentation regarding the analysis they did on the athlete and what their department has to offer. Mr. Ramirez stated they did a PR background nine months ago, in the summer of 2021, and information was gathered as far as what the rate is with the current contract that will expire in February 2023, and he brought three proposals. Mr. Ramirez proceeded with his presentation and provided information regarding the services they have to offer the city.

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

- 1. Department of Finance Monthly Report**
- 2. Fire Department Monthly Report**
- 3. Police Department Monthly Report**
- 4. Municipal Court Monthly Report**
- 5. Department of Utilities**

DISCUSSION: Mayor Mario Garza asked if we still had the automated call systems directed to the Police Department, to which he added that the citizens don't like it because they don't get through when they want to speak to somebody directly from the Police Department. He asked if they could please assess this matter to see how we could fix it. Benjamin Arjona, City Manager, added this will be discussed tomorrow at their staff meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Leonardo "Lenny" Sanchez stated he agreed with the mayor's concern because we are forcing the citizens to call 911 when it's not an emergency that's an issue. Mayor Mario Garza asked Mary Enriquez, Court Administrator, if there was a computer installed in the courtroom already and if they

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had a phone line, to which Ms. Enriquez responded they don't. Mayor Garza asked Pat Karr, Director of Information Technology, to please add a line in there, that's very important. Mayor Garza asked what the status of the fire station was, to which Mr. Arjona responded that we will be going out for bids for the sewer line and waterline, and once the sewer line bids go out and we receive them, we're going to do both things at the same time before we actually go out and start demolishing or disassembling the fire station. He added that he will have an update on the fire station, city hall, and parks.

VI. PUBLIC HEARING/ ORDINANCES

- A. Hold a Public Hearing for a Proposed "Northside" Park Located off of W Sioux Road and Veterans Boulevard, next to the City of San Juan Water Works, to be Funded in Conjunction with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Local Parks Grant. Due to San Juan's Growing Population, the Park Will Fill a Gap in Safe, Accessible Outdoor Recreation for Residents in this Area of the City, Many of Whom Live Below the Poverty Line. One of the Stated Goals of the San Juan Parks Master Plan is to Expand the Park System to Provide Adequate Distribution of Park Facilities to Meet the Residents Needs Citywide, Including the Specific Goal of Developing a Park in the Northeast Area of the City, where this Project is Located.**

DISCUSSION: Mr. Benjamin Arjona, City Manager stated this public hearing was a requirement to proceed with the grant application. Patrick Willingham, Director of Parks and Recreation Department stated this proposed park is needed to meet the goals of the San Juan Parks Master Plan and to be in compliance with the 2019-2024 Lower Rio Grande Valley Regional Strategic Plan. The City of San Juan is seeking funding to develop and construct a 7.675-acre park in the Northeastern of San Juan. Furthermore, the city intends to construct a parking lot, recreation center, all- inclusive playground, all- inclusive splash pad, pavilion, open play and exercise area including a basketball court, two soccer fields, and walking trails. Mr. Willingham mentioned that the North San Juan area is very deficient in parkland and this will meet a big part of the Master Plan that was developed and approved by the Texas Parks and Wildlife. Mr. Arjona stated that the Master Plan calls for a park site not necessary with an address.

Mayor Mario Garza opened the public hearing at 6:27 P.M. and announced anyone wishing to speak for or against this item, may do so.

DISCUSSION: Mayor Mario Garza stated this is something that the city has been working on for sometime and finally the city is at this point which is great. Mr. Arjona announced the upcoming groundbreaking for this new park. Mayor Mario Garza asked Mr. Arjona to push back the scheduled date for the groundbreaking to which the City Commission agreed.

There were no other comments, **Mayor Garza closed the Public Hearing at 6:32 P.M.**

Commissioner Marco "Markie" Villegas made motion to approve and was seconded by Mayor Mario Garza. Motion Passed (4-0).

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Consider Approval of the Budget Expenditure Report for the Month of May 2022.**
- B. Consider Second and Final Reading of the Ordinances Regarding Request from Manufactured Home District (R-MH) to Light Industrial District (L-I) of the property legally described as 4.47-acre tract of land out of the West 436.4 feet of the South 509.59 feet excluding the East 75 feet of the South 150 feet of Lot 15, Block 6, John Closner Subdivision, as Requested by Bonnie Abbott.**
- C. Consider Second and Final Reading of the Ordinance Regarding Amending the Code of Ordinances Appendix "A", Unified Development Code, Chapter 2- Zoning Regulations, Section 11: Expressway Corridor District by Amending such Section to Authorize the Use of Retail Establishments primarily.**
- D. Consider Second and Final Reading of an Ordinance Regarding Amending Chapter 3 Building Regulations, Article 3.02 Technical and Construction Codes and Standards, to update the Various Technical Building related Codes, including the International Building Code, International Residential Code, International Energy Conservation Code, International Plumbing Code, International Mechanical Code, International Fuel Gas Code, International Property Maintenance Code and National Electrical Code and to update and codify the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code into the City's Code of Ordinances; Providing for Effective Date; Providing for Publication; Providing for Codification; Providing for Severability Clause; and Providing for a Repealer Clause.**

Commissioner Marco "Markie" Villegas made motion to approve and was seconded by Mayor Mario Garza. Motion Passed (4-0).

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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- A. Pursuant to Section 551.074 PERSONAL MATTERS; Discuss the Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Reassignment, Duties, Discipline or Dismissal of a Public Officer or Employee (Director of Utilities)

Commissioner Adina “Dina” Santillan made motion to enter into Executive Session at 6:33 P.M. and was seconded by Mayor Mario Garza. Motion Passed (4-0).

IX. RECONVENE

Mayor Pro Tem Leonardo “Lenny” Sanchez made motion to reconvene at 6:57 P.M. and was seconded by Commissioner Adina “Dina” Santillan. Motion Passed (4-0).

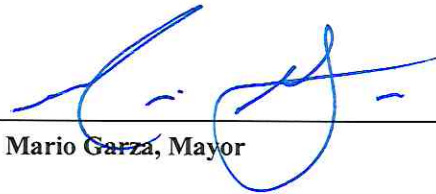
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Mayor Mario Garza made motion to approve City Managers recommendation and appoint Mr. Filemon Olvera as the Director of Utilities and was seconded by Commissioner Adina “Dina” Santillan. Motion Passed (4-0).

X. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Leonardo “Lenny” Sanchez made motion to adjourn at 6:58 P.M. and was seconded by Commissioner Marco “Markie” Villegas. Motion Passed (4-0).

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Mario Garza, Mayor

ATTEST:



Brenda Escalante, City Secretary