

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF SAN JUAN COMMISSION

DATE:

Wednesday, October 26, 2022

TIME:

6:00 p.m.

PLACE:

Amigos del Valle
600 W. 1st Street
San Juan, Texas 78589

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mario Garza, Mayor
Adina “Dina” Santillan, Commissioner
Ernesto “Neto” Guajardo, Commissioner
Marco “Markie” Villegas, Commissioner
Rick Palacios, City Attorney

STAFF PRESENT:

Benjamin Arjona, City Manager
Brenda Escalante, City Secretary
Tirso Garza, Chief of Fire
Leandro Sifuentes, Interim Chief of Police
Leroy Gonzales, Finance Director
Adelaida Cordero, Director of Human Resources
Armandina Sesin, Library Director
Patrick Willingham, Director of Parks & Recreation
Daniel Tijerina, Director of Planning
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 6:00 p.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: No Public Comments

V. PRESENTATIONS:

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

DISCUSSION: Leandro Sifuentes, Interim Chief of Police, said that they had employed a total of four people when Commissioner Ernesto "Neto" Guajardo inquired about the employment of workers. Mayor Mario Garza inquired as to whether Mr. Quiroz still had dispatch responsibilities, and Chief Sifuentes responded yes. Mayor Garza asked as to the number of police officers employed, to which Chief Sifuentes said, "Three, and we're working on a fourth." Mayor Garza also questioned if they were following the terms of the Civil Service agreement, which called for six cops every shift. Chief Sifuentes claimed that since they lack the capability, now they are not.

VI. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ALL THE FOLLOWING MATTERS:

A. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Rehabilitation Work Needed at Lift Station #10, #11, #12, #16, #18 and #21 in the amount of \$2,478,662.00 by Buy-Board Vendor Southern Trenchless Solutions. Funding is available under ARP Funds. [Juan Carlos Martinez, Interim Director of Utilities]

DISCUSSION: Benjamin Arjona, City Manager, stated that the city has two lift stations that need an upgrade, and staff recommends Southern Trenchless Solutions. Mayor Mario Garza stated that he recalls them doing work for the city, and they do a good job.

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- B. Discussion and Possible Action to Award RFB NO. 23-001-10-06 City of San Juan Fire Station to the most responsible bidder and authorize the City Manager to Execute all Related Documents.

DISCUSSION: No action was taken.

- C. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Request for Reimbursement by Esponjas Development, LTD for the Waterline Oversize from 8" to 12" along Ridge Road and Cesar Chavez for Meadows on Ridge Subdivision in the amount of \$80,600.00.

DISCUSSION: Daniel Tijerina, Director of Planning stated this request is made by Cruz Cantu III, Esponjas Development LTD, as per the agreement between the city and the developer for oversizing the water line from 8" to 12". Attached is the formal request and a copy of the cost breakdown prepared by Quintanilla, Headley and Associates, INC., the amount owed to the developer is \$80,600. Mayor Mario Garza asked to hold on this item since no minutes were included on the packet. Alfonso Quintanilla, Project Engineer stated that the work has been completed and it has been inspected by the city.

No action was taken.

- D. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding a Reimbursement Contract for a Lift Station Constructed by OC DEVELOPMENT, LTD., for Valley Ranch Subdivision in the amount of \$273,878.00.

DISCUSSION: Daniel Tijerina, Director of Planning stated that OC Development, developer of Valley Ranch Subdivision, constructed a lift station as shown on the plans for said subdivision development prepared by Quintanilla, Headley & Associates, Inc. Furthermore, the developer is requesting to document the cost of the lift station and the prorated costs that adjacent property owners must reimburse the developer when they connect to the lift station.

Commissioner Marco “Markie” Villegas motioned to approve and was seconded by Commissioner Ernesto “Neto” Guajardo. Motion Passed (4-0)

VII. CONTRACTUALS

- A. Consider Amendment to the Inter-Local Cooperation Agreement for the Tax Assessment and Collection with the Office of the Tax Assessor-Collector of the County of Hidalgo, and Authorize Budget Amendment as Required.

DISCUSSION: A budget modification is required, according to Leroy Gonzales, Director of Finance, because Hidalgo County presented this contract to the city after the budget was authorized and accepted. Additionally, the County of Hidalgo's Office of the Tax Assessor-Collector is asking for a five percent (5%) increase to \$42,528.00 from \$40,512.00 for the fiscal year running from Oct. 1, 2022, to Sept. 30, 2023. The most recent increase, according to Mr. Gonzales, occurred in 2017.

Commissioner Marco “Markie” Villegas motioned to approve and was seconded by Commissioner Adina “Dina” Santillan. Motion Passed (4-0)

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Consider Second and Final Reading of an Ordinance for a Conditional Use Permit to Allow Dutch Bros Drive-Thru Coffee Shop at 806 W. IH 2, legally described as Lot 5, Texas National Subdivision, located on the Northeastern corner of Frontage Road and Veterans Boulevard, as Requested by Dutch Bros.
- B. Consider Second and Final Reading of an Ordinance for a Conditional Use Permit for the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages (BG - Wine and Beer Retailer's Permit) at the proposed “La Loteria” Food Truck located at 101 Alta Street, as Requested by De la Cruz Food Group, LLC.
- C. Consider Second and Final Reading of an Ordinance for the Voluntary Annexation Petition of the Proposed Valley Ranch Subdivision Phase 3 and 4 being a 21.19-acre tract of land out of Lot 11, Block 27, Alamo Land and Sugar Company's Subdivision, located at the Southwest corner of Hall Acres and Cesar Chavez Road, as Requested by Esponjas Development, LTD.
- D. Consideration and Action Amending Chapter 13 Utilities, Articles 13.02 Solid Waste and Stormwater Pollution Prevention Division 2. Rates, Charges and Billing, Section 13.02.051 Customer Classification; Rate Schedule, to Modify the Rate Schedule Sec. 13.02.051 (b) to Provide for a Monthly Brush Collection Service Fee.
- E. Consider Approval of City Commission Meeting Minutes:

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- April 18, 2022
- April 25, 2022
- May 10, 2022

F. Consider Approval of the Tax Collection Report for September 2022.

G. Consider Approval of the Budget Expenditure Report for the Month of September 2022.

Commissioner Marco “Markie” Villegas motioned to approve and was seconded by Commissioner Adina “Dina” Santillan. Motion Passed (4-0)

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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 et seq. and §551.071 Consultation with Attorney.

1. Pursuant to Section §551.071 of the Texas Government Code, Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Entertainment Agreement for 2022 Noche De Paz.
2. Pursuant to Section §552.071 of the Texas Government Code, Consultation with Attorney, Discussion Regarding Pending Litigation Matter Concerning Cause No. CL-22-4335-J Texas National Bank v. City of San Juan in Hidalgo County Court at Law No. 10.

Commissioner Ernesto “Neto” Guajardo motioned to enter executive session at 6:15 p.m. and was seconded by Mayor Mario Garza. Motion Passed (4-0)

X. RECONVENE

Commissioner Ernesto “Neto” Guajardo motioned to reconvene at 7:06 p.m. and was second by Mayor Mario Garza. Motion Passed (4-0)

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

1. Pursuant to Section §551.071 of the Texas Government Code, Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Entertainment Agreement for 2022 Noche De Paz.

Mayor Mario Garza made motion to enter into a contract agreement with A-Team Entertainment and was second by Commissioner Ernesto “Neto” Guajardo. Motion Passed (4-0)

2. Pursuant to Section §552.071 of the Texas Government Code, Consultation with Attorney, Discussion Regarding Pending Litigation Matter Concerning Cause No. CL-22-4335-J Texas National Bank v. City of San Juan in Hidalgo County Court at Law No. 10.

No action was taken.

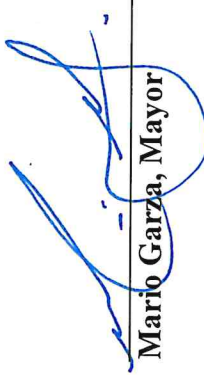
XI. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Ernesto “Neto” Guajardo motioned to adjourn at 7:07 p.m. and was seconded by Commissioner Marco “Markie” Villegas. Motion Passed (4-0)

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ATTEST:


Brenda Escalante, City Secretary


Mario Garza, Mayor