

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF SAN JUAN COMMISSION

DATE: Tuesday, July 27, 2021

TIME: 6:00 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 Tem
Adina "Dina" Santillan, Commissioner
Ernesto "Neto" Guajardo, Commissioner
Marco "Markie" Villegas, Commissioner
Rick Palacios, City Attorney

STAFF PRESENT: Benjamin Arjona, City Manager
Diana Cavazos, City Secretary
Tirso Garza, Chief of Fire
Ruben Morin, Chief of Police
Leroy Gonzales, Director of Finance
Adelaida Cordero, Director of Human Resources
Armandina Sesein, 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 6:00 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:**
No public comments.
- V. PRESENTATIONS**
 - A. Presentation on Departmental Reports: Department of Finance, Fire Department, Police Department, Municipal Court, and Department of Utilities, Planning and Zoning Monthly Report.**
 1. Department of Finance Monthly Report
 2. Fire Department Monthly Report for the Month of April 2021.
 3. Fire Department Monthly Report for the Month of May 2021.
 4. Fire Department Monthly Report for the Month of June 2021.
 5. Police Department Monthly Report.
 6. Municipal Court Monthly Report.
 7. Department of Utilities Monthly Report.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Adina "Dina" Santillan reported that a local Family Dollar store has repeatedly failed fire inspections due to blocked aisles. Fire Chief Tirso Garza stated that the city is considering sending a certified letter to corporate due to ongoing noncompliance.

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men's softball fees from \$350 to \$400 and approved the recreation program registration fees (Section D). All other park-related items were tabled for future review.

Mayor Mario Garza made a motion to amend the men's softball fees from \$350 to \$400 and was seconded by Commissioner Ernesto "Neto" Guajardo. Motion Passed (5-0)

Mayor Mario Garza made a motion to table additional items and was seconded by Commissioner Ernesto "Neto" Guajardo. Motion Passed (5-0)

VII. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ALL THE FOLLOWING MATTERS

- A. Discussion and Possible Action to Authorize a Budget Amendment From Retained Earnings for an Emergency Repair of a Sinkhole at the Wastewater Plant in an Amount Not to Exceed \$60,000 and Authorize the Mayor to Execute all Related Documents. [David Salinas, Director of Utilities]**

DISCUSSION: David Salinas, Director of Utilities, reported that a sinkhole caused by a collapsed ductile iron sewer line requires immediate attention. The city has received two quotes for the repair and has selected the lower bid of \$50,000. Mr. Salinas has requested up to \$60,000 to cover potential additional pipe needs. Future repairs may also include lining the entire pipe.

Commissioner Ernesto "Neto" Guajardo made a motion to approve and was seconded by Commissioner Marco "Markie" Villegas. Motion Passed (5-0)

VII. RESOLUTIONS

- A. Consider Resolution Authorizing the City of San Juan to Submit and Accept an application for the 2020 Operation Stonegarden Application to the Office of the Governor, Homeland Security Grants Division for the City of San Juan. [Ruben Morin, Chief of Police]**

DISCUSSION: Benjamin Arjona, City Manager, stated that the resolution to submit and accept the annual 2020 Operation Stonegarden grant application is for homeland security funding. He clarified that this is an annual resolution.

Commissioner Ernesto "Neto" Guajardo made a motion to approve and was seconded by Commissioner Marco "Markie" Villegas. Motion Passed (5-0)

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Consider Second and Final Reading of an Ordinance for a Rezoning Request from Manufactured Home District (R-MH) to Single Family Residence District (R-S) of the property legally described as the North 0.34 acre tract of land out of the North 0.86 feet of the South 6.92 of the East 10.0 acres of the West 31.46 of Lots 1 and 2, Block 11, John Closner Subdivision, located at the Southwest corner of Orange Drive and Stewart Road, as Requested by Iden Trevino. [Robert Escobar, Director of Planning]**
- B. Consider Second and Final Reading of the Ordinance for the Rezoning Request from Single-Family Residence District (R-S) to Multi-Family Residence District (R-MF) of the 8.69 acre tract of land out of Lot 12, Block 8, John Closner Subdivision, located approximately 300 feet South of Nolana Avenue, along the West side of Raul Longoria Road, as Requested by OC Development, LTD. [Robert Escobar, Director of Planning]**
- C. Consider Second and Final Reading of an Ordinance for the Voluntary Annexation Petition of the Valley Ranch Subdivision Phase 2 being a 9.76 Acre Tract of Land Out of Lot 5, Block 27, Alamo Land and Sugar Company's Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas, as per map recorded in Volume 1, Pages 24-26, Map Records, as Requested by OC Development, LTD. [Robert Escobar, Director of Planning].**
- D. Tax Collection Report - June 2021. [Leroy Gonzales, Director of Finance]**
- E. Consider Approval of the Budget Expenditure Report - October 2021**

Mayor Pro Tem Leonardo "Lenny" Sanchez made a motion to approve all items under consent agenda and was seconded by Commissioner Ernesto "Neto" Guajardo. Motion Passed (5-0)

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. The San Juan City Commission will Convene in Executive Session, in Accordance with the Texas Open Meeting Act, Vernon's Texas Statutes and Codes Annotated, Government Code Chapter §551.07 Consultation with Attorney.**

- 1. Pursuant to Section §551.071 Consultation with Attorney; Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Issues Concerning a Festival Event to take Place in October 2021.**

Mayor Pro Tem Leonardo "Lenny" Sanchez made a motion to enter executive session at 7:12 p.m. and was seconded by Commissioner Ernesto "Neto" Guajardo. Motion passed (5-0)

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Commissioner Ernesto "Neto" Guajardo made a motion to reconvene at 7:51 p.m. and was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Leonardo "Lenny" Sanchez. Motion passed (5-0)

XI. RECONVENE

- 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 take Vote or Take Final Action in Open Meeting.

1. Pursuant to Section §551.071 Consultation with Attorney; Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Issues Concerning a Festival Event to take Place in October 2021.

Commissioner Marco "Markie" Villegas made a motion to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement as discussed under executive session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ernesto "Neto" Guajardo. Motion Passed (5-0)

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Leonardo "Lenny" Sanchez made a motion to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. and was seconded by Commissioner Ernesto "Neto" Guajardo. Motion Passed (5-0)

CITY OF SAN JUAN, TEXAS



Mario Garza, Mayor

ATTEST:



Brenda Escalante, City Secretary