

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

DATE:

Tuesday, August 8, 2017

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
Jesse Ramirez, Mayor Pro-Tempore
Raudel Maldonado, Commissioner
Ernesto Guajardo, Commissioner
Pete Garcia, Commissioner
Criselda Palacios, City Attorney

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Benjamin Arjona, City Manager
Diana Cavazos, City Secretary
Juan Gonzalez, Chief of Police
Oscar Cuellar, San Juan EDC Director
Leroy Gonzalez, Interim Finance Director
Adelaida Cordero, Director of Human Resources
Armandina Sesin, Library Director
Patrick Willingham, Director of Parks and Recreation
Xavier Cervantes, Director of Planning
Carmen Gonzalez, Director of Sanitation
Rene Jaime, Purchasing/Risk Management
David Salinas, Director of Utilities
Mary Enriquez, Court Administrator
Robert Rangel, Director of Information Technology

GUEST:

ORDER OF BUSINESS

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Mario Garza called meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. INVOCATION

Benjamin Arjona led the invocation.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Mario Garza led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a. Ricardo Gallardo had a concern with a porch that he is trying to add to his house and the issues he is having with the permits. He was instructed to get with the Planning and Zoning Department.

V. PRESENTATIONS

- a. Introduction and Welcome to the City of San Juan, Consul of Mexico, Guillermo Ordorica R.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Guillermo Ordorica said it will be a pleasure as a Council of Mexico to inaugurate and present the event of Escuadron 201 on August 16, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. He went on to say that history speaks of many events where the United States and Mexico worked collaboratively side by side especially during World War II. Mexico and the U.S. joined forces in the South Pacific. One of the first flags captured from the enemy was by the Mexican Army and very little history is known in some areas about this event. The United States and Mexico are not just friends because they share a border. They are friends because they share the same concept of peace. They are friends because they share the same values.

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- b. Presentation on Departmental Reports: Department of Planning and Zoning, Parks and Recreation, San Juan Memorial Library and Sanitation. (Benjamin Arjona, City Manager)

DISCUSSION: Mr. Arjona introduced Mr. Robert Rangel as the Director of Information Technology to the public.

Carmen Gonzalez congratulated her staff for the great work they did last year with the struggle of the old equipment and said they deserved the new equipment that was purchased. Mayor Garza said he was really proud of Ms. Gonzalez and her staff for being the backbone, the individuals that drive this city forward.

VI. PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCES

- a. Consider Adoption of an Ordinance in First Reading for the Voluntary Annexation of an 8.894-Acre Tract of Land out of the West Half of Lot 7, Block 47, Alamo Land and Sugar Company's Subdivision Located Along the North Side of Minnesota Road Halfway between Raul Longoria and Cesar Chavez Roads as Requested by Tax Ranch, LLC. (Xavier Cervantes, Director of Planning)

DISCUSSION: Xavier Cervantes, Director of Planning stated that the Planning Department is processing a residential subdivision along the North side of Minnesota Road which should be completed and recorded within the next couple of months. The subdivision went through the City Commission on February 14th, 2017 for preliminary and final thought approval. The proposed subdivision is just outside the city limits within the City of San Juan's extraterritorial jurisdiction. To help simplify the process and to comply the developer is requesting annexation to the City of San Juan. The annexation will increase city tax base along with sewer and garbage revenue.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Temp Jesus “Jesse” Ramirez to approve and seconded by Commissioner Raudel “Raudy” Maldonado. Motion passed. (5-0)

- b. Consider Adoption of Ordinance in First Reading Authorizing the Naming of a Public Alley Inside the City Limits of San Juan as West 2 ½ Drive in Order to Provide for More Distinctive Street Names in the Area and to Provide for more Efficient Emergency Responses. (Xavier Cervantes, Director of Planning)

DISCUSSION: Xavier Cervantes, Director of Planning stated that an Ordinance is being proposed to address the confusion in the alley along the area on 2nd and 3rd Streets between San Antonio and Standard Avenue. Block 7 of the Original San Juan Town Site subdivision was split many years ago by the subdivision developer which resulted in a residential lapse that only has frontage access through a public alley way. In case of an emergency personnel will have a hard time finding the location. After consulting with the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council and the 911 Division personnel the agencies recommended for the alley to be given an official street name.

Motion was made by Commissioner Raudel “Raudy” Maldonado to approve and seconded by Commissioner Ernesto “Neto” Guajardo. Motion passed. (5-0)

VII. CONTRACTUALS/RESOLUTIONS

- a. Consider Authorizing City Manager to Enter Into a Policing Agreement between Pharr-San Juan-Alamo Independent School Districts and the City of San Juan Police Department. (Juan Gonzalez, Chief of Police)

DISCUSSION: Captain Cazares stated that this is an annual agreement with PSJA to place a police officer at the high school all year round. School district pays for the officer and they reimburse the city. Mayor Mario Garza asked if the officer is involved in outreach with the students. Captain Cazares responded that when the officer is asked by the district they do presentations on drug, alcohol and crime intervention. Captain Cazares responded to Mayor Pro-Temp, Jesse Ramirez that the officer can sanctioned students if it is needed.

Motions was made by Commissioner Pete Garcia to approve and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tempore Jesus Ramirez. Motion passed. (5-0)

- b. Consider Adoption of an Interlocal Agreement between the County of Hidalgo and the City of San Juan Regarding the FY 2017 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds under Grant No. B-17-UC-480501. (Xavier Cervantes, Director of Planning)

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DISCUSSION: Xavier Cervantes, Director of Planning stated that the Interlocal agreement with Hidalgo County Urban County Program is requesting for the City of San Juan to participate and be eligible to obtain Fiscal Year 2017 funding. As approved on the October 25th, 2016 City Commission Meeting the budget for the 2017 fiscal year is the following: \$3000.00 for administrative expenses, \$4000.00 for senior community outreach services, \$7500.00 for Amigos Del Valle, \$7500.00 for Boys and Girls Club of Alamo/San Juan, \$5000.00 for CASA of Hidalgo County, \$5000.00 for Nuestra Clinica Del Valle and \$244,051.00 for street improvements including labor, material, equipment and engineering.

Mayor Pro-Temp Jesus “Jesse” Ramirez asked if this included the San Juan Boys and Girls Club to which Mr. Xavier Cervantes responded that the numbers presented was approved for 2017, but they can possibly get funding for the fiscal year 2018. Mayor Mario Garza asked if they could get funding for the San Juan Nursing home to which Mr. Cervantes replied that Mr. Arjona and himself would meet with Lupita, the representative of Urban County to get a definite answer on funding for 2018 once she returns from vacation.

Commissioner Pete Garcia made a motion to approve as presented and was seconded by Mayor Pro-Temp Jesus “Jesse” Ramirez. Motion passed. (5-0)

VIII. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING MATTERS:

- a. Consider the aApproval of a Budget Amendment in the Amount of \$45,000.00 out of Federal Forfeiture Fund Balance of Police Department Federal Budget. (Juan Gonzalez, Chief of Police)

DISCUSSION: Captain Cazares stated that at the beginning of the last budget year they allocated all of their federal monies towards the construction of the new building. They have since been awarded more money and are now asking for an amendment to furnish the new building. Mainly for office furniture, appliances, shelving of the evidence room, records room, refrigerators and coffe maker. The U.S. Marshalls is going to award office based from the offie in McAllen that will be placed in the new building.

Commissioner Pete Garcia motioned to approve, Mayor Pro-Temp Jesse Ramirez seconded. Motion passed. (5-0)

- b. **Discussion and Consider Proposed Tax Rate for the City of San Juan for Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018 and Setting Public Hearing. (Leroy Gonzalez, Interim Finance Director)**

DISCUSSION: Leroy Gonzalez, Interim Finance Director stated that he attached the benchmark from 2016-2017 tax rate. The recommendation is for the tax rate to stay the same.

Commissioner Pete Garcia motioned to approve, Commissioner Raudy Maldonado seconded. Motion passed. (5-0)

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Consider an Ordinance in Second Reading for a Rezoning Request from Single-Family Residence District (R-S) to Multi-Family Residence District (R-MF) for a Property Legally Described as a 10.00-acre Tract of Land out of Lot 3, Block 39, Alamo Land and Sugar Company's Subdivision, located approximately a Quarter of a Mile West from Cesar Chavez Road along the South Side of Sioux Road, as Requested by Omar Rios. (Xavier Cervantes, Director of Planning)

DISCUSSION: No questions on the consent agenda. Mayor Pro-Temp Jesus “Jesse” Ramirez asked if they were going to have minutes to review on next meeting. Benjamin Arjona, City Manager replied that they were currently working on minutes.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION: 6:27 pm.

The San Juan City Commission Will Now go Into Closed Session Pursuant to the Provision of the Chapter 551, Subchapter D, Exceptions to Requirements that Meetings be Open Texas Government Code 550.071 (Consultation with Attorney) and Open Texas Government Code 551.087 (Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations) in Accordance with:

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- a. To discuss or Deliberate Current, Future and or Pending Projects Regarding Commercial of Finance Information Which the EDC is Conducting Economic Development Negotiation.

Commissioner Pete Garcia motion to approve, Mayor Pro-Temp Jesus “Jesse” Ramirez seconded.

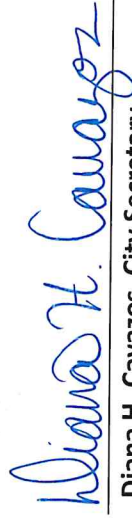
XI. RECONVENE: 7:07 pm.

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.

XII. ADJOURNMENT: 7:10 pm

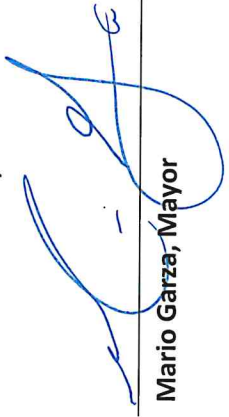
Commissioner Raudel “Raudy” Maldonado motioned to adjourn meeting and seconded by Commissioner Pete Garcia. Motion passed. (5-0)

ATTEST:



Diana H. Cavazos, City Secretary

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Mario Garza, Mayor