

MINUTES OF SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE CITY OF SAN JUAN COMMISSION

DATE:

Wednesday, May 23, 2018

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
Pete Garcia, Mayor Pro-Tempore
Lenny Sanchez, Commissioner
Jesse Ramirez, Commissioner
Ernesto Guajardo, Commissioner
Rick Palacios, City Attorney

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Tirso Garza, Chief of Fire

STAFF PRESENT:

Benjamin Arjona, City Manager
Diana Cavazos, City Secretary
Juan Gonzalez, Chief of Police
Oscar Lopez, Fire Marshall
Leroy Gonzales, 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: Daniela Pulido Salinas, student from PSJA Memorial High School, Omar Maldonado and Karoline Mendoza, students from PSJA Bears High School

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

V. PRESENTATIONS

- a. Presentation on Scholarship Awards by San Juan Fire Department.

DISCUSSION: Benjamin Arjona, City Manager presented the item and Rolando Casas, Assistant Chief gave presentation.

Mr. Casas stated that scholarship applications had been received and the Committee had reviewed them before making the final selections. The Committee selected the following three students: Omar Maldonado and Karoline Mendoza from PSJA Bears High School and Daniela Pulido Salinas from PSJA Memorial High School. Mr. Casas added that each scholarship was \$500 and that the money was raised by fundraisers that the Fire Department did throughout the year.

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- b. Presentation of Departmental Reports: Department of Finance, Police Department, Fire Department, Municipal Court, and Department of Utilities.

DISCUSSION: Benjamin Arjona, City Manager presented the item and stated Department Directors were available for any questions.

Commissioner Jesus Ramirez asked the Fire Department what the highlighted 911 calls on the report meant. Oscar Lopez, Fire Marshall replied that it meant the ambulance took more than eight minutes to respond so it would be brought up to the ambulance company.

Commissioner Jesus Ramirez congratulated San Juan Police Department on the job well done in apprehending the fugitive that struck a constable officer.

VI. PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCES

- a. Conduct a Public Hearing and Consider Adoption of an Ordinance in First Reading for a Rezoning Request from Single-Family Residence District (R-S) to Multi-Family Rezoning Residence District (R-MF), for a Property Legally Described as Lots 6 and 7, Block 11, Palm Vista Subdivision, Located at the Southwest Corner of Citrus and Antelope Street, as Requested by Apolonio Melendez.

DISCUSSION: Benjamin Arjona, City Manager presented the item and Xavier Cervantes, Director of Planning gave presentation.

Mr. Cervantes stated that Mr. Melendez was planning on demolishing the existing house to build duplexes on each lot. The surrounding properties were considered single residences and letters were sent to 29 surrounding property owners. He mentioned that they had one opposition to the request. The Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously recommended denial of the request.

Mayor Mario Garza opened for public comment at 6:13 pm.

Cristobal Villescás stated that he lives south of Mr. Melendez's property and he is afraid the renters will not care for the property and also of increase in crime.

Maria Isabel Montanez commented that the neighborhood is a quiet neighborhood and she wouldn't like the traffic or crime to increase. She also mentioned that there are other empty lots around and she is afraid that they will do the same by building apartment complex.

Marta Diaz also commented that it's a quiet neighborhood and everyone knows each other there. She stated that her sister is handicapped and that the neighbors look after her. She added that she was afraid for her sister's safety with other people coming to the neighborhood.

Mayor Mario Garza closed public comment at 6:19 pm

Commissioner Lenny Sanchez Motioned to deny and Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tempore Pete Garcia. Motion to Deny passed (5-0)

VII. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING MATTERS:

- a. Consider Selection and Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into Contract with Professional Service Company for a Cost of Service, Water and Sewer Rate and Debt Capacity Study. Pursuant to RFQ # 18-66-03-23.

DISCUSSION: Benjamin Arjona, City Manager presented the item and David Salinas gave presentation.

Mr. Salinas stated that in January 9, 2018 the City Commission authorized staff to solicit cost of the Service Water and Sewer rate study. He added that Willdan scored the highest points, therefore staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Jesus Ramirez Motioned to Approve and Seconded by Commissioner Ernesto Guajardo. Motion Passed (5-0)

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VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Consider an Ordinance in Second Reading for a Rezoning Request from Single-Family Residence District (R-S) to Heavy Commercial District (C-3) for a Property Legally Described as a 5.00-acre Tract of Land out of the South 660 Feet of the West 330 Feet of the 370 of Lot 54, Stewart Addition to and Las Milpas Roads, as Requested by Marcos Perez.
- b. Consider Approval of City of San Juan Texas Quarterly Investment Report Dated March 31, 2018 as Required by the Public Funds Investment Act (PFIA).
- c. Monthly Collection Report –April 2018.
- d. Meeting Minutes.
-March 27, 2018
-April 10, 2018

DISCUSSION: Benjamin Arjona, City Manager presented the items and stated that items could be pulled or discussed.

Commissioner Jesus Ramirez stated that on the minutes for March 27, 2018 the individual that was appointed to the Keep San Juan Beautiful Board was Yvonne not Ivan. He also stated that he and Mayor Mario Garza had voted against Fred Rodriguez being removed from the EDC and the voting was 3 to 2.

Mayor Mario Garza asked for a motion with the amendments listed to approve.

Commissioner Jesus Ramirez Motioned to Approve and Seconded by Commissioner Ernesto Guajardo. Motion Passed (5-0)

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:24 pm

- 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. Consultation with Attorney and Possible Action Regarding Public Private Opportunities for Development of the City of San Juan Public Infrastructure, Pertaining to Water and Waste Facilities (Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.087, Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations; Closed Meeting and 551.071 Consultation with Attorney; Closed Session).

DISCUSSION: Benjamin Arjona, City Manager presented the item and Mayor Mario Garza asked for a motion to approve.

Commissioner Jesus Ramirez Motioned to Approve and Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tempore Pete Garcia. Motion Passed (5-0)

X. 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 Vote or Take Final Action in Open Meeting.

DISCUSSION: Mayor Mario Garza asked for motion to reconvene.

Commissioner Jesus Ramirez Motioned to Approve and Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tempore Pete Garcia. Motion Passed (5-0)

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DISCUSSION: Mayor Mario Garza stated that no action was made for executive session Item 1.

XI. ADJOURNMENT 6:54 pm

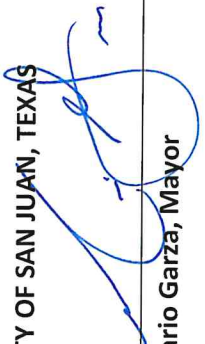
Commissioner Lenny Sanchez Motioned to Adjourn and Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tempore Pete Garcia. Motion Passed (5-0)

ATTEST:

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Diana H. Cavazos, City Secretary

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A large, stylized handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mario Garza", written over a horizontal line.

Mario Garza, Mayor