

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF SAN JUAN COMMISSION

DATE:

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

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-Tempore
Ernesto “Neto” Guajardo, Commissioner
Marco “Markie” Villegas, Commissioner
Ricardo Palacios, City Attorney

STAFF PRESENT:

Benjamin Arjona, City Manager
Diana Cavazos, City Secretary
Tirso Garza, Chief of Fire
Homero Alaffa, Police Lieutenant
Leroy Gonzalez, Director of Finance
Adelaida Cordero, Director of Human Resources
Armandina Sesin, Library Director
Patrick Willingham, Director of Parks & Recreation
Roberto Escobar, Director of Planning
Jose J. Salinas, 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 ALLEGIENCE

Mayor Mario Garza led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

V. PRESENTATIONS

A. Presentation of the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation Award (TAAF)

DISCUSSION: Patrick Willingham, Director of Parks and Recreation stated tonight I want to take a moment to recognize staff, actually the whole department. Mr. Willingham further stated as you may recall last year we were awarded (TAAF) Texas Amateur Athletic Federation Bronze Member City Award, which an award that is presented for outstanding participation and organization training programs. This year I’m happy to announce the city has moved up in category at the state meeting held on September 19th in Galveston, Texas to a Silver Member City Award. Mr. Willingham stated this couldn’t have been done without staff doing a great job day in and day out, from registration, handling the phones, organization of our leagues, getting orders out, and paying the bills. I don’t believe they get recognized enough, here present we have our Assistant Director Ruben Guajardo, our Recreation Supervisor Ramiro Moreno, Administrative Clerk Angie, Recreation Assistant Christine and our Recreation Assistant II Jelet, not with us tonight is Mr. Rodriguez. Our park staff can’t say enough about the guys out in the field on a daily basis with the upgrades they make our city look better. Our building maintenance staff: Mr. Martinez, Mr. Magallan and our custodians keep our buildings clean and up to par. It shows every year, last year the bronze this year the silver as a Director without them things wouldn’t get done, they all do a really good job. Mr. Arjona, City Manager stated for next year the goal is reaching the gold award to which Mr. Willingham responded there were two more steps, the gold and the platinum but they are certainly headed that way. Mayor Mario Garza, City Manager and Commissioner Marco “Markie” Villegas congratulated the department.

B. Presentation on Departmental Reports: Department of Planning and Zoning, Department of Sanitation, San Juan Memorial Library and Department of Parks and Recreation.

DISCUSSION: Mayor Pro-Tem Leonardo “Lenny” Sanchez asked for a status on the issue we have on the highway as far as the grass in front of the basilica which is about 3 feet high to which Mr. JJ Salinas responded they are currently working on it with TXDOT. Commissioner Leonardo “Lenny” Sanchez stated the palm trees also look kind of messy to which Mr. JJ Salinas responded they are currently working on the trees. Mayor Pro-Tem Leonardo “Lenny” Sanchez asked for an estimated time as when they will be taking care of the speed bumps to which Mr. J.J. Salinas responded he hasn’t been purchased any speedbumps at this time and there’s currently a waiting list with the Police Department. Benjamin Arjona, City Manager stated there is an assessment that was done through the Police Department and it is almost completed. Mr. Arjona added Chief Gonzalez is spearheading that assessment to determine what areas are in need of speedbumps because individuals were calling left and right for them, therefore an assessment will help to identify streets that really need them.

Mayor Pro-Tem Leonardo “Lenny” Sanchez asked if the assessment was almost done and if it was city wide to which Mr. Arjona responded yes. Mayor Mario Garza asked if we currently have speed bumps to which Mr. Arjona responded at this moment we only have a couple of sets. Mayor Mario Garza stated when he asked about it a month ago they had been order but was uncertain if they had been received to which Mr. Arjona responded he wasn’t sure. Commissioner Marco “Markie” Villegas asked when ordering speed bumps how many usually come in to which Mr. Arjona responded each order has a set of two. Lieutenant Alaffia stated a couple of weeks boxes were received but was unsure if they were speedbumps or if they had been installed. Mr. Arjona stated the previous order was stopped because they were waiting on the assessment to be completed.

Commissioner Ernesto “Neto” Guajardo asked how they were doing with the brush to which Mr. J.J. Salinas informed they were currently on the North East quadrant as scheduled. Mr. Salinas added some of the guys did over time to get ahead in case there is any bad weather. Commissioner Villegas congratulated the department and stated he has been getting positive phone calls. Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez asked for the status on the issue with the Citrus drainage water to which Mr. David Salinas, Utilities Director responded a quote has been provided to public works and knows Mr. Garza was going to be placing the order. Mr. Salinas added once it’s received it will be installed. Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez asked if this would be done before the next hurricane season to which Mr. Salinas responded once received it should take less than a week to install, the location has already been marked, we are aware of what is in the area there are no conflicts. Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez asked if once the area is fixed the water will recede faster to which Mr. Salinas responded yes, with the installation it would give a center point to clean the line quicker and reach both ends.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez asked if the flooding issues have been addressed in Las Flores Subdivision to which Mr. Salinas responded the last flooding in Las Flores was due to too much rain too fast, the system did do what it was supposed to do and it drained as soon as it stopped raining. Mr. Salinas added the issue is that it is not designed to handle that amount of rain and unfortunately drained to the detention facility and that one was completely topped so it came really close to overflowing. Mr. Salinas stated in 2018 it overflowed to the water plant and did some damage and this time it did not flood but came very close. If the detention pond is full the water has no place to go. Mayor Mario Garza asked if we could contact the gas company further south and see if we can lease a piece of property to make a detention pond to which Mr. Salinas responded yes that it was an option. Mayor Garza recommended making contact with them since he believed it was a good opportunity. Commissioner Ernesto “Neto” Guajardo commended the staff for the work that was done on Stewart Road and Hall Acres were there was a major accident since he knew they were out there late to which Chief Tirso Garza thanked Commissioner Guajardo and stated indeed his crew was out there. Mayor Pro-Tem Leonardo “Lenny” Sanchez thanked the Police Department, Fire Department, and the Sanitation Department for working the area. Mayor Pro Tem Sanchez added he liked the way the wheels are set up for the public safety issues and thanked everyone for doing a great job.

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

- A. Consideration and Approval to Continue to Receive the City's Share of Bingo Prize Fees Pursuant to House Bill 914, Enacted by the 86th Texas Legislature.

DISCUSSION: Leroy Gonzalez, Finance Director stated he had received a letter from the Texas Lottery Commission regarding House Bill 914 enacted by the 86th Texas Legislature. Mr. Gonzales further stated that in order for the City of San Juan to continue receiving its share of the bingo fees after January 1st 2020 the Commission had to approve to do so and submit the vote to the Texas Lottery Commission by November 1st. If approved the city would continue to receive the share fees and if not approved the Lottery commission would keep the share to fund shareable purposes. Mr. Gonzales stated the shared fees were approximately \$33,000 to \$35,000 a year to which Mayor Garza responded that was his next question.

Commissioner Ernesto "Neto" Guajardo made motion to approve and was seconded by Commissioner Marco "Markie" Villegas. Motion passed (4-0).

- B. Consider Selection of Depository Services under RFP #19-09-09-17.

DISCUSSION: Rene Jaime, Director of Purchasing Department stated that on September 4 and September 11, 2019 staff had advertised RFP 19-09-09-17 for depository services on the Advance News Journal. Mr. Jaime further stated that in response to the advertisement 3 proposals were received from the following financial institutions: Lonestar National Bank from Pharr, Plains Capital Bank from Pharr, and Texas National Bank from Edinburg with a location under construction in San Juan. Mr. Jaime stated all 3 financial institutions were found to be reputable with competitive rates and services. Mr. Jaime further stated staff was recommending for the commission to select a financial institution and authorize City Manager to negotiate a contract for depository services. Mayor Mario Garza stated that in the packet the rates were pretty much the same across all three institutions to which Mr. Jaime responded that based on the U.S. Treasury yes, they all were.

Mayor Mario Garza made motion to select Lonestar National Bank for depository services and was seconded by Commissioner Marco "Markie" Villegas. Motion passed. 4-0

VII. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Consider Second and Final Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 4 – Building Standard Regulations Section 7.00: Permit Fees of Appendix A, Unified Development Code, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of San Juan, Texas, to Modify Certain Fees Relating the Building Standards Regulations of the City of San Juan.
- B. Consider Second and Final Reading of an Ordinance for a Conditional Use Permit to Operate a Drive-in Business in a Neighborhood Commercial District (C-1) at the proposed "Xquinkles San Juan" located at 101 S. Nebraska Avenue, Suite #5, legally described as Lots 1-12, Block 3, San Juan Original Townsite Subdivision, as requested by Alfonso Cantu.
- C. Consider Second and Final Reading of an Ordinance for a Rezoning Request from Single-Family Residence District (R-S) to Multi-Family Residence District (R-MF) of lots 1 and 2, Block 3, Pecan Estates Subdivision, located approximately 350 feet East of Raul Longoria Road, along the North side of Sgt. Leonel Treviño Road, as Requested by Jose Zacarias, Jr.
- D. Meeting Minutes
- June 7, 2019
- June 11, 2019
- June 17, 2019
- June 25, 2019

DISCUSSION: Benjamin Arjona, City Manager stated under consent agenda there were items A, B, C and D, any item out could be pulled out for discussion to make an adequate decision.

Commissioner Ernesto "Neto" Guajardo made motion to approve and was second by Commissioner Marco "Markie" Villegas. Motion passed. 4-0

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. The San Juan City Commission will Convene in Executive Session, in

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Accordance with the Texas Open Meeting Act, Vernon's Texas Statutes and Codes Annotated, Government Code Chapter 551.071 and 551.074 (Consultation with Attorney and Texas Government Code).

1. Pursuant to Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney; Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Issues Concerning Takeover Agreement Between the City of San Juan and the Guaratee Company of North America USA Concerning 3.5 MGD Water Treatment Plant No. 2 Project (Bond No. SS70111645).

Commissioner Ernesto "Neto" Guajardo made motion to go into executive session at 6:18 p.m. and was seconded by Commissioner Marco "Markie" Villegas. Motion passed (4-0).

IX. RECONVENE:

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

Mayor Pro Tem Leonardo "Lenny" Sanchez made motion to reconvene at 6:33 p.m. and was seconded by Commissioner Marco "Markie" Villegas. Motion passed (4-0).

Mayor Mario Garza stated for item A1 under executive session there would be no action.

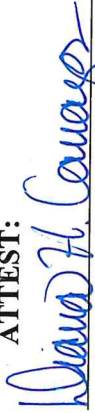
X. ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Ernesto "Neto" Guajardo made motion to adjourn at 6:34 p.m. and was seconded by Commissioner Marco "Markie" Villegas. Motion passed. 4-0

CITY OF SAN JUAN, TEXAS

Mario Garza, Mayor

ATTEST:



Diana H. Cavazos, City Secretary