

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

DATE:

Tuesday, December 10, 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
Jesus “Jesse” Ramirez, Commissioner
Marco “Markie” Villegas, Commissioner
Ricardo Palacios, City Attorney

STAFF PRESENT:

Benjamin Arjona, City Manager
Diana Cavazos, City Secretary
Juan Gonzalez, Chief of Police
Leroy Gonzales, Finance Director
Armandina Sesin, Library Director
Patrick Willingham, Director of Parks & Recreation
Roel Garza, Director of Sanitation/ Public Works
Ruben Guajardo, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation

ORDER OF BUSINESS

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

II. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING MATTERS:

- A. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Bid# 19-10-12-5 Field Renovations for Municipal Parks.

DISCUSSION: Patrick Willingham, Parks and Recreation Director stated two bids had been received on December 9, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. for the renovation at the San Juan Municipal Park by the Purchasing Department. Mr. Willingham further stated the two bids that were received were: MG Valley Construction, LLC for \$475,765.48 and FieldTurf for \$596,206.00. Mr. Willingham added a background was administered to both companies and they have both done a good job on previous work and heard good remarks from both. Mayor Mario Garza asked how long was the bid out to which Mr. Willingham responded from November 27 through December 9. Commissioner Marco “Markie” Villegas asked if the substantial difference in bids was because of what was offered to which Mr. Willingham responded his department had gone over the bids and didn’t see difference in the proposals. Commissioner Ernesto “Neto” Guajardo asked what the difference was on the bids to which Mayor Mario Garza responded it was \$120,000.00. Commissioner Jesus “Jesse” Ramirez asked if contact had been made with the bidders to which Mr. Willingham responded yes regarding a football field in Edinburg. Commissioner Ramirez then asked if he had personally gone out there to which Mr. Willingham responded no, but they had spoken very high of the work of MG Valley. Commissioner Ramirez asked if this field was part of the masterplan and if there was a ranking to which Mr. Willingham responded no.

Mayor Mario Garza motioned to approve and was second by Commissioner Marco “Markie” Villegas. Opposed by Commissioner Jesus “Jesse” Ramirez. Motion passed (3-1).

- B. Discussion and Possible Action on Accepting the By-Laws for the San Juan Police Athletic League (PAL).

DISCUSSION: Patrick Willingham, Parks and Recreation stated before you are copies of the by-laws for the Athletic League which has the correct verbiage for approval. Commissioner Jesus “Jesse” Ramirez asked where the by-laws were from since at the bottom it said they were amended in May 2014 to which Mr. Willingham responded they were from the City of Pharr. Commissioner Ramirez then asked about the hiring of the Executive Director and how it was foreseen to which Mr. Willingham responded he didn’t see a problem with that. Commissioner Ramirez then asked if the League would have its own checking account to which Mr. Willingham responded yes.

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Commissioner Ramirez moved on to ask about the sports that would be part of the League to which Chief Juan Gonzalez responded they wanted to start with 7. Commissioner Marco "Markie" Villegas asked if the plan was to incorporate the remaining sports eventually to which Chief Juan Gonzalez responded yes that was the intention but they wanted to start small and didn't want to overwhelm themselves. Chief Juan Gonzalez stated in order for the Police Department to partake PAL needs to be 51C3 approved to use the asset forfeiture funds. Chief Gonzalez added officers are excited to be part of the league. Mr. Willingham stated the league will also serve as a major launch on the departments end to bridge the gap with the San Juan Police.

Commissioner Jesus "Jesse" Ramirez motion to approve and was second by Commissioner Marco "Markie" Villegas. Motion passed (4-0).

III. APPOINTMENTS

- A. Consider Removal and/or Appointment of Board Members Related to the San Juan Police Athletic League Board of Directors.

DISCUSSION: Patrick Willingham, Parks and Recreation Director stated a board needed to be established for the Police Athletic League. Mr. Willingham added applications for the board were attached in the meeting packet for their review.

Commissioner Jesus "Jesse" Ramirez made motion to appoint Gilbert Garza, Moy Vazaldua, Carlos Villegas, Andrew Garza and Pablo Treviño to the PAL Board. Motioned was second by Commissioner Ernesto "Neto" Guajardo. Motion passed (4-0).

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Marco "Markie" Villegas made motion to adjourn at 5:50 p.m. and was seconded by Commissioner Jesus "Jesse" Ramirez. Motion passed (4-0).

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Mario Garza, Mayor

ATTEST:



Diana H. Cavazos, City Secretary