

# City Council

520 E Ocean Blvd.

## Regular Meeting

Los Fresnos, TX 78566

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Tuesday, February 13, 2024

6:00 PM

City Hall

### Agenda

- A. Call meeting to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Alejandro Flores.

- B. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Mark Milum gave invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Visitors remarks-To speak you must sign in with the City Secretary prior to the meeting you have a limit of 5 minutes to speak.**

There were none.

### Public Hearing

**Public Hearing to disseminate information concerning the Stormwater Program and receive input from the public.No Action**

Public hearing opened at 6:01 PM.

Mr. Milum presented information on stormwater pollution and listed items citizens can do help prevent stormwater pollution. Mr. Milum also advised the board Public Works Manager, Raul Garcia was present to answer questions if needed

Public hearing closed at 6:07 PM.

made a motion to approve Public Hearing to disseminate information concerning the Stormwater Program and receive input from the public., seconded by the vote was .

**Consent Agenda (All matters listed are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless requested by a member of the City Council. The item may subsequently be removed from the Consent Agenda to be considered separately.)**

Mayor Flores explained no action would be taken on consent agenda items 8 & 9.

**Consideration and ACTION to approve the minutes from January 9, 2024 and January 23, 2024.Adopted**

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from January 9, 2024 and January 23, 2024.

Alberto Escobedo made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve the minutes from January 9, 2024 and January 23, 2024., seconded by Gabriela Fernandez the vote was [Unanimous].

**Consideration and ACTION to approve updates the to Employee Policy Manual Policy 609 Lactation Breaks and Policy 613 Temporary Modified Duty Assignments.****Adopted**

Motion was made and seconded to approve updates to the Employee Policy Manual Policy 609 Lactation Breaks and Policy 613 Temporary Modified Duty Assignments.

Alberto Escobedo made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve updates the to Employee Policy Manual Policy 609 Lactation Breaks and Policy 613 Temporary Modified Duty Assignments., seconded by Gabriela Fernandez the vote was [Unanimous].

**Consideration and ACTION to approve the Quarterly Investment Portfolio Report ended as of December 31, 2023.****Adopted**

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Quarterly Investment Portfolio Report ended as of December 31, 2023.

Alberto Escobedo made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve the Quarterly Investment Portfolio Report ended as of December 31, 2023., seconded by Gabriela Fernandez the vote was [Unanimous].

**Consideration and ACTION to approve an Interlocal Cooperation Contract with Texas Department of Public Safety and the City of Los Fresnos for the Failure to Appear Program.****Adopted**

Motion was made and seconded to approve an Interlocal Cooperation Contract with Texas Department of Public Safety and the City of Los Fresnos for the Failure to Appear Program.

Alberto Escobedo made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve an Interlocal Cooperation Contract with Texas Department of Public Safety and the City of Los Fresnos for the Failure to Appear Program., seconded by Gabriela Fernandez the vote was [Unanimous].

**Consideration and ACTION to approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Los Fresnos Police Department and the Los Fresnos Consolidated Independent School District Police Department.****Adopted**

Motion was made and seconded to approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Los Fresnos Police Department and the Los Fresnos Consolidated Independent School District Police Department.

Alberto Escobedo made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Los Fresnos Police Department and the Los Fresnos Consolidated Independent School District Police Department., seconded by Gabriela Fernandez the vote was [Unanimous].

**Consideration and ACTION to approve a Memorandum of Agreement by and between LOS FRESNOS and The LRGV TPDES Stormwater Task Force Partnership, Inc. for**

**preparation of Texas Water Development Board Flood Infrastructure Fund Program Grant applications MOA #R-RGV-TF-2024.**Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve a Memorandum of Agreement by and between LOS FRESNOS and The LRGV TPDES Stormwater Task Force Partnership, Inc. for preparation of Texas Water Development Board Flood Infrastructure Fund Program Grant applications MOA #R-RGV-TF-2024.

Alberto Escobedo made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve a Memorandum of Agreement by and between LOS FRESNOS and The LRGV TPDES Stormwater Task Force Partnership, Inc. for preparation of Texas Water Development Board Flood Infrastructure Fund Program Grant applications MOA #R-RGV-TF-2024., seconded by Gabriela Fernandez the vote was [Unanimous].

**Consideration and ACTION to approve Resolution 2-2024 for the submission of a grant application for Operation Stonegarden for the City of Los Fresnos to the Office of the Governor.**Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution 2-2024 for the submission of a grant application for Operation Stonegarden for the City of Los Fresnos to the Office of the Governor.

Alberto Escobedo made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve Resolution 2-2024 for the submission of a grant application for Operation Stonegarden for the City of Los Fresnos to the Office of the Governor., seconded by Gabriela Fernandez the vote was [Unanimous].

**Consideration and ACTION to approve the second reading of an ordinance approving the Project Plan and Reinvestment Zone Financing Plan for Reinvestment Zone Number Two, City of Los Fresnos, TEXAS; authorizing the City Secretary to distribute such plans; containing various provisions related to the foregoing subject.**No Action

made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve the second reading of an ordinance approving the Project Plan and Reinvestment Zone Financing Plan for Reinvestment Zone Number Two, City of Los Fresnos, TEXAS; authorizing the City Secretary to distribute such plans; containing various provisions related to the foregoing subject., seconded by the vote was .

**Consideration and ACTION to approve amendments made to an Inter-local agreement between the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #2, the City of Los Fresnos, and Cameron County for County's participation in the zone.**No Action

made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve amendments made to an Inter-local agreement between the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #2, the City of Los Fresnos, and Cameron County for County's participation in the zone., seconded by the vote was .

**Action Items****Consideration and ACTION to approve a Proclamation recognizing the Los Fresnos Rotary Club.**Adopted

Council member Gabriela Fernandez gave a brief summary about the Rotary Club organization.

Council member Terry Vinson arrived at 6:09 p.m.

Mayor Flores, Council Member Luis Gonzalez, Council Member Albert Escobedo, and Council Member Juan Munoz spoke in support of the Rotary Club.

City Attorney, Enrique Juarez read the proclamation out loud.

Motion was made and seconded to approve a Proclamation recognizing the Los Fresnos Rotary Club.

Terry Vinson made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve a Proclamation recognizing the Los Fresnos Rotary Club., seconded by Juan Munoz the vote was [Unanimous].

**Consideration and ACTION to approve a Request for Qualifications for engineering services for the Wastewater Discharge Reuse Project.**Adopted

Mr. Milum explained water supply continues to be a concern due to low levels from the Rio Grande, Falcon Reservoirs and Amistad Reservoir. He explained the wastewater discharge is cleaned, treated and discharged into a drainage ditch the reaches the Brownsville Ship Channel and hopes to one day take the discharge, comply with the additional treatments required to send it back into the raw water reservoir to mix for use.

He explained the process would be to approve a request for qualifications for engineers. The proposals would be presented to the council for review and approval. The selected engineer would be responsible for designing the project to meet TCEQ regulations, seek possible grants and eventually get it built with approval from the council.

Mr. Milum answered questions from the council.

Motion was made and seconded to approve a Request for Qualifications for engineering services for the Wastewater Discharge Reuse Project.

Luis Gonzalez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve a Request for Qualifications for engineering services for the Wastewater Discharge Reuse Project., seconded by Terry Vinson the vote was [Unanimous].

**Consideration and ACTION to approve soliciting bids to replace the Ground Storage Tank at the Water Plant.**Adopted

Mr. Milum explained a few months back the large water tank was replaced as part of the water treatment plant improvements, the second ground storage tank is also ready for replacement. Funding is available through ARPA (COVID) funds.

Motion was made and seconded to approve soliciting bids to replace the Ground Storage Tank at the Water Plant.

Alberto Escobedo made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve soliciting bids to replace the Ground Storage Tank at the Water Plant., seconded by Gabriela Fernandez the vote was [Unanimous].

**Consideration and ACTION to approve change order number 1 for the Los Fresnos 2021 Street, Sidewalk, and Sewer Improvements Project.**Adopted

Mr. Milum explained the project is going very well. He gave an explanation on the change order to the council.

Motion was made and seconded to approve change order number 1 for the Los Fresnos 2021 Street, Sidewalk, and Sewer Improvements Project.

Gabriela Fernandez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve change order number 1 for the Los Fresnos 2021 Street, Sidewalk, and Sewer Improvements Project., seconded by Alberto Escobedo the vote was [Unanimous].

**Consideration and ACTION to appoint a member to the Los Fresnos Housing Authority Board.**Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to appoint Bibi Garza to the Los Fresnos Housing Authority Board.

Alberto Escobedo made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to appoint a member to the Los Fresnos Housing Authority Board., seconded by Luis Gonzalez the vote was [Unanimous].

**Acknowledgement of City Manager's Report**

Council member Luis Gonzalez excused himself from the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

**City Manager Report A. Waste Water Collection System & Upgrade B. Water Treatment Plant Expansion C. Street Project D. Drainage E. Whipple Road F. COVID-19 G. TxDot Highway 100 H. Projects Discussed But Not Funded I. Veteran's Memorial J. Water Funding K. Wastewater Funding**Adopted

Mr. Milum gave an update on the road work being done by TXDOT on Highway 100. All other project are in the processing stage.

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge the City Manager's Report.

Terry Vinson made a motion to approve City Manager Report A. Waste Water Collection System & Upgrade B. Water Treatment Plant Expansion C. Street Project D. Drainage E. Whipple Road F. COVID-19 G. TxDot Highway 100 H. Projects Discussed But Not Funded I. Veteran's Memorial J. Water Funding K. Wastewater Funding, seconded by Gabriela Fernandez the vote was [Unanimous].

**Acknowledgement of Department Head Reports**

**Financial Report 1. Monthly 2. Year to Date 3. Sales TaxAdopted**

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Financial Report.

Gabriela Fernandez made a motion to approve Financial Report 1. Monthly 2. Year to Date 3. Sales Tax, seconded by Terry Vinson the vote was [Unanimous].

**Public Works Report 1. Water and Wastewater Activity 2. Calls for Service 3. Building Permits 4. Recycling 5. Waste Water Treatment Plant Discharge Monitoring ReportAdopted**

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge the Public Works Report.

Gabriela Fernandez made a motion to approve Public Works Report 1. Water and Wastewater Activity 2. Calls for Service 3. Building Permits 4. Recycling 5. Waste Water Treatment Plant Discharge Monitoring Report, seconded by Terry Vinson the vote was [Unanimous].

**Police Department January 2024 1. Calls-By Type 2. Calls-By Date & Time 3. Incidents-By Violation 4. Arrests-By Type 5. Accidents-By Streets & Intersection December 2023 1. Magistrates 2. Index Crimes by ZoneAdopted**

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge the Police Department Report.

Gabriela Fernandez made a motion to approve Police Department January 2024 1. Calls-By Type 2. Calls-By Date & Time 3. Incidents-By Violation 4. Arrests-By Type 5. Accidents-By Streets & Intersection December 2023 1. Magistrates 2. Index Crimes by Zone, seconded by Terry Vinson the vote was [Unanimous].

**Municipal Court 1. City Monthly Report-DECEMBER 2. Linebarger Monthly Report-DECEMBERAdopted**

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge the Municipal Court Report.

Gabriela Fernandez made a motion to approve Municipal Court 1. City Monthly Report-DECEMBER 2. Linebarger Monthly Report-DECEMBER, seconded by Terry Vinson the vote was [Unanimous].

**Library Report 1. Monthly ReportAdopted**

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge the Library Report.

Gabriela Fernandez made a motion to approve Library Report 1. Monthly Report, seconded by Terry Vinson the vote was [Unanimous].

**Fire Marshal's Report 1. Monthly ReportAdopted**

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge the Fire Marshal Report.

Gabriela Fernandez made a motion to approve Fire Marshal's Report 1. Monthly Report, seconded by Terry Vinson the vote was [Unanimous].

I. Adjournment

The meeting was closed at 6:41 PM.

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Presiding Officer of the Council

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Recorder