

City Council

520 E Ocean Blvd.

Regular Meeting

Los Fresnos, TX 78566

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Tuesday, March 9, 2021

6:00 PM

City Hall

Agenda

- A. Call meeting to order

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

- B. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

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

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 asked if there were any questions or comments on the consent agenda. There were none.

Consideration and ACTION to approve the minutes from February 2 & 9, 2021.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve minutes from February 2 & 9, 2021.

Andres Lopez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve the minutes from February 2 & 9, 2021., seconded by James Herrera the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve a Proclamation declaring April 11- 17, 2021 as National Public Safety Telecommunicator's Week in the City of Los Fresnos.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve Proclamation for Telecommunication week.

Andres Lopez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve a Proclamation declaring April 11- 17, 2021 as National Public Safety Telecommunicator's Week in the City of Los Fresnos., seconded by James Herrera the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve a Proclamation declaring April as Fair Housing Month in the City of Los Fresnos.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve Proclamation for Fair Housing month.

Andres Lopez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve a Proclamation declaring April as Fair Housing Month in the City of Los Fresnos., seconded by James Herrera the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve the second reading of Ordinance 517 to annex territory to the City of Los Fresnos and extending the boundary limits of said City.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve the second reading of Ordinance 517 to annex to the City of Los Fresnos and extending the boundary limits of said City.

Andres Lopez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve the second reading of Ordinance 517 to annex territory to the City of Los Fresnos and extending the boundary limits of said City., seconded by James Herrera the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve the preliminary and final plat for Al's Ranch Subdivision.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve the preliminary and final plat for Al's Ranch Subdivision.

Andres Lopez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve the preliminary and final plat for Al's Ranch Subdivision., seconded by James Herrera the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve the preliminary plat for Feather Ridge Phase III.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve preliminary plat for Feather Ridge Phase III.

Andres Lopez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve the preliminary plat for Feather Ridge Phase III., seconded by James Herrera the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve Resolution 2-2021 designating an engineering service provider for the 2021-2022 Texas Community Development Fund application and project implementation administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution 2-2021 CDBG Engineering service provider for 2021-2022.

Andres Lopez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve Resolution 2-2021 designating an engineering service provider for the 2021-2022 Texas Community Development Fund application and project implementation administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture., seconded by James Herrera the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve the Los Fresnos Police Department 2020 Racial Profiling Report.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Los Fresnos Police Department 2020 Racial Profiling Report .

Andres Lopez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve the Los Fresnos Police Department 2020 Racial Profiling Report., seconded by James Herrera the vote was [Unanimous].

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.

Absence

Action Items

Consideration and ACTION to approve the bids and award a contract for the Water Treatment Plant Expansion Project.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve bids and award a contract for the Water Treatment Plant Expansion Project.

Alejandro Flores made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve the bids and award a contract for the Water Treatment Plant Expansion Project., seconded by Andres Lopez the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve the Audit Report for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.Adopted

Quentin Anderson with Carr, Riggs and Ingram was present. He explained the audit report and answered questions for the council.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Audit Report for the 2019-2020 fiscal year .

Alejandro Flores made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve the Audit Report for the 2019-2020 fiscal year., seconded by Andres Lopez the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to re-open the restrooms at the City parks.Adopted

Mr. Milum explained to the council the need to have the restrooms open and recommended the council open them. He answered questions for the board and explained how restrooms would be kept clean.

Motion was made and seconded to reopen restrooms at City Parks.

Alejandro Flores made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to re-open the restrooms at the City parks., seconded by James Herrera the vote was [4 to 1].

Consideration and ACTION to re-open the playgrounds and swings at the City parks.Adopted

Mr. Milum explained to the council the procedures that would be taken to clean the playground equipment and answered questions for the council.

Motion was made and seconded to approve reopening of Playgrounds and Swings at City Parks.

James Herrera made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to re-open the playgrounds and swings at the City parks., seconded by Alejandro Flores the vote was [4 to 1].

Consideration and ACTION to re-open the Skate Park at Community Park.Adopted

Mr. Milum explained his views on opening the skate park.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the reopening of skate park at Community Park.

Polo Narvaez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to re-open the Skate Park at Community Park., seconded by Alejandro Flores the vote was [4 to 1].

Consideration and ACTION to re-open the exercise equipment at the Memorial Park.Adopted

Mr. Milum explained the gyms were open 100% and felt being the park equipment is out on the sun in open air he would recommend opening the equipment.

Motion was made and seconded to reopen the exercise equipment at the Memorial Park.

Polo Narvaez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to re-open the exercise equipment at the Memorial Park., seconded by James Herrera the vote was [4 to 1].

Consideration and ACTION to re-open the basketball courts at the City parks.Adopted

Mr. Milum explained his views on opening the basketball court and recommended opening them.

Motion was made and seconded to reopen basketball courts at City Parks.

Alejandro Flores made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to re-open the basketball courts at the City parks., seconded by James Herrera the vote was [4 to 1].

Consideration and ACTION to allow usage and rentals of city facilities. A. Community Center B. Community Park C. Memorial Park D. Baseball FieldsAdopted

Mr. Milum explained his views on allowing the use of the city facilities and answered questions from the board.

Motion was made and seconded allow usage and rental of city facilities Community Center, Community Park, Memorial Park and Baseball field.

Alejandro Flores made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to allow usage and rentals of city facilities. A. Community Center B. Community Park C. Memorial Park D. Baseball Fields, seconded by James Herrera the vote was [4 to 1].

Consideration and ACTION to keep City hall closed for routine business that can be handled utilizing the drive thru.Adopted

Mr Milum explained how the city has handled business with only the drive thru open. He felt it necessary to continue to keep City Hall closed for routine business that can be handled utilizing the drive thru for the next couple of months due to many people have not had an opportunity to be vaccinated. Depending how the pandemic is going it will be brought it back to the council for consideration as requested.

Mr. Milum answered questions from the board.

Motion was made and seconded to keep City Hall closed for routine business that can be handled utilizing the drive thru.

Alejandro Flores made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to keep City hall closed for routine business that can be handled utilizing the drive thru., seconded by Andres Lopez the vote was [Unanimous].

Discussion and possible ACTION to update the Employee Policy concerning COVID-19.Adopted

Mr. Milum explained to the council the policy was created at the beginning of the pandemic. Mr. Milum believes the policy should stay in effect but the only issue would be to decide if staff should continue to wear face coverings while inside the building, the staff feels face coverings should still be required inside the city building when 6 feet distance can not be kept.

Motion was made and seconded to leave the Employee Policy concerning COVID-19 as is.

Alejandro Flores made a motion to approve Discussion and possible ACTION to update the Employee Policy concerning COVID-19., seconded by Andres Lopez the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve the first reading of Ordinance 518 proposing amendments to the Los Fresnos Community Development Corporation By-Laws.Adopted

Mr. Milum explained the proposed amendments to the council.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 518 proposing amendments to the Los Fresnos Community Development Corporation By-Laws.

James Herrera made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve the first reading of Ordinance 518 proposing amendments to the Los Fresnos Community Development Corporation By-Laws., seconded by Polo Narvaez the vote was [Unanimous].

Acknowledgement of City Manager's Report

City Manager Report A. Wastewater Update B. Water Update C. Nature Park D. Hike & Bike Trails E. Henderson Road Project F. Drainage Update G. Whipple Road H. CDBG 9th Street Lift Station Relocation I. Alley Sign Installation J. Teacher Appreciation Month K. COVID-19Adopted

Mr. Milum gave the council an update on the teacher appreciation month and explained the ideas that had been discussed.

Council member Andres Lopez commented on the Henderson Road Project. He felt in the future the city should look at the company awarded to see if they are financially strong, have the staff and equipment to complete the projects. Mr. Milum answered questions for the council and explained the process of selecting a contractor for projects.

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

Andres Lopez made a motion to approve City Manager Report A. Wastewater Update B. Water Update C. Nature Park D. Hike & Bike Trails E. Henderson Road Project F. Drainage Update G. Whipple Road H. CDBG 9th Street Lift Station Relocation I. Alley Sign Installation J. Teacher Appreciation Month K. COVID-19, seconded by Alejandro Flores the vote was [Unanimous].

Acknowledgement of Department Head Reports

Mayor Flores asked if there were any questions on the department head reports. Mr. Milum explained to the council there was a 39.78% increase in sales tax.

Financial Report 1. Monthly 2. Year to Date 3. Sales Tax Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge Financial Report.

Andres Lopez made a motion to approve Financial Report 1. Monthly 2. Year to Date 3. Sales Tax, seconded by Alejandro Flores 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 Report Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge Public Works Report.

Andres Lopez 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 Alejandro Flores the vote was [Unanimous].

Police Department 1. Arrests 2. Incidents 3. Accidents Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge Police Department Report.

Andres Lopez made a motion to approve Police Department 1. Arrests 2. Incidents 3. Accidents, seconded by Alejandro Flores the vote was [Unanimous].

Municipal Court 1. Monthly Report Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge Municipal Court Report.

Andres Lopez made a motion to approve Municipal Court 1. Monthly Report, seconded by Alejandro Flores the vote was [Unanimous].

Library Report 1. Monthly Report Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge Library Report.

Andres Lopez made a motion to approve Library Report 1. Monthly Report, seconded by Alejandro Flores the vote was [Unanimous].

Fire Marshal's Report 1. Monthly Report Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge Fire Marshal's Report.

Andres Lopez made a motion to approve Fire Marshal's Report 1. Monthly Report, seconded by Alejandro Flores the vote was [Unanimous].

I. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Presiding Officer of the Council

Recorder