

City Council

200 North Brazil

Los Fresnos, TX 78566

Regular Meeting

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Tuesday, March 10, 2015

6:00 PM

City Hall

Agenda

1. Call meeting to order
2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Presentation of an award.No Action

made a motion to approve Presentation of an award., seconded by the vote was .

Public Hearing

Public Hearing to inform the public that the proposed Los Fresnos Nature Park will be located in a wetland and to solicit input and suggestions from the public on the proposal.No

Action

Mayor Narvaez opened the public hearing at 6:01 PM.

Mr. Milum explained where the proposed Nature Park would be located between the High School and the resaca and the property was purchased with a grant.

Ms. Alexander, Grant Consultant, explained that the Nature Park will provide environmental education facilities, trails, picnic areas, playground equipment, access to the resaca in canoes but no motor boats.

Mr. Robin Garrett stated that she is a neighbor of the park and thinks it is a wonderful idea.

Mr. Val Champion, Executive Director of the Los Fresnos Chamber of Commerce, complimented the project and stated "I am with you".

Ms. Alexander and Mr. Milum answered questions from the public.

Mayor Narvaez closed the public hearing at 6:07 p.m.

made a motion to approve Public Hearing to inform the public that the proposed Los Fresnos Nature Park will be located in a wetland and to solicit input and suggestions from the public on the proposal., seconded by the vote was .

Visitor remarks - to speak you must sign in with City Secretary prior to the meeting and you will have a limit of 3 minutes to speak.

Ms. Benay Morris, President of the Friends of the Library, was present and she stated that the Friends would like to name the Children's section at Ethel Whipple Memorial Library after Santos Solis. Ms. Solis was employed by the City for over 24 years.

Mayor Narvaez stated that this would be placed on next months agenda for approval.

Presentations

Presentation, consideration and ACTION on annual audit for fiscal year ending September 30, 2014 as presented by Long Chilton LLP Adopted

Mr. Quentin Anderson from Long Chilton LLP was present and explained the annual audit for fiscal year ending September 30, 2014 to the Council. The City is in good financial condition.

Mr. Anderson and Mr. Milum answered questions from the Council.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the annual audit for fiscal year ending September 30, 2014.

Polo Narvaez made a motion to approve Presentation, consideration and ACTION on annual audit for fiscal year ending September 30, 2014 as presented by Long Chilton LLP, seconded by Swain Real the vote was [Unanimous].

Presentation by the Los Fresnos Chamber of Commerce.No Action

Mr. Val Champion, Executive Director, was present and he gave a brief summary of the Chamber's activities for the months of October, November and December 2014.

Mr. Champion answered questions from the Council.

made a motion to approve Presentation by the Los Fresnos Chamber of Commerce., seconded by the vote was .

Consent Agenda

Approval or rejection to approve Minutes from February 10, 2015 meeting. Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes from February 10, 2015.

Javier Mendez made a motion to approve Approval or rejection to approve Minutes from February 10, 2015 meeting., seconded by Swain Real the vote was [Unanimous].

Approval or rejection on a Proclamation declaring April 13-17, 2015 as National Safety Telecommunications Week.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve Proclamation declaring April 13-17, 2015 as National Safety Telecommunications Week.

Javier Mendez made a motion to approve Approval or rejection on a Proclamation declaring April 13-17, 2015 as National Safety Telecommunications Week., seconded by Swain Real the vote was [Unanimous].

Approval or rejection to approve the renewal of an agreement between the City of Los Fresnos and Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP for tax collection services.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve the renewal of an agreement between the City of Los Fresnos and Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP for tax collection services.

Javier Mendez made a motion to approve Approval or rejection to approve the renewal of an agreement between the City of Los Fresnos and Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP for tax collection services., seconded by Swain Real the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION on a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an Outdoor Recreation Grant application to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department's Local Park Grant Program for assistance with the development and construction of the Los Fresnos Nature Park.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an Outdoor Recreation Grant application to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department's Local Park Grant Program for assistance with the development and construction of the Los Fresnos Nature Park.

Javier Mendez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION on a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an Outdoor Recreation Grant application to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department's Local Park Grant Program for assistance with the development and construction of the Los Fresnos Nature Park., seconded by Swain Real the vote was [Unanimous].

Approval or rejection to acknowledge the CDC expenditures for city banners.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge the CDC expenditures for city banners.

Javier Mendez made a motion to approve Approval or rejection to acknowledge the CDC expenditures for city banners., seconded by Swain Real the vote was [Unanimous].

Approval or rejection of a Police Department budget amendment for fiscal year 2014-2015.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve a budget amendment to the Police Department budget for fiscal year 2014-2015.

Javier Mendez made a motion to approve Approval or rejection of a Police Department budget amendment for fiscal year 2014-2015., seconded by Swain Real the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION on the first reading of Ordinance 465 to adopt building codes, future amendments and new editions as they are released.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 465 to adopt building codes, future amendments and new editions as they are released.

Javier Mendez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION on the first reading of Ordinance 465 to adopt building codes, future amendments and new editions as they are released., seconded by Swain Real the vote was [Unanimous].

Approval or rejection of a Resolution for technical assistance for master planning of water and wastewater improvements to the Border Environmental Cooperation Commission.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve a Resolution for technical assistance for master planning for water and wastewater improvements to the Border Environmental Cooperation Commission.

Javier Mendez made a motion to approve Approval or rejection of a Resolution for technical assistance for master planning of water and wastewater improvements to the Border Environmental Cooperation Commission., seconded by Swain Real the vote was [Unanimous].

Action Items

Approval or rejection to approve a Resolution in opposition to a revenue cap and legislative interference with local services.Adopted

Councilmember Real asked this item be removed from Consent Agenda and discussed separately.

Mr. Milum explained that there is already a 8% cap that the City has to comply with now on property tax revenue. The Legislature is introducing a Bill that would reduce the cap to 4% "rollback rate" and require mandatory elections on an increase over four percent.

This resolution is to oppose the revenue cap to telling the legislators to not interfere with local control.

Mr. Milum answered questions from the Council.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Resolution in opposition to a revenue cap and legislative interference with local services.

Swain Real made a motion to approve Approval or rejection to approve a Resolution in opposition to a revenue cap and legislative interference with local services., seconded by Yolanda H. Cruz the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve or reject any or all proposals received for Architect Services, accept rating scores and authorize City Manager to negotiate contract with the top rated available firm.Adopted

Mr. Milum explained that the Council received a copy of all the proposals and a copy of the rating sheet so they could rate the proposals if they so desired.

The Committee met and their ranking was:

1. Brown Reynolds Watford (BRW) Architect, Inc.
2. Naismith Engineering, Inc.
3. GIGNAC Architects
4. Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc.
5. Guzman & Munoz Engineering & Surveying, Inc.
6. K + Architect

Mr. Milum answered questions from the Council.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the ranking presented and to authorize the City Manager to negotiate a contract with the top rated available firm.

Tom Jones made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve or reject any or all proposals received for Architect Services, accept rating scores and authorize City Manager to negotiate contract with the top rated available firm., seconded by Gary Minton the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve a Grant for the Regional Solid Waste Grants Program and appropriate budget amendment.Adopted

Mr. Milum explained that the City had applied for 2 recycling trailers and did not receive the grant. Now an entity has dropped out so now the LRGVDC is offering the City a grant for \$24,000 to purchase the 2 recycling trailers. The trailers actually cost \$26,858.00. The City would have to add \$2,858.00 to complete the grant.

Mr. Milum answered questions from the Council.

Motion was made and seconded to approve a grant for the Regional Solid Waste Grants Program and to approve the appropriate budget amendment.

Javier Mendez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve a Grant for the Regional Solid Waste Grants Program and appropriate budget amendment., seconded by Gary Minton the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to appoint two members to the Los Fresnos Housing Authority.No Action

No action was taken.

made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to appoint two members to the Los Fresnos Housing Authority., seconded by the vote was .

Update by City Manager

A. Wastewater Plant Expansion B. Raw Water Line Upgrade, filter Replacement, Sludge Removal System C. Development Projects - Paseo Pointe Apartments, Wal-Mart D. Los Fresnos Nature Park E. Hazardous Mitigation Plan F. CDBG Projects G. Park Master Plan H. TPW Trails Grant I. TPW Park Grant J. Certificates of ObligationNo Action

Mr. Milum stated that TWDB has sent approval for the City to go out for bids on the Wastewater Plant Expansion.

Wal-Mart grant opening will be tomorrow, March 11th at 7:30 a.m.

Mr. Milum answered questions from the Council.

made a motion to approve A. Wastewater Plant Expansion B. Raw Water Line Upgrade, filter Replacement, Sludge Removal System C. Development Projects - Paseo Pointe Apartments, Wal-Mart D. Los Fresnos Nature Park E. Hazardous Mitigation Plan F. CDBG Projects G. Park Master Plan H. TPW Trails Grant I. TPW Park Grant J. Certificates of Obligation, seconded by the vote was .

Department Head Reports

Financial Report 1. Monthly 2. Year-to-DateNo Action

made a motion to approve Financial Report 1. Monthly 2. Year-to-Date, seconded by the vote was .

Public Works Report 1. Water and Wastewater Activity 2. Calls for Service 3. Building PermitsNo Action

made a motion to approve Public Works Report 1. Water and Wastewater Activity 2. Calls for Service 3. Building Permits, seconded by the vote was .

Police Department Report 1. Arrests 2. Incidents 3. AccidentsNo Action

made a motion to approve Police Department Report 1. Arrests 2. Incidents 3. Accidents, seconded by the vote was .

Municipal Court Report 1. Monthly ReportNo Action

made a motion to approve Municipal Court Report 1. Monthly Report, seconded by the vote was .

February 2015 Library ReportNo Action

made a motion to approve February 2015 Library Report, seconded by the vote was .

Fire Marshall's Report 1. Monthly ReportNo Action

made a motion to approve Fire Marshall's Report 1. Monthly Report, seconded by the vote was .

Closed Session – Deliberation pursuant to Section 551.072, Title 5 of the Texas Government Code, the Texas Open Meetings Act regarding the following:

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Mayor Narvaez recessed the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

made a motion to approve Closed Session - Deliberation pursuant to Section 551.071 and 551.074, Title 5 of the Texas Government Code, the Texas Open Meetings Act regarding the following: 1. Consultation with City Attorney to see legal advice on city annexation issues. 2. Appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of City Manager, Finance Director, Chief of Police, Public Works Director, Librarian or City Secretary., seconded by the vote was .

Open Session – Deliberation and possible action regarding the following:

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Mayor Narvaez called the meeting back to order at 8:30 p.m.

Mayor Narvaez stated that no action would be taken on consultation with City Attorney to seek legal advice on city annexation issues.

Motion was made and seconded to authorize City Manager to make adjustment to salaries as discussed.

Polo Narvaez made a motion to approve Open Session - Deliberation and possible action regarding the following: 1. Consultation with City Attorney to seek legal advice on city annexation issues. 2. Appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of City Manager, Finance Director, Chief of Police, Public Works Director, Librarian or City Secretary., seconded by Javier Mendez the vote was [Unanimous].

Action Items

Consideration and ACTION to approve a Resolution expressing concerns and objection to the City of Brownsville's strip annexations.No Action

No action taken.

made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve a Resolution expressing concerns and objection to the City of Brownsville's strip annexations., seconded by the vote was .

14. Adjournment

Mayor Narvaez adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

Presiding Officer of the Council

Recorder