

City Council

520 E Ocean Blvd.

Regular Meeting

Los Fresnos, TX 78566

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Tuesday, March 12, 2024

6:00 PM

City Hall

Agenda

- A. Call meeting to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:11 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.

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 the council if there were any consent agenda items they would like to set aside for further discussion.

There were none.

Consideration and ACTION to approve the minutes from February 13, 2024.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from February 13, 2024.

Gabriela Fernandez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve the minutes from February 13, 2024., seconded by Juan Munoz the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve a resolution of the City of Los Fresnos suspending the April 4 2024 effective date of AEP Texas INC.'s requested rate change to permit the city time to study the request and to establish reasonable rates; approving cooperation with the cities served by AEP Texas and authorizing intervention in AEP Texas INC.'s requested rate change proceedings before the commission; hiring Lloyd Gosselink attorneys and consulting services to negotiate with the company and direct any necessary litigation and appeals; requiring reimbursement of cities' rate case expenses; finding that the meeting at which this resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law; requiring notice of this resolution to the company and legal counsel.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded approve a resolution of the City of Los Fresnos suspending the April 4 2024 effective date of AEP Texas INC.'s requested rate change to permit the city time to study the request and to establish reasonable rates; approving

cooperation with the cities served by AEP Texas and authorizing intervention in AEP Texas INC.'s requested rate change proceedings before the commission; hiring Lloyd Gosselink attorneys and consulting services to negotiate with the company and direct any necessary litigation and appeals; requiring reimbursement of cities' rate case expenses; finding that the meeting at which this resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law; requiring notice of this resolution to the company and legal counsel.

Gabriela Fernandez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve a resolution of the City of Los Fresnos suspending the April 4 2024 effective date of AEP Texas INC.'s requested rate change to permit the city time to study the request and to establish reasonable rates; approving cooperation with the cities served by AEP Texas and authorizing intervention in AEP Texas INC.'s requested rate change proceedings before the commission; hiring Lloyd Gosselink attorneys and consulting services to negotiate with the company and direct any necessary litigation and appeals; requiring reimbursement of cities' rate case expenses; finding that the meeting at which this resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law; requiring notice of this resolution to the company and legal counsel., seconded by Juan Munoz the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve a preliminary plat for Los Fresnos Oaks Subdivision.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve a preliminary plat for Los Fresnos Oaks Subdivision.

Gabriela Fernandez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve a preliminary plat for Los Fresnos Oaks Subdivision., seconded by Juan Munoz the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve payment in lieu of land for park dedication for the Pomelo Bend Subdivision.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve payment in lieu of land for park dedication for the Pomelo Bend Subdivision.

Gabriela Fernandez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve payment in lieu of land for park dedication for the Pomelo Bend Subdivision., seconded by Juan Munoz the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve a Proclamation declaring April 7-13, 2024 as National Library Week in the City of Los Fresnos.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve a Proclamation declaring April 7-13, 2024 as National Library Week in the City of Los Fresnos.

Gabriela Fernandez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve a Proclamation declaring April 7-13, 2024 as National Library Week in the City of Los Fresnos., seconded by Juan Munoz the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve a Proclamation declaring April 14-20, 2024 as National Public Safety Telecommunicator's Week in the City of Los Fresnos.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve a Proclamation declaring April 14-20, 2024 as National Public Safety Telecommunicator's Week in the City of Los Fresnos.

Gabriela Fernandez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve a Proclamation declaring April 14-20, 2024 as National Public Safety Telecommunicator's Week in the City of Los Fresnos., seconded by Juan Munoz the vote was [Unanimous].

Action Items

Consideration and ACTION to approve a Proclamation on the 95th year anniversary of the Los Fresnos First Baptist Church.Adopted

Mayor Flores read the proclamation and Council member Gabriela Hernandez read the Spanish version.

Mayor and the city council congratulated the church.

Pastor Perez thanked the Mayor and Council and gave a brief history about the church.

Motion was made and seconded to approve a Proclamation on the 95th year anniversary of the Los Fresnos First Baptist Church.

Alejandro Flores made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve a Proclamation on the 95th year anniversary of the Los Fresnos First Baptist Church., seconded by Gabriela Fernandez the vote was [Unanimous].

Presentation by Judy Adams with Southmost Regional Water Authority.No Action

Judy Adams with the Southmost Regional Water Authority introduced General Manager and CEO Maryline Gilbert and Director of Water Wastewater Operation, Jaime Estrada.

Ms. Adams presented and answered questions for the council.

made a motion to approve Presentation by Judy Adams with Southmost Regional Water Authority., seconded by the vote was .

Consider and ACTION to approve change order number 1 for the Veterans Memorial Project.Adopted

Mr. Milum explained the original design did not include a system that would allow for the message to be updated as needed. This change order addressed this update.

Mr. Milum discussed the project and answered questions from the council.

Motion was made and seconded to approve change order number 1 for the Veterans Memorial Project.

Terry Vinson made a motion to approve Consider and ACTION to approve change order number 1 for the Veterans Memorial Project., seconded by Gabriela Fernandez the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority and the City of Los Fresnos Hike and Bike Trail Projects to include Exhibit A and the City of Los Fresnos local match funding amount.Adopted

Mr. Milum explained the agreement was amended by including the design and engineer fees that were not included when it was originally approved because they were unknown at that time.

Motion was made and seconded to approve an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority and the City of Los Fresnos Hike and Bike Trail Projects to include Exhibit A and the City of Los Fresnos local match funding amount.

Gabriela Fernandez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority and the City of Los Fresnos Hike and Bike Trail Projects to include Exhibit A and the City of Los Fresnos local match funding amount., seconded by Terry Vinson the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Luis Gonzalez from the January 23, 2024 City Council special meeting.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to excuse the absence of Luis Gonzalez from the January 23, 2024 City Council special meeting.

Juan Munoz made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Luis Gonzalez from the January 23, 2024 City Council special meeting., seconded by Terry Vinson the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Juan Sierra from the February 26, 2024 Planning and Zoning meeting.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to excuse the absence of Juan Sierra from the February 26, 2024 Planning and Zoning meeting.

Juan Munoz made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Juan Sierra from the February 26, 2024 Planning and Zoning meeting., seconded by Terry Vinson the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Marco Huerta from the March 4, 2024 Community Development Corporation meeting.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to excuse the absence of Marco Huerta from the March 4, 2024 Community Development Corporation meeting.

Juan Munoz made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Marco Huerta from the March 4, 2024 Community Development Corporation meeting., seconded by Gabriela Fernandez the vote was [Unanimous].

Acknowledgement of City Manager's Report

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. Veteran's Memorial I. Water Funding J. Wastewater FundingAdopted

Mayor Flores asked Mr. Milum if he would like to give an update.

Mr. Milum gave a update on the Water Treatment Plant Expansion, street repair project and the TXDOT project on Highway 100.

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. Veteran's Memorial I. Water Funding J. 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 acknowledge the Financial Report.

Juan Munoz made a motion to approve Financial Report 1. Monthly 2. Year to Date 3. Sales Tax, seconded by Gabriela Fernandez 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.

Juan Munoz 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 Gabriela Fernandez the vote was [Unanimous].

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

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

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

Municipal Court 1. City Monthly Report- January 2. Linebarger Monthly Report- JanuaryAdopted

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

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

Library Report 1. Monthly Report Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge the Library Report.

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

Fire Marshal's Report 1. Monthly Report Adopted

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

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

Closed Session

Closed Session in accordance to Section 551.071, the Texas Open Meetings Act Consultation with Attorney - to deliberate pending or contemplated litigation.No Action

Closed session opened at 7:03 PM.

made a motion to approve Closed Session in accordance to Section 551.071, the Texas Open Meetings Act Consultation with Attorney - to deliberate pending or contemplated litigation., seconded by the vote was .

Open Session – Deliberation and possible action regarding the following:

Open Session in accordance to Section 551.071, the Texas Open Meetings Act. Deliberation and possible ACTION regarding consultation with Attorney on pending or contemplated litigation.No Action

Open session closed at 7:28 PM.

No action was taken.

made a motion to approve Open Session in accordance to Section 551.071, the Texas Open Meetings Act. Deliberation and possible ACTION regarding consultation with Attorney on pending or contemplated litigation., seconded by the vote was .

J. Adjournment

The meeting was closed at 7:28 PM.

Presiding Officer of the Council

Recorder