

City Council

200 North Brazil

Los Fresnos, TX 78566

Regular Meeting

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Tuesday, April 14, 2015

6:00 PM

City Hall

Agenda

1. Call meeting to order
Mayor Narvaez called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
Mayor Narvaez gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation of an award.No Action

Commander Banda stated that on Monday, January 19, 2015 Detective Selina Conde was dispatched to a residence on Alvarez Court to assist EMS. Upon arrival she found a child that was unresponsive and not breathing. Using her training she immediately administered CPR on the child. As a direct response to her being able to stay calm under pressure and using her training Detective Conde was able to revive the child after which the child was transported to the hospital by EMS.

Officer Conde was awarded the Los Fresnos Police Department Life Saving Award for her outstanding performance and exemplary attention to duty.

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

Presentation of Boots on Ground awards.No Action

Mr. Milum stated that this was the second year the City sponsored the Boots on Ground to raise money for a memorial to the veterans of all branches of the service.

There are several volunteers that put in many hours of their time to put on this event.

Mayor Narvaez handed out plaques to Javier Mendez, Chairman, and members Mary Cardona, Leroy Diaz, Celina Gonzales, Mando Guerrero and Jeffrey Rosas. Volunteer Abel Gonzalez was unable to attend.

made a motion to approve Presentation of Boots on Ground awards., seconded by the vote was .

Presentation of RGV Walk of Fame award.No Action

Mayor Narvaez read aloud the nomination form that supplied information about Mr. Abrego's achievements and activities in the City.

Mayor Narvaez presented Mr. Abrego with a brick that read RGV Walk of Fame.

Mr. Abrego thanked the City.

Mayor Narvaez recessed the meeting at 6:20 p.m. and invited everyone for cake.

Mayor Narvaez called the meeting back to order at 6:33 p.m.

made a motion to approve Presentation of RGV Walk of Fame award., seconded by the vote was .

Presentation by Los Fresnos Chamber of Commerce.No Action

Mr. Val Champion, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, was present and he gave a brief summary of the Chamber's activities for the months of January, February and March 2015.

Mr. Champion answered questions from the Council.

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

Consent Agenda

Approval or rejection of Minutes from March 10, 2015 meeting.Adopted

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

Javier Mendez made a motion to approve Approval or rejection of Minutes from March 10, 2015 meeting., seconded by Gary Minton the vote was [Unanimous].

Approval or rejection of a Proclamation declaring May 2015 as for Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month.Adopted

Mayor Narvaez read the proclamation aloud.

John Peacock accepted the proclamation.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the proclamation.

Javier Mendez made a motion to approve Approval or rejection of a Proclamation declaring May 2015 as for Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month., seconded by Gary Minton the vote was [Unanimous].

Approval or rejection of a Proclamation declaring the week of May 10-16, 2015 as National Police Week and declaring May 15, 2015 as Peace Officer's Memorial Day.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve the proclamation.

Javier Mendez made a motion to approve Approval or rejection of a Proclamation declaring the week of May 10-16, 2015 as National Police Week and declaring May 15, 2015 as Peace Officer's Memorial Day., seconded by Gary Minton the vote was [Unanimous].

Approval or rejection of a Proclamation declaring the week of May 17-23, 2015 as National Emergency Medical Services Week.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve the proclamation.

Javier Mendez made a motion to approve Approval or rejection of a Proclamation declaring the week of May 17-23, 2015 as National Emergency Medical Services Week., seconded by Gary Minton the vote was [Unanimous].

Approval or rejection of a Proclamation declaring April 2015 as Fair Housing Month.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve the proclamation.

Javier Mendez made a motion to approve Approval or rejection of a Proclamation declaring April 2015 as Fair Housing Month., seconded by Gary Minton the vote was [Unanimous].

Approval or rejection of a Resolution requesting the members of the 84th Legislative Session to increase funding for the Texas Recreation and Parks Account and Large County and Municipality Recreation and Parks Account Local Park Grant Program, and the Texas State Park System.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Resolution requesting the 84th Legislative Session to increase funding for the Texas Recreation and Parks Account and Large County and Municipality Recreation and Parks Account Local Park Grant Program, and the Texas State Park System.

Javier Mendez made a motion to approve Approval or rejection of a Resolution requesting the members of the 84th Legislative Session to increase funding for the Texas Recreation and Parks Account and Large County and Municipality Recreation and Parks Account Local Park Grant Program, and the Texas State Park System., seconded by Gary Minton the vote was [Unanimous].

Approval or rejection of the second and final reading of Ordinance 465 adopting various International Codes and other building codes relating to inspection activities and enforcement of building provisions as provided in said codes, adopting existing and future amendments and all new editions of codes.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 465 adopting various International Codes and other building codes and all future amendment and new editions to codes.

Javier Mendez made a motion to approve Approval or rejection of the second and final reading of Ordinance 465 adopting various International Codes and other building codes relating to inspection activities and enforcement of building provisions as provided in said codes, adopting existing and future amendments and all new editions of codes., seconded by Gary Minton the vote was [Unanimous].

Approval or rejection of a budget amendment for the Los Fresnos Police Department.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve the budget amendment for the Los Fresnos Police Department.

Javier Mendez made a motion to approve Approval or rejection of a budget amendment for the Los Fresnos Police Department., seconded by Gary Minton the vote was [Unanimous].

Approval or rejection of a renewal agreement between the City of Los Fresnos and Texas A & M University-Kingsville for the Regional Task Force.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve the renewal agreement between the City and Texas A & M University-Kingsville for the Regional Task Force.

Javier Mendez made a motion to approve Approval or rejection of a renewal agreement between the City of Los Fresnos and Texas A & M University-Kingsville for the Regional Task Force., seconded by Gary Minton the vote was [Unanimous].

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

There were no comments from the public.

Action Items

Consideration and ACTION to approve or reject any or all proposals received for the Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with the selected firm.Adopted

Mr. Milum explained that all the cities had rated the two firms that submitted proposals. The firms were H2O Partners and Naismith Engineering. The total amount of the contract is capped at the grant and local share amount of \$105,000.

H2O was ranked the highest by 7 of the cities and 3 of the cities ranked Naismith the highest.

Mr. Milum answered questions from the Council.

Motion was made and seconded to approve contracting with H2O Partners for the Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Tom Jones made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve or reject any or all proposals received for the Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with the selected firm., seconded by Polo Narvaez the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve a Resolution supporting Cameron County to create a Cameron County Healthcare District.Defeated

Mr. Milum explained that Cameron County had sent this resolution that is sponsored by Senator Lucio and Representative Olivera. They would like the City to support the creating of a hospital district to help fund healthcare. If passed by the legislature it would be on the November ballot for voter consideration. It would be a maximum of \$0.25 per \$100 valuation of property. History would indicate that you should plan on the maximum. As indicated in the documentation most districts have a maximum tax rate of \$0.75 per \$100 valuation of property.

Councilmember Real stated he felt that our citizens are already being taxed enough. Councilmember Jones and Mendez also stated they were not in favor of the resolution.

Mayor Narvaez stated he sees the need for the hospital district for healthcare.

Mr. Milum answered questions from the Council.

Motion was made and seconded to reject and not approved this resolution in support of a hospital district to fund healthcare. Vote was 5-1 with Mayor Narvaez voting for.

Swain Real made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve a Resolution supporting Cameron County to create a Cameron County Healthcare District., seconded by Tom Jones the vote was [5 to 1].

Consideration and ACTION to approve contract with Brown Reynolds Watford Architects, Inc. for architect services.Adopted

Mr. Milum stated that at the last meeting the Council had approved BRW Architects and for him to negotiate a contract. The contract has been negotiated and a draft copy was given to Council. There are two phases of the project. Phase 1 is to determine the needs and the estimated costs of 2 different options. This includes City Hall, Police Department (in new facility or stay in existing facility) and the Fire and Ambulance building. The cost for this will be \$19,800. Once a plan is decided upon Phase 2 will begin which will

actually put plans and specifications together to get bids and start construction. The cost on Phase 2 will be between 8% and 12% depending on the decisions made in Phase 1. The smaller project will be closer to 12% and the larger project will be close to 8%.

Mr. Milum answered questions from the Council.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the contract with Brown Reynolds Watford Architects, Inc.

Tom Jones made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve contract with Brown Reynolds Watford Architects, Inc. for architect services., seconded by Yolanda H. Cruz the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve funding for Valley Metro Bus service and corresponding budget amendment.Adopted

Mr. Milum explained that during budget time we did not have figures from Valley Metro on any needed funds for continuation of the bus service through Los Fresnos to Brownsville and to the San Benito and Harlingen area. The City told them we needed at least an estimate so we could put something in the budget but they never got the information to us. We have now received a bill for \$20,800. The School Superintendent and Mr. Milum met with Valley Metro to let them know this is not acceptable and we need to plan funding during budget time. Valley Metro assured us they will do that in the future. The Valley Metro bus service is a valuable service to our community. Other partners in this project are Los Fresnos CISD, Cameron County, Workforce Solutions Cameron, UTB, TSTC and United Way of Souther Cameron County.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the funding of \$20,800 to Valley Metro Bus Service and corresponding budget amendment.

Swain Real made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve funding for Valley Metro Bus service and corresponding budget amendment., seconded by Yolanda H. Cruz the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to appoint a new member to Los Fresnos Community Development.Adopted

Mr. Milum explained that Manuel Abrego had resigned from the CDC Board effective at the April meeting. There are two individuals that have an application and desire to be on the CDC Board. Eddie Cruz lives in this area and is a life long resident. He served on the CDC Board previously. Luis Mascorro lives by FM 803.

Motion was made and seconded to appoint Luis Mascorro to the CDC Board.

Javier Mendez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to appoint a new member to Los Fresnos Community Development., seconded by Tom Jones the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to appoint two members to the Los Fresnos Housing

Authority.Adopted

Councilmember Jones stated that he had spoken with David Winstead, Sr about serving on the Housing Authority and he is willing to serve if appointed by Council. Mr. Winstead was present at the meeting.

Motion was made and seconded to appoint David Winstead, Sr to the Housing Authority Board.

Mayor Narvaez stated he had spoke with Dwight Chaffin about serving on the Housing Authority and he is also willing to serve. Mr. Milum stated that the Housing Authority meetings are on the third Wednesday of the month and Mr. Chaffin goes to Church on Wednesday evenings so he is not sure if he would serve. Mayor Narvaez stated maybe the meeting date could be changed.

Mayor Narvaez made a motion to appoint Dwight Chaffin contingent upon meetings being changed, seconded by Councilmember Real and the vote for approval was unanimous.

Tom Jones made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to appoint two members to the Los Fresnos Housing Authority., seconded by Javier Mendez the vote was [Unanimous].

Update by City Manager

A. Wastewater Plant Expansion B. Los Fresnos Nature Park C. Hazardous Mitigation Plan D. Certificates of Obligation E. Mosquito Control F, Community Park Parking Lot G. TWDB Projects H. Code Enforcement I. Walmart Traffic CongestionNo Action

Mr. Milum reported on the wastewater plant expansion, Los Fresnos Nature Park, Hazardous Mitigation Plan, Certificates of Obligation, Mosquito control, Community Park Parking Lot, TWDB Projects, Code Enforcement and Walmart traffic congestion.

Mr. Milum answered questions from the Council.

made a motion to approve A. Wastewater Plant Expansion B. Los Fresnos Nature Park C. Hazardous Mitigation Plan D. Certificates of Obligation E. Mosquito Control F, Community Park Parking Lot G. TWDB Projects H. Code Enforcement I. Walmart Traffic Congestion, seconded by the vote was .

Department Head Reports

A. Finance Report 1. Monthly 2. Year-to-DateNo Action

Mr. Milum answered questions from the Council.

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

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

Mr. Milum answered questions from the Council.

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

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

Mr. Milum answered questions from the Council.

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

D. Municipal Court Report 1. Monthly ReportNo Action

Mr. Milum answered questions from the Council.

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

March 2015 Library ReportNo Action

Mr. Milum answered questions from the Council.

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

F. Fire Marshall's Report 1. Monthly ReportNo Action

Mr. Milum answered questions from the Council.

made a motion to approve F. 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:

Closed Session - Deliberation pursuant to Section 551.074, Title 5 of the Texas Government Code, the Texas Open Meetings Act regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of City Manager, Finance Director, Chief of Police, Public Works Director, Librarian or City Secretary.No Action

Mayor Narvaez recessed the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

made a motion to approve Closed Session - Deliberation pursuant to Section 551.074, Title 5 of the Texas Government Code, the Texas Open Meetings Act regarding the 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:

Open Session - Deliberation and possible action regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of City Manager, Finance Director, Chief of Police, Public Works Director, Librarian or City Secretary.No Action

Mayor Narvaez called the meeting back to order at 8:20 p.m.

Mayor Narvaez stated there would be no action taken.

made a motion to approve Open Session - Deliberation and possible action regarding the 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 .

14. Adjournment

Mayor Narvaez adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m .

Presiding Officer of the Council

Recorder