

# City Council

520 E Ocean Blvd.

## Regular Meeting

Los Fresnos, TX 78566

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Tuesday, June 14, 2022

6:00 PM

City Hall

### Agenda

A. Call meeting to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by Mayor Alejandro Flores.

B. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Luis Gonzalez 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.**

Gabriela Fernandez spoke in reference to a letter that was sent out about a event she hosted for the Police Department.

**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 they had any questions or comments on the consent agenda.

Council member Juan Munoz requested item 3 be pulled and addressed separately.

**Consideration and ACTION to approve the minutes from May 10, 2022.**Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from May 10, 2022.

Juan Munoz made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve the minutes from May 10, 2022., seconded by Alejandro Flores the vote was [Unanimous].

**Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of William Lubben from the May 2, 2022 Community Development Corporation meeting.**Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to excuse the absence of William Lubben from the May 2, 2022 Community Development Corporation meeting.

Juan Munoz made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of William Lubben from the May 2, 2022 Community Development Corporation meeting., seconded by Alejandro Flores the vote was [Unanimous].

**Consideration and ACTION to approve the Community Development Corporation approval to fund to pave the entrance to the old Retama Street servicing the alley and Sierra RV Park.**Adopted

Council member Juan Munoz asked if the alley belonged to the city and if it had anything to do with a previous contract between the city and the previous owner of the RV park.

Mr. Milum explained it did belong to the city, gave detailed information on project and how it would help the surrounding businesses.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Community Development Corporation approval to fund to pave the entrance to the old Retama Street servicing the alley and Sierra RV Park.

Luis Gonzalez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve the Community Development Corporation approval to fund to pave the entrance to the old Retama Street servicing the alley and Sierra RV Park., seconded by Juan Munoz the vote was [Unanimous].

**Consideration and ACTION to approve Change Order 3 for the Water Treatment Plant Expansion Project.**Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve Change Order 3 for the Water Treatment Plant Expansion Project.

Juan Munoz made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve Change Order 3 for the Water Treatment Plant Expansion Project., seconded by Alejandro Flores the vote was [Unanimous].

**Consideration and ACTION to approve Change Order 4 for the Water Treatment Plant Expansion Project.**Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve Change Order 4 for the Water Treatment Plant Expansion Project.

Juan Munoz made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve Change Order 4 for the Water Treatment Plant Expansion Project., seconded by Alejandro Flores the vote was [Unanimous].

**Action Items**

**Consideration and ACTION to approve an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority (CCRMA), for engineering and environmental services for a sidewalk project from the west side of FM 1847 to Resaca Retreat Dr.**Adopted

Mayor Flores asked if there were any questions or comments.

Council member Munoz asked if the city would be paying \$60,000. Mr. Milum answered yes it was for the engineering, explained how the project was funded, and answered questions for the council.

Motion was made and seconded to approve an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority (CCRMA), for engineering and

environmental services for a sidewalk project from the west side of FM 1847 to Resaca Retreat Dr.

Luis Gonzalez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority (CCRMA), for engineering and environmental services for a sidewalk project from the west side of FM 1847 to Resaca Retreat Dr., seconded by Gabriela Fernandez the vote was [Unanimous].

**Consideration and ACTION to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Cameron County for Law Enforcement Mutual Aid as authorized by Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 362, requested by Custom Border Patrol for Operation Stone Garden operations in preparation for the possible lifting of Title 42.**Adopted

Mr. Milum gave a brief summary on the agreement and how the operation works. Police Chief Hector Gonzalez and Assistant Chief Juan Rodriguez were present, they answered questions for the council and discussed the agreement and operation.

Motion was made and seconded to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Cameron County for Law Enforcement Mutual Aid as authorized by Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 362, requested by Custom Border Patrol for Operation Stone Garden operations in preparation for the possible lifting of Title 42.

Luis Gonzalez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Cameron County for Law Enforcement Mutual Aid as authorized by Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 362, requested by Custom Border Patrol for Operation Stone Garden operations in preparation for the possible lifting of Title 42., seconded by Alejandro Flores the vote was [Unanimous].

**Consideration and ACTION to review the Water Conservation Drought Contingency Plan and modify as necessary.**Adopted

Mr. Milum explained this was in reference to the conservation of water that begin mid May. He explained it raised a lot of questions as to why only Los Fresnos was under conservation. He looked at other cities plans and there trigger points.

He recommended Stage 2 trigger Number 1 be changed to "When the level of U.S. water stored in Amistad and Falcon Reservoirs reaches 30%."

Stage 2 Response (d) The following uses of water are defined as non-essential and are prohibited: I. Wash down of any sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts, or other hard-surfaced areas; II. Use of water to wash down building or structures for purposes other than immediate fire protection; III. Use of water for dust control; IV. Flushing gutters or permitting water to run or accumulate in any gutter or street; and V. Failure to repair a controllable leak(s) within a reasonable period after having been given notice directing the repair of such leak(s) to all be removed from Stage 2 Response to Stage 3 Response.

Stage 4 Response to change (a) I to only Monday, (a) II to only Tuesday and (a) III to no landscape irrigation allowed on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday or Sunday.

He answered questions for the council and discussed the proposed recommendations.

Motion was made and seconded modify the Water Conservation Drought Contingency Plan as stated.

Alejandro Flores made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to review the Water Conservation Drought Contingency Plan and modify as necessary., seconded by Gabriela Fernandez the vote was [Unanimous].

**Consideration and ACTION to approve Employee Policy Manual.Adopted**

Mr. Milum explained the city hired a firm to assist in creating the policy and that department heads met to review it and made changes as needed. Mr. Milum explained the department heads requested a change in how sick leave is used.

Mr. Milum answered questions for the council.

Motion was made and seconded to approve Employee Policy Manual.

Juan Munoz made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve Employee Policy Manual., seconded by Gabriela Fernandez the vote was [Unanimous].

**Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Polo Narvaez from the May 10, 2022 City Council meeting.Adopted**

Mr. Milum explained the council would need to make a decision in July on the possible removal of Council member Narvaez.

Mr. Milum answered question for the council and discussed the process for election if he is removed.

Motion was made and seconded to excuse the absence of Polo Narvaez from the May 10, 2022 City Council Meeting.

Juan Munoz made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Polo Narvaez from the May 10, 2022 City Council meeting., seconded by Gabriela Fernandez the vote was [Unanimous].

**Consideration and ACTION to appoint a member to the Park Advisory Board Place 2.Adopted**

Mayor Flores explained he spoke to the applicant and was very nice and friendly.

Council member Luis Gonzalez asked questions about the board.

Motion was made and seconded to appoint Eduardo Lugo Jr. to the Park Advisory Board Place 2.

Alejandro Flores made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to appoint a member to the Park Advisory Board Place 2., seconded by Luis Gonzalez the vote was [3 to 1].

**Acknowledgement of City Manager's Report**

**City Manager Report A. Waste Water Collection System & Upgrade B. Water Treatment Plant Expansion C. Hike & Bike Trails D. Drainage E. Whipple Road F. COVID-19 G. TxDot Highway 100 H. East 10th & East 5th Street Sewer I. Projects Discussed But Not Funded J. Street Repairs Adopted**

Mayor Flores commented about the \$873,704 in loan forgiveness received for drainage. He asked Mr. Milum when the project might get started, Mr. Milum explained.

Mayor Flores asked if there were any questions or comments on the City Manager report.

Mr. Milum answered questions for the council.

Luis Gonzalez made a motion to approve City Manager Report A. Waste Water Collection System & Upgrade B. Water Treatment Plant Expansion C. Hike & Bike Trails D. Drainage E. Whipple Road F. COVID-19 G. TxDot Highway 100 H. East 10th & East 5th Street Sewer I. Projects Discussed But Not Funded J. Street Repairs, seconded by Alejandro Flores the vote was [Unanimous].

**Acknowledgement of Department Head Reports**

Mayor Flores asked if there any questions or comments on the department head report. There were none.

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

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 Report Adopted**

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 1. Calls-By Type 2. Calls-By Date & Time 3. Incidents-By Violation 4. Arrests-By Type 5. Accidents-By Streets & Intersection Adopted**

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

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

**Municipal Court 1. City Monthly Report 2. Linebarger Monthly Report Adopted**

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge the Municipal Court Report

Juan Munoz made a motion to approve Municipal Court 1. City Monthly Report 2. Linebarger Monthly Report, 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's Report.

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

H. Adjournment

The meeting was closed at 7:13 PM.

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Presiding Officer of the Council

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Recorder