

City Council

520 E Ocean Blvd.

Regular Meeting

Los Fresnos, TX 78566

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Tuesday, July 11, 2023

6:00 PM

City Hall

Agenda

- A. Call meeting to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Alejandro Flores.

- B. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Flores gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing

Public hearing to receive comments from the public on the proposed creation of a Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) to be known as the TIRZ No, 2, Los Fresnos ("Woods at Los Fresnos" TIRZ), pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 311 of the Texas Tax Code.No Action

Public hearing was opened at 6:00 p.m.

There were no comments from the public.

Public hearing was closed at 6:01 p.m.

made a motion to approve Public hearing to receive comments from the public on the proposed creation of a Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) to be known as the TIRZ No, 2, Los Fresnos ("Woods at Los Fresnos" TIRZ), pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 311 of the Texas Tax Code., seconded by the vote was .

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.

David Gillespie explained why he felt creating a Parks and Recreation Department was needed.

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 the council had any questions on the consent agenda. There were none.

Consideration and ACTION to approve the minutes from regular meeting June 13, 2023 and June 27, 2023 special meeting.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from regular meeting June 13, 2023 and June 27, 2023 special meeting.

Terry Vinson made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve the minutes from regular meeting June 13, 2023 and June 27, 2023 special meeting., seconded by Jose C. Macias the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Luis Gonzalez from the June 13, 2023 City Council meeting.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to excuse the absence of Luis Gonzalez from the June 13, 2023 City Council meeting.

Terry Vinson made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Luis Gonzalez from the June 13, 2023 City Council meeting., seconded by Jose C. Macias the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Terry Vinson from the June 27, 2023 City Council special meeting.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to excuse the absence of Terry Vinson from the June 27, 2023 City Council special meeting.

Terry Vinson made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Terry Vinson from the June 27, 2023 City Council special meeting., seconded by Jose C. Macias the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Jose C. Macias from the June 27, 2023 City Council special meeting.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to excuse the absence of Jose C. Macias from the June 27, 2023 City Council meeting.

Terry Vinson made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Jose C. Macias from the June 27, 2023 City Council special meeting., seconded by Jose C. Macias the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve the Order of Election and Notice of Election for the November 7, 2023 City Election and authorize the City Secretary to make any necessary changes in locations, days, dates, and times that may be ordered by the Governor or the Cameron County Elections Office.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Order of Election and Notice of Election for the November 7, 2023 City election and authorize the City Secretary to make any necessary changes in locations, days, dates, and times that may be ordered by the Governor of the Cameron County Elections Office.

Terry Vinson made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve the Order of Election and Notice of Election for the November 7, 2023 City Election and authorize the City Secretary to make any necessary changes in locations, days, dates, and times that may be ordered

by the Governor or the Cameron County Elections Office., seconded by Jose C. Macias the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve a contract with Cameron County Election Administration to conduct the early voting and election day voting for November 7, 2023 City Election.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve a contract with Cameron County Election Administration to conduct the early voting and election voting for November 7, 2023 City Election.

Terry Vinson made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve a contract with Cameron County Election Administration to conduct the early voting and election day voting for November 7, 2023 City Election., seconded by Jose C. Macias the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Los Fresnos and South Texas ISD regarding the use of the parking lot at Memorial Park.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Los Fresnos and South Texas ISD regarding the use of the parking lot at Memorial Park.

Terry Vinson made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Los Fresnos and South Texas ISD regarding the use of the parking lot at Memorial Park., seconded by Jose C. Macias the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve a resolution suspending the August 23, 2023 effective date of the statement of intent of Texas Gas Service Company to increase rates within incorporated areas of its service territory to permit the City time to study the request and to establish reasonable rates; finding that the City's reasonable rate case expenses shall be reimbursed by the company; authorizing participation with other Rio Grande Valley Texas municipalities; hiring legal and consulting services to negotiate with the company and direct any necessary litigation and appeals; 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 to approve a resolution suspending the August 23, 2023 effective date of the statement of intent of Texas Gas Service Company to increase rates within incorporated areas of its service territory to permit the City time to study the request and to establish reasonable rates; finding that the City's reasonable rate case expenses shall be reimbursed by the company; authorizing participation with other Rio Grande Valley Texas municipalities; hiring legal and consulting services to negotiate with the company and direct any necessary litigation and appeals; 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.

Terry Vinson made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve a resolution suspending the August 23, 2023 effective date of the statement of intent of Texas Gas Service Company to increase rates within incorporated areas of its service territory to permit the City time to study the request and to establish reasonable rates; finding that the City's reasonable rate case expenses shall be reimbursed by the company; authorizing participation with other Rio Grande Valley Texas municipalities; hiring legal and consulting services to negotiate with the company and direct any necessary litigation and appeals; 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 Jose C. Macias the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve a resolution supporting Mexico paying their water debt. Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve a resolution supporting Mexico paying their water debt.

Terry Vinson made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve a resolution supporting Mexico paying their water debt., seconded by Jose C. Macias the vote was [Unanimous].

Action Items

Consideration and ACTION to approve an ordinance of the City of Los Fresnos, TX designating a geographic area within the City of Los Fresnos as a reinvestment zone for tax increment financing purposes pursuant to chapter 311 of the Texas Tax Code to be known as Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number Two, City of Los Fresnos; describing the boundaries of the zone; creating a board of directors for the zone; establishing a tax increment fund for the zone; containing findings and provisions related to the creation of the zone; providing a date for the termination of the zone; providing that the zone take effect immediately upon passage of the ordinance; providing a severability clause; providing for publication; and declaring an effective date. Adopted

Mr. Milum explained the process in creating the TIRZ #2 to the council.

Motion was made and seconded to approve an ordinance of the City of Los Fresnos, TX designating a geographic area within the City of Los Fresnos as a reinvestment zone for tax increment financing purposes pursuant to chapter 311 of the Texas Tax Code to be known as Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number Two, City of Los Fresnos; describing the boundaries of the zone; creating a board of directors for the zone; establishing a tax increment fund for the zone; containing findings and provisions related to the creation of the zone; providing a date for the termination of the zone; providing that the zone take effect immediately upon passage of the ordinance; providing a severability clause; providing for publication; and declaring an effective date.

Juan Munoz made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve an ordinance of the City of Los Fresnos, TX designating a geographic area within the City of Los Fresnos as a reinvestment zone for tax increment financing purposes pursuant to chapter 311 of the Texas Tax

Code to be known as Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number Two, City of Los Fresnos; describing the boundaries of the zone; creating a board of directors for the zone; establishing a tax increment fund for the zone; containing findings and provisions related to the creation of the zone; providing a date for the termination of the zone; providing that the zone take effect immediately upon passage of the ordinance; providing a severability clause; providing for publication; and declaring an effective date., seconded by Terry Vinson the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve a resolution approving the creation of The Woods at Los Fresnos redevelopment authority, a local government corporation; approving the certificate of formation thereof; confirming the appointment of the initial directors; and containing findings and other provisions relating to the subject.Adopted

Mr. Milum explained this was also part of the process in forming the TIRZ #2.

Mayor Flores, Council member Joe Macias and Council member Terry Vinson volunteered to be incorporators.

Motion was made and seconded to approve a resolution approving the creation of The Woods at Los Fresnos redevelopment authority, a local government corporation; approving the certificate of formation thereof; confirming the appointment of the initial directors; and containing findings and other provisions relating to the subject.

Consideration and ACTION to approve bid proposals received for Auditing Services and authorize the City Manager to negotiate an agreement.Adopted

Mr. Milum explained the results of the rating committee. He recommended the council approve the ratings as presented and allow him to negotiate an agreement.

Mayor Flores commented on the firms.

Motion was made and seconded to approve bid proposals received for Auditing services and authorize the City Manager to negotiate an agreement.

Jose C. Macias made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve bid proposals received for Auditing Services and authorize the City Manager to negotiate an agreement., seconded by Juan Munoz the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and action to approve engineering for the water line extension from Walmart-1004 W Ocean Blvd to Hands of Healing-32799 State Hwy 100.Adopted

Mr. Milum explained the proposed area is serviced by Olimito Water Supply, pressure and volume are not adequate to service the area so they have agreed Los Fresnos will service they area.

The city is proposing extending the line from Wal-Mart to Hands of Healing with half of the cost being paid by Hands of Healing.

Motion was made and seconded to approve engineering for the water line extension from Walmart-1004 W Ocean Blvd to Hands of Healing-32799 State Hwy 100.

Alejandro Flores made a motion to approve Consideration and action to approve engineering for the water line extension from Walmart-1004 W Ocean Blvd to Hands of Healing-32799 State Hwy 100., seconded by Juan Munoz the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve a proposal to renew the Los Fresnos Wastewater Plant Permit-WQ0010590-002.Adopted

Mr. Milum explained the water plant license is renewed every five years. The proposed firm would handle the renewal process for the city.

Mr. Milum recommended approving the proposal.

Motion was made and seconded to approve a proposal to renew the Los Fresnos Wastewater Plant Permit-WQ0010590-002.

Terry Vinson made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve a proposal to renew the Los Fresnos Wastewater Plant Permit-WQ0010590-002., seconded by Jose C. Macias 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. East 10th & East 5th Street Sewer I. Projects Discussed But Not Funded J. Veteran's Memorial K. Boys & Girls Club Quarterly ReportAdopted

Mayor Flores asked the council if they had any questions or comments on the City Manager report.

Mayor Flores asked for an update on the TXDOT Highway 100 project. Council member Joe Macias asked for an update on the Harvey Escalante Rd Sewer connections. Council member Juan Munoz asked about drainage. Mr. Milum responded to there questions.

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. East 10th & East 5th Street Sewer I. Projects Discussed But Not Funded J. Veteran's Memorial K. Boys & Girls Club Quarterly Report, seconded by Alejandro Flores the vote was [Unanimous].

Acknowledgement of Department Head Reports

Mayor Flores asked the council if they had any questions or comments on the Department Head Reports.

Financial Report 1. Monthly 2. Year to Date 3. Sales TaxAdopted

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge the Financial Report.

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

Jose C. Macias 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 Juan Munoz 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 6. Magistrates**Adopted**

Council member Joe Macias asked for a status on the Crime report he requested in February. Mr. Milum responded.

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

Jose C. Macias 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 6. Magistrates, seconded by Juan Munoz the vote was [Unanimous].

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

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

Jose C. Macias made a motion to approve Municipal Court 1. City Monthly Report-MAY 2. Linebarger Monthly Report-MAY, seconded by Juan Munoz the vote was [Unanimous].

Library Report 1. Monthly Report**Adopted**

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge the Library Report.

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

Fire Marshal's Report 1. Monthly Report**Adopted**

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

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

EMS Report 1. Quarterly Report APRIL MAY JUNE**Adopted**

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge the EMS Report.

Jose C. Macias made a motion to approve EMS Report 1. Quarterly Report APRIL MAY JUNE, seconded by Juan Munoz the vote was [Unanimous].

I. Adjournment

Meeting was closed at 6:27 PM.

Presiding Officer of the Council

Recorder