

City Council

520 E Ocean Blvd.

Regular Meeting

Los Fresnos, TX 78566

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Tuesday, September 10, 2024

6:00 PM

City Hall

Agenda

- A. Call meeting to order

Mayor Flores called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

- B. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Milum gave the 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 items on the consent agenda they would like to pull for further discussion. There were none.

Consideration and ACTION to approve the minutes from August 13 & 20 2024.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from August 13 & 20 2024.

Terry Vinson made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve the minutes from August 13 & 20 2024., seconded by Alberto Escobedo the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve updates the to Employee Policy Manual Policy 609 Lactation Breaks and Policy 613 Temporary Modified Duty Assignments.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve updates to the Employee Policy Manual Policy 609 Lactation Breaks and Policy 613 Temporary Modified Duty Assignments.

Terry Vinson made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve updates the to Employee Policy Manual Policy 609 Lactation Breaks and Policy 613 Temporary Modified Duty Assignments., seconded by Alberto Escobedo the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve an update Employee Policy Manual to include the Artificial Intelligence Policy.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve an update Employee Policy Manual to include the Artificial Intelligence Policy.

Terry Vinson made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve an update Employee Policy Manual to include the Artificial Intelligence Policy., seconded by Alberto Escobedo the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to authorize the City Manager to dispose of surplus Items.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to authorize the City Manager to dispose of surplus items.

Terry Vinson made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to authorize the City Manager to dispose of surplus Items., seconded by Alberto Escobedo the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve the write off of bad debt for the utility accounts and garbage for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve the write off of bad debt for the utility accounts and garbage for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Terry Vinson made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve the write off of bad debt for the utility accounts and garbage for the 2023-2024 fiscal year., seconded by Alberto Escobedo the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve the second reading of Ordinance 560 adopting the budgets for fiscal year 2024-2025.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve the second reading of Ordinance 560 adopting the budgets for fiscal year 2024-2025.

Terry Vinson made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve the second reading of Ordinance 560 adopting the budgets for fiscal year 2024-2025., seconded by Alberto Escobedo the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve the second reading of Ordinance 561 approving the 2024 tax roll and levying municipal ad valorem taxes for the use, benefit and support of the City and directing the assessment and collection thereof.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve the second reading of Ordinance 561 approving the 2024 tax roll and levying municipal ad valorem taxes for the use, benefit and support of the City and directing the assessment and collection thereof.

Terry Vinson made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve the second reading of Ordinance 561 approving the 2024 tax roll and levying municipal ad valorem taxes for the use, benefit and support of the City and directing the assessment and collection thereof., seconded by Alberto Escobedo the vote was [Unanimous].

Approval or rejection to approve the following Service Agreements: A. Los Fresnos Volunteer Fire Department B. Los Fresnos Ambulance Service C. Boys & Girls Club Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve the following Service Agreements: A. Los Fresnos Volunteer Fire Department B. Los Fresnos Ambulance Service C. Boys & Girls Club.

Terry Vinson made a motion to approve Approval or rejection to approve the following Service Agreements: A. Los Fresnos Volunteer Fire Department B. Los Fresnos Ambulance Service C. Boys & Girls Club, seconded by Alberto Escobedo the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve a Proclamation designating October 6-12, 2024 as Fire Prevention Week and Firefighters Appreciation Week. Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve a Proclamation designating October 6-12, 2024 as Fire Prevention Week and Firefighters Appreciation Week.

Terry Vinson made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve a Proclamation designating October 6-12, 2024 as Fire Prevention Week and Firefighters Appreciation Week., seconded by Alberto Escobedo the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve funding to pave the entrance to the old Retama Street servicing the alley and Sierra RV Park. Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve funding to pave the entrance to the Old Retama Street servicing the alley and Sierra RV Park.

Terry Vinson made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve funding to pave the entrance to the old Retama Street servicing the alley and Sierra RV Park., seconded by Alberto Escobedo the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Gabriela Fernandez from August 20, 2024 City Council meeting. Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to excuse the absence of Gabriela Fernandez from August 20, 2024 City Council Meeting.

Terry Vinson made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Gabriela Fernandez from August 20, 2024 City Council meeting., seconded by Alberto Escobedo the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Terry Vinson from the August 13, 2024 City Council meeting. Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to excuse the absence of Terry Vinson from the August 13, 2024 City Council Meeting.

Terry Vinson made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Terry Vinson from the August 13, 2024 City Council meeting., seconded by Alberto Escobedo the vote was [Unanimous].

Action Items

Consideration and ACTION to approve the bids received for the following: A. Pest Control B. Official Newspaper C. Lot Mowing D. Vehicle Maintenance/Oil Change E. Cleaning Supplies F. Vehicle Tire Maintenance G. Chemicals H. Vehicle Washing Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve the bids received for the following: A. Pest Control - Massey Services - 3 Years B. Official Newspaper - Los Fresnos News - 1 Year C. Lot Mowing - TAS Mowing - 3 Years not include lift stations D. Vehicle Maintenance/Oil Change - Aguilar's Automotive - 3 Years E. Cleaning Supplies - Diversitech - 3 Years F. Vehicle Tire Maintenance - La Hormiga #3 - 1 Year G. Chemicals All 1 Year:PVS DX for Sulfer Dioxide & Chlorine Gas, AMCHEM for Caustic Soda 50%, Sodium Bicarbonate, Calcium Hypochlorite & Granular Pool Shock, Chemtrade Chemicals for Liquid Alum Blend & Liquid Ammonium Sulfate, Valley Solvents & Chemicals for Sodium Hypochlorite & Hydrochloric Acid, reject and re-bid H. Vehicle Washing .

Terry Vinson made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve the bids received for the following: A. Pest Control B. Official Newspaper C. Lot Mowing D. Vehicle Maintenance/Oil Change E. Cleaning Supplies F. Vehicle Tire Maintenance G. Chemicals H. Vehicle Washing, seconded by Juan Munoz the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve Ordinance 562 amending the code of ordinance of the City of Los Fresnos, said code is hereby amended by changing the speed limits; providing for a penalty not to exceed \$500.00 for any violation thereof; providing for an effective date; providing for publication; providing for severability and ordaining other provisions related to the subject matter thereof. Adopted

Mr. Milum explained the concerns received by residents in the areas listed in the ordinance. He explained the results of the study conducted by TXDOT.

Motion was made and seconded to approve Ordinance 562 amending the code of ordinance of the City of Los Fresnos, said code is hereby amended by changing the speed limits; providing for a penalty not to exceed \$500.00 for any violation thereof; providing for an effective date; providing for publication; providing for severability and ordaining other provisions related to the subject matter thereof.

Alberto Escobedo made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve Ordinance 562 amending the code of ordinance of the City of Los Fresnos, said code is hereby amended by changing the speed limits; providing for a penalty not to exceed \$500.00 for any violation thereof; providing for an effective date; providing for publication; providing for severability and ordaining other provisions related to the subject matter thereof., seconded by Terry Vinson the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve cost participation for development to the north for lift station and line upgrades on North Arroyo Lift Station. Adopted

Mr. Milum explained the location of the proposed new developments, how they would affect the lift station and the upgrades that are needed. He then reviewed the cost of each development and answered questions from the council.

Motion was made and seconded to approve cost participation for development to the north for lift station and line upgrades on North Arroyo Lift Station as presented by Mr. Milum.

Alberto Escobedo made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve cost participation for development to the north for lift station and line upgrades on North Arroyo Lift Station., seconded by Juan Munoz the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve an agreement with 120Water to provide assistance with the LCRR (Lead and Copper Rule Revisions) required by the Environmental Protection Agency. Adopted

Mr. Milum explained a federal law came into effect requesting all addresses in the city to confirm that there is no lead contamination from the home to the city water connection. This firm would assist in gather the information required by federal law.

Mr. Milum answered questions from the council.

Motion made and seconded to approve an agreement with 120Water to provide assistance with the LCRR (Lead and Copper Rule Revisions) required by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Alberto Escobedo made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve an agreement with 120Water to provide assistance with the LCRR (Lead and Copper Rule Revisions) required by the Environmental Protection Agency., seconded by Terry Vinson the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to elect a member for Places 11-14 of the Board of Trustees Election for the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool. Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to elect Randy Criswell for Place 11 of the Board of Trustees Election for the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool.

Alejandro Flores made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to elect a member for Places 11-14 of the Board of Trustees Election for the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool., seconded by Alberto Escobedo the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to elect a member for Places 11-14 of the Board of Trustees Election for the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool. Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to elect Cedric Davis, Sr. for Place 12 of the Board of Trustees Election for the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool.

Juan Munoz made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to elect a member for Places 11-14 of the Board of Trustees Election for the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool., seconded by Alberto Escobedo the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to elect a member for Places 11-14 of the Board of Trustees Election for the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to elect Harlan Jefferson for Place 13 of the Board of Trustees Election for the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool.

Alejandro Flores made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to elect a member for Places 11-14 of the Board of Trustees Election for the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool., seconded by Terry Vinson the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to elect a member for Places 11-14 of the Board of Trustees Election for the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to elect Mike Land for Place 14 of the Board of Trustees Election for the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool.

Terry Vinson made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to elect a member for Places 11-14 of the Board of Trustees Election for the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool., seconded by Gabriela Fernandez the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to elect a member for Region 12 on the TML Board of Directors.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to elect Bryan L. Martinez as member for Region 12 on the TML Board of Directors.

Gabriela Fernandez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to elect a member for Region 12 on the TML Board of Directors., seconded by Luis Gonzalez the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to re-appoint or appoint of members to the Los Fresnos Housing Authority.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to re-appoint or appoint Place 4: Alejandro Juarez and Place 5: Laura Rodriguez to the Los Fresnos Housing Authority.

Alberto Escobedo made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to re-appoint or appoint of members to the Los Fresnos Housing Authority., seconded by Gabriela Fernandez the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to appoint or re-appoint members to the Planning & Zoning Commission.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to appoint or re-appoint members to the Planning & Zoning Commission for Place 1 Robert Walsdorf for a two year term; Place 2: Jacob Wasonga for a 2 year term; Place 3: Larry Stambaugh for a 3 year term.

Alejandro Flores made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to appoint or re-appoint members to the Planning & Zoning Commission., seconded by Gabriela Fernandez the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to appoint or re-appoint members to the Planning & Zoning Commission.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to appoint member to the Planning & Zoning Commission Place 4: Desiderio Delgado for 3 year term.

Alejandro Flores made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to appoint or re-appoint members to the Planning & Zoning Commission., seconded by Alberto Escobedo the vote was [4 to 1].

Consideration and ACTION to re-appoint or appoint members to the Park Advisory Board.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to re-appoint or appoint members in Place 1: Gil Gomez, Place 2: Eduardo Lugo and Place 3: Natasha Taylor

Alberto Escobedo made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to re-appoint or appoint members to the Park Advisory Board., seconded by Gabriela Fernandez the vote was [Unanimous].

Acknowledgement of City Manager's Report

Mayor Flores asked Mr. Milum if there was any updates.

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

Mr. Milum advised the council the ribbon cutting for the Veteran's Memorial was tentatively scheduled for November 9th and answered questions from the council.

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge City Manager's Report.

Gabriela Fernandez 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. Veteran's Memorial H. Water Funding I. Wastewater Funding, seconded by Alberto Escobedo the vote was [Unanimous].

Acknowledgement of Department Head Reports

Mayor Flores asked the board if they had any questions or comments on the Department Head Reports. There were none.

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

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Financial Report 1. Monthly 2. Year to date 3. Sales Tax.

Terry Vinson 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 approve the 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.

Terry Vinson 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 August 2024 1. Calls-By Type 2. Calls-By Date & Time 3. Incidents-By Violation 4. Arrests-By Type 5. Accidents-By Streets & Intersection July 2024 1. Magistrates 2. Index Crimes by Zone Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Police Department August 2024 1. Calls-By Type 2. Calls-By Date & Time 3. Incidents-By Violation 4. Arrests-By Type 5. Accidents-By Streets & Intersection July 2024 1. Magistrates 2. Index Crimes by zone

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

Municipal Court 1. City Monthly Report- July 2. Linebarger Monthly Report - July Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Municipal Court 1. City Monthly Report- July 2. Linebarger Monthly Report-July.

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

Library Report 1. Monthly Report Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Library Report 1. Monthly Report.

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

Fire Marshal's Report 1. Monthly ReportAdopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Fire Marshal's Report 1. Monthly Report
Terry Vinson 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 regarding the
annexation of the City's ETJ.No Action**

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 regarding the annexation of the City's ETJ., 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 regarding the annexation of the City's ETJ.No Action**

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 regarding the annexation of the City's ETJ., seconded by the vote was .

J. Adjournment

Mayor Flores adjourned the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Presiding Officer of the Council

Recorder