

City Council

520 E Ocean Blvd.

Regular Meeting

Los Fresnos, TX 78566

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Tuesday, September 12, 2023

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

Mayor Flores asked a moment of silence be taken for late former Mayor Polo Narvaez. 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 they have any questions on the consent agenda or items they would like to pull for further discussion. There were none.

Consideration and ACTION to approve the minutes from regular meeting August 8, August 15 and September 5, 2023.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from regular meeting August 8, August 15 and September 5, 2023.

Terry Vinson made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve the minutes from regular meeting August 8, August 15 and September 5, 2023., seconded by Gabriela Fernandez the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve the second reading of Ordinance 549 adopting the budgets for fiscal year 2023-2024.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve the second reading of Ordinance 549 adopting the budgets for fiscal year 2023-2024.

Terry Vinson made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve the second reading of Ordinance 549 adopting the budgets for fiscal year 2023-2024., seconded by Gabriela Fernandez the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve the second reading of Ordinance 550 approving the 2023 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 550 approving the 2023 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 550 approving the 2023 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 Gabriela Fernandez the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Luis Gonzalez from the September 5, 2023 City Council Meeting.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to excuse the absence of Luis Gonzalez from the September 5 ,2023 City Council meeting.

Terry Vinson made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Luis Gonzalez from the September 5, 2023 City Council Meeting., seconded by Gabriela Fernandez the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Alberto Escobedo from the August 7, 2023 Community Development Corporation meeting.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to excuse the absence of Alberto Escobedo from the August 7, 2023 Community Development Corporation meeting.

Terry Vinson made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Alberto Escobedo from the August 7, 2023 Community Development Corporation meeting., seconded by Gabriela Fernandez the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of William Lubben from the August 7, 2023 Community Development Corporation meeting.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to excuse the absence of William Lubben from the August 7, 2023 Community Development Corporation meeting.

Terry Vinson made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of William Lubben from the August 7, 2023 Community Development Corporation meeting., seconded by Gabriela Fernandez the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Pedro Maldonado from the August 7, 2023 Community Development Corporation meeting.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to excuse the absence of Pedro Maldonado from the August 7, 2023 Community Development Corporation meeting.

Terry Vinson made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Pedro Maldonado from the August 7, 2023 Community Development Corporation meeting., seconded by Gabriela Fernandez the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Larry Meade from the July 17, 2023 Planning and Zoning meeting.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to excuse the absence of Larry Meade from the July 17, 2023 Planning and Zoning meeting.

Terry Vinson made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Larry Meade from the July 17, 2023 Planning and Zoning meeting., seconded by Gabriela Fernandez the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve a Proclamation to proclaim October 5, 2023 to be City of Los Fresnos Teachers' Day.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve a Proclamation to proclaim October 5, 2023 to be City of Los Fresnos Teachers' Day.

Terry Vinson made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve a Proclamation to proclaim October 5, 2023 to be City of Los Fresnos Teachers' Day., seconded by Gabriela Fernandez the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve a Proclamation designating October 8-14, 2023 as Fire Prevention Week and Firefighters Appreciation Week.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve a Proclamation to proclaim October 8-14, 2023 as Fire Prevention Week and Firefighters Appreciation Week.

Terry Vinson made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve a Proclamation designating October 8-14, 2023 as Fire Prevention Week and Firefighters Appreciation Week., seconded by Gabriela Fernandez the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve the Los Fresnos Community Development Corporations action to purchase soccer goals.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Los Fresnos Community Development Corporations action to purchase soccer goals.

Terry Vinson made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve the Los Fresnos Community Development Corporations action to purchase soccer goals., seconded by Gabriela Fernandez 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 ClubAdopted

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Action Items

Consideration and ACTION to approve the bids and award a contract for the FM 1847 Sidewalk Project, Bid Number 2023-FM1847-01.No Action

Mr. Milum explained TXDOT was still reviewing the submitted bids and no action would be needed.

made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve the bids and award a contract for the FM 1847 Sidewalk Project, Bid Number 2023-FM1847-01., seconded by the vote was .

Consideration and ACTION to approve and extend the Bank Depository Services Agreement with First Community Bank for the City of Los Fresnos.Adopted

Mr. Milum explained First Community Bank is the city's current bank. He recommended approving the renewal for the 2 years.

Motion was made and seconded to approve and extend the Bank Depository Services Agreement with First Community Bank for the City of Los Fresnos.

Jose C. Macias made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve and extend the Bank Depository Services Agreement with First Community Bank for the City of Los Fresnos., seconded by Gabriela Fernandez the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve the write off of bad debt for the utility accounts and garbage for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.Adopted

Mr. Milum explained the bad debt account are reviewed every year and staff does everything they can to collect. Mr. Milum answered questions from the council.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the write off of bad debt for the utility accounts and garbage for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

Gabriela Fernandez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve the write off of bad debt for the utility accounts and garbage for the 2022-2023 fiscal year., seconded by Terry Vinson the vote was [Unanimous].

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 I. Fire Hydrant MaintenanceAdopted

Mr. Milum explained the request for bids are done annually. The bids were reviewed by staff and recommended approval as presented. Mr. Milum answered questions for the council.

Motion was made and seconded 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 I. Fire Hydrant Maintenance

Jose C. Macias 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 I. Fire Hydrant Maintenance, seconded by Gabriela Fernandez 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 appoint Rosie Stephens for Place 1 and re-appoint Robin Garrett and Linda Ramirez to the Los Fresnos Housing Authority.

Terry Vinson 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

Council member Macias asked if there were any applications submitted, Mr. Milum answered yes but they lived outside city limits.

Motion was made and seconded to re-appoint Henry Bebon, Larry Meade and Javier Rodriguez to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Jose C. Macias 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 re-appoint or appoint members to the Park Advisory Board.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to appoint Norma Cruz for Place 4 on the Parks Advisory Board.

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

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

Motion was and seconded to re-appoint Robert Garza for Place 5 on the Parks Advisory Board.

Gabriela Fernandez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to re-appoint or appoint members to the Park Advisory Board., seconded by Alejandro Flores 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 MemorialAdopted

Mayor Flores asked the council if they had any questions on the City Manager's Report or if Mr. Milum would like to give an update. Mr. Milum gave an update on the street repairs project, the TXDOT Hwy 100 project and answered questions from the council.

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, seconded by Gabriela Fernandez 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 Terry Vinson 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.

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 Terry Vinson the vote was [Unanimous].

Police Department August 2023 1. Calls-By Type 2. Calls-By Date & Time 3. Incidents-By Violation 4. Arrests-By Type 5. Accidents-By Streets & Intersection July 2023 1. Magistrates 2. Index Crimes by ZoneAdopted

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

Jose C. Macias made a motion to approve Police Department August 2023 1. Calls-By Type 2. Calls-By Date & Time 3. Incidents-By Violation 4. Arrests-By Type 5. Accidents-By Streets & Intersection July 2023 1. Magistrates 2. Index Crimes by Zone, seconded by Terry Vinson the vote was [Unanimous].

Municipal Court 1. City Monthly Report-JULY 2. Linebarger Monthly Report-JULYAdopted

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-JULY 2. Linebarger Monthly Report-JULY, seconded by Terry Vinson the vote was [Unanimous].

Library Report 1. Monthly ReportAdopted

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 Terry Vinson the vote was [Unanimous].

Fire Marshal's Report 1. Monthly ReportAdopted

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 Terry Vinson the vote was [Unanimous].

H. Adjournment

The meeting was closed at 6:29 PM.

Presiding Officer of the Council

Recorder