

City Council

520 E Ocean Blvd.

Regular Meeting

Los Fresnos, TX 78566

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Tuesday, September 14, 2021

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

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 no comments from the public.

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 question on the Consent Agenda.

Council member Polo Narvaez requested item 3 be pulled for further discussion.

Consideration and ACTION to approve the minutes from August 10, 17 & 24 2021.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve minutes from August 10, 17, & 24, 2021.

Alejandro Flores made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve the minutes from August 10, 17 & 24 2021., seconded by Andres Lopez the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve a Proclamation designating October 3-9, 2021 as Fire Prevention Week and Firefighters Appreciation Week.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve a Proclamation designating October 3-9, 2021 as Fire Prevention Week and Firefighters Appreciation Week.

Alejandro Flores made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve a Proclamation designating October 3-9, 2021 as Fire Prevention Week and Firefighters Appreciation Week., seconded by Andres Lopez the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and action to approve the CDC Board action on a camera system for birding and the butterfly area of the Nature Park.Adopted

Council member Polo Narvaez commented he did not feel it was appropriate for the city to use CDC funds for the park. Mr. Milum explained it was park of the quality of life

and ecotourism for the city. He gave examples on how the CDC has funded projects for other parks in the city.

Enrique Juarez of the Los Fresnos Community Development Corporation was present and assisted Mr. Milum in answering questions for Mr. Narvaez on the action item.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the CDC Board action on a camera system for the birding and butterfly area of the Nature Park.

Andres Lopez made a motion to approve Consideration and action to approve the CDC Board action on a camera system for birding and the butterfly area of the Nature Park., seconded by Ray Ortiz the vote was [5 to 1].

Consideration and ACTION to approve Change Order No. 4 Wastewater Treatment Plant Headworks System Improvements.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve Change Order No. 4 Wastewater Treatment Plant Headworks System Improvements.

Alejandro Flores made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve Change Order No. 4 Wastewater Treatment Plant Headworks System Improvements., seconded by Andres Lopez the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve a Budget Amendment for the Senior Citizens Department.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve a Budget Amendment for the Senior Citizens Department.

Alejandro Flores made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve a Budget Amendment for the Senior Citizens Department., seconded by Andres Lopez the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve the Community Development Corporation's action approving a Budget Amendment.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Community Development Corporation's action approving a Budget Amendment.

Alejandro Flores made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve the Community Development Corporation's action approving a Budget Amendment., seconded by Andres Lopez the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Enrique Juarez from the July 12, 2021 CDC meeting.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to excuse the absence of Enrique Juarez from the July 12, 2021 CDC meeting.

Alejandro Flores made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Enrique Juarez from the July 12, 2021 CDC meeting., seconded by Andres Lopez the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Marco Huerta from the August 2, 2021 CDC meeting.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to excuse the absence of Marco Huerta from the August 2, 2021 CDC meeting.

Alejandro Flores made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Marco Huerta from the August 2, 2021 CDC meeting., seconded by Andres Lopez 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. Los Fresnos Chamber of Commerce D. Boys & Girls ClubAdopted

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- A. Los Fresnos Volunteer Fire Department
- B. Los Fresnos Ambulance Service
- C. Los Fresnos Chamber of Commerce
- D. Boys & Girls Club

Alejandro Flores 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. Los Fresnos Chamber of Commerce D. Boys & Girls Club, seconded by Andres Lopez 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. Vehicle Washing F. Cleaning Supplies G. Chemicals H. Vehicle Tire MaintenanceAdopted

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. Vehicle Washing F. Cleaning Supplies G. Chemicals H. Vehicle Tire Maintenance

Alejandro Flores 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. Vehicle Washing F. Cleaning Supplies G. Chemicals H. Vehicle Tire Maintenance, seconded by Andres Lopez the vote was [Unanimous].

Action Items

Consideration and ACTION to approve a service agreement with the Cameron County Fair & Livestock Show.Adopted

Valerie Arizmendi with the Cameron County Livestock Show was present. She gave the board details on the 2021 Livestock show. She explained they had COVID restrictions and followed recommended guidelines to keep everyone safe. She mention they would make COVID modifications to the 2022 show if needed. She thanked the Council for their support.

Motion was made and seconded to approve a service agreement with the Cameron County Fair & Livestock show in the amount of \$6,000.

James Herrera made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve a service agreement with the Cameron County Fair & Livestock Show., seconded by Polo Narvaez the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve a service agreement with the Los Fresnos Rodeo.Adopted

Member of the Rodeo Committee Larry Cantu and John Cardozo presented to the council their plans for the upcoming rodeo.

They answered question for the council in the event and how sponsorship are awarded to students.

Motion was made and seconded to approve a service agreement with the Los Fresnos Rodeo in the amount of \$13,500.

Polo Narvaez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve a service agreement with the Los Fresnos Rodeo., seconded by Ray Ortiz the vote was [Unanimous].

Discussion of annexed areas and services provided.No Action

Mr. Milum explained to the council the information was requested by Council member Andy Lopez. Mr. Milum listed the areas of annexation and possible city services provided. Council member Andy Lopez commented if the city annexed areas such as the Harvey Escalante Rd they residents had no choice and the city should pave the road because they were annexed into the city.

Mr. Milum explained the city could not service the road because it was private property and was owned by various owners. He explained the city engineers were researching the properties for clarification on who owed what. He gave examples of other streets that were annexed in the past.

No action was taken.

made a motion to approve Discussion of annexed areas and services provided., seconded by the vote was .

Consideration and ACTION to approve projects for funding with the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds.Adopted

Mr. Milum introduced Gene Daniels, Los Fresnos EMS Director. Mr. Daniels explained to the council the why there agency could not apply for the COVID funds like other agencies did and was requesting for the city to possibly assist in either debt payoff for

their building or remount unit to replace and older ambulance. The council thanked Mr. Daniels for his presentation.

Mr. Milum explained to the council that the city was granted \$970,949.24 in Coronavirus Recovery Funds and the same amount would be available in 1 year for a total of \$1,941,898.48. Mr. Mium gave a list of potential projects and recommended projects for the funds both this year and the second year. He gave examples of how each project would benefit the city.

Mr. Milum answered questions for the council.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the year 1 recommended projects as presented by the City Manager for funding with the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds.

Andres Lopez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve projects for funding with the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds., seconded by James Herrera the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to increase dumpster garbage rates and update the fee schedule with approved fees.Adopted

Mr. Mium explained to the council the dumpster rate increases and answered questions from the council.

Motion was made and seconded to increase dumpster garbage rates and update the fee schedule with approved fees.

James Herrera made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to increase dumpster garbage rates and update the fee schedule with approved fees., seconded by Andres Lopez the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION on a resolution 6-2021 to nominate a person for Position 9 on the Cameron Appraisal District Board of Directors.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded on resolution 6-2021 to nominate Ricardo Morado for Position 9 on the Cameron Appraisal District Board of Directors.

Andres Lopez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION on a resolution 6-2021 to nominate a person for Position 9 on the Cameron Appraisal District Board of Directors., seconded by Polo Narvaez the vote was [5 to 1].

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

Mr. Milum listed the members that were due for re-appointment. He explained that Mr. Abrego was no longer able to serve and needs to be replaced. The council suggested adding the agenda item to the next council meeting.

Motion was made and seconded to re-appoint David Garza and Linda Ramirez to the Los Fresnos Housing Authority.

Polo Narvaez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to re-appoint or appoint of members to the Los Fresnos Housing Authority., seconded by Andres Lopez the vote was [Unanimous].

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

Mr. Milum listed the members that were due for re-appointment and explained they were all willing to continue to serve.

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

Polo Narvaez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to appoint or re-appoint members to the Planning & Zoning Commission., seconded by Andres Lopez the vote was [Unanimous].

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

Mr. Milum listed the members that were due for re-appointment and explained there was still a vacancy that had not been filled that expires on September 30, 2022.

Motion was made and seconded to re-appoint Adan Garza and Robert Garza to the Park and Advisory Board.

Andres Lopez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to re-appoint or appoint members to the Park Advisory Board., seconded by Polo Narvaez the vote was [Unanimous].

Acknowledgement of City Manager's Report

City Manager Report A. Wastewater Update B. Water Update C. Hike & Bike Trails D. Henderson Road Project E. Drainage Update F. Whipple Road G. COVID-19 H. TxDot Highway 100 Project I. Pallet Company J. Stanford Road & FM 1575 Drainage & Sewer K. Boys & Girls Club Annual ReportAdopted

Mayor Flores asked the council if they had any questions on the City Managers Report. Council member Juan Monuz asked Mr., Milum for an update on the Hike & Bike Trail, Council member Andres Lopez asked for an update on the Henderson Rd. project and Mayor Flores asked for and update on the TXDOT construction on HWY 100.

Andres Lopez made a motion to approve City Manager Report A. Wastewater Update B. Water Update C. Hike & Bike Trails D. Henderson Road Project E. Drainage Update F. Whipple Road G. COVID-19 H. TxDot Highway 100 Project I. Pallet Company J. Stanford Road & FM 1575 Drainage & Sewer K. Boys & Girls Club Annual Report, seconded by Polo Narvaez the vote was [Unanimous].

Acknowledgement of Department Head Reports

Mayor Flores asked if the council had any comments or questions on the department head reports. There were none.

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

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Financial Report.

Polo Narvaez made a motion to approve Financial Report 1. Monthly 2. Year to Date 3. Sales Tax, seconded by Andres Lopez 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 approve the Public Works Report.

Polo Narvaez 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 Andres Lopez the vote was [Unanimous].

Police Department 1. Arrests 2. Incidents 3. AccidentsAdopted

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

Polo Narvaez made a motion to approve Police Department 1. Arrests 2. Incidents 3. Accidents, seconded by Andres Lopez the vote was [Unanimous].

Municipal Court 1. Monthly ReportAdopted

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

Polo Narvaez made a motion to approve Municipal Court 1. Monthly Report, seconded by Andres Lopez the vote was [Unanimous].

Library Report 1. Monthly ReportAdopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Library Report.

Polo Narvaez made a motion to approve Library Report 1. Monthly Report, seconded by Andres Lopez the vote was [Unanimous].

Fire Marshal's Report 1. Monthly ReportAdopted

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

Polo Narvaez made a motion to approve Fire Marshal's Report 1. Monthly Report, seconded by Andres Lopez the vote was [Unanimous].

H. Adjournment

The meeting was closed at 7:32 PM

Presiding Officer of the Council

Recorder