

City Council

520 E Ocean Blvd.

Regular Meeting

Los Fresnos, TX 78566

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Tuesday, October 10, 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

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.

Cameron County Tax Assessor Tony Izzaguires signed up to speak. He introduced himself to the council and explained the proposed propositions in the upcoming November elections.

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 to pull item 4 & 5 for further discussion.

Consideration and ACTION to approve the minutes from regular meeting September 9, 2023.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from regular meeting September 9, 2023.

Gabriela Fernandez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve the minutes from regular meeting September 9, 2023., seconded by Alejandro Flores the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve a Proclamation declaring November 6-10, 2023 as Municipal Court Week.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve a Proclamation declaring November 6-10, 2023 as Municipal Court Week.

Gabriela Fernandez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve a Proclamation declaring November 6-10, 2023 as Municipal Court Week., seconded by Alejandro Flores the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve Resolution 18-2023 adopting the Investment Policy and Strategies for fiscal year 2023/2024.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution 18-2023 adopting the Investment Policy and Strategies for fiscal year 2023/2024.

Gabriela Fernandez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve Resolution 18-2023 adopting the Investment Policy and Strategies for fiscal year 2023/2024., seconded by Alejandro Flores the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Luis Gonzalez from the September 12, 2023 City Council meeting.No Action

Mayor Flores spoke on the importance for council members to attend council meeting. Mayor Flores and the council discussed the absence.

Mayor Flores made a motion not to excuse the absence. Motioned died for lack of a second.

Council member Jose Macias made a motion excuse the absence. Motioned died for lack of a second.

Council asked City Attorney Enrique Juarez for direction being that both motions made died. Mr. Juarez advised the board it would need to be tabled and added to the next meeting.

made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Luis Gonzalez from the September 12, 2023 City Council meeting., seconded by the vote was .

Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Juan Munoz from the September 12, 2023 City Council meeting.No Action

Mayor Flores made a motion not to excuse the absence. Motioned died for lack of a second.

Council member Jose Macias made a motion excuse the absence. Motioned died for lack of a second.

Council asked City Attorney Enrique Juarez for direction being that both motions made died. Mr. Juarez advised the board it would need to be tabled and added to the next meeting.

made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Juan Munoz from the September 12, 2023 City Council meeting., seconded by the vote was .

Consideration and ACTION to approve the action taken by the Los Fresnos Community Development Corporations to approve a budget amendment to the Los Fresnos Community Development Corporations budget.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve the action taken by the Los Fresnos Community Development Corporations to approve a budget amendment to the Los Fresnos Community Development Corporations budget.

Gabriela Fernandez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve the action taken by the Los Fresnos Community Development Corporations to approve a budget

amendment to the Los Fresnos Community Development Corporations budget., seconded by Alejandro Flores the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve the Los Fresnos Community Development Corporations action to approve funding for leveling, infield clay and automatic irrigation of the softball field.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Los Fresnos Community Development Corporations action to approve funding for leveling, infield clay and automatic irrigation of the softball field.

Gabriela Fernandez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve the Los Fresnos Community Development Corporations action to approve funding for leveling, infield clay and automatic irrigation of the softball field., seconded by Alejandro Flores the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of William Lubben from the September 11, 2023 Community Development Corporation meeting.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to excuse the absence of William Lubben from the September 11, 2023 Community Development Corporation meeting.

Gabriela Fernandez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of William Lubben from the September 11, 2023 Community Development Corporation meeting., seconded by Alejandro Flores the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Marco Huerta from the September 11, 2023 Community Development Corporation meeting.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to excuse the absence of Marco Huerta from the September 11, 2023 Community Development Corporation meeting.

Gabriela Fernandez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Marco Huerta from the September 11, 2023 Community Development Corporation meeting., seconded by Alejandro Flores the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve Change Order No. 2 for the Wastewater Collection System & Rehabilitation Project.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve Change Order No. 2 for the Wastewater Collection System & Rehabilitation Project.

Gabriela Fernandez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve Change Order No. 2 for the Wastewater Collection System & Rehabilitation Project., seconded by Alejandro Flores the vote was [Unanimous].

Action Items

Consideration and possible ACTION to award bid to Texas Cordia Construction, the lowest responsible bidder, for Bid #2023-FM1847-01 (the FM 1847 Sidewalk Project).Adopted

Mr. Milum explained the city was working with TXDOT and CCRMA on the sidewalk project. He advised the council the bid information was provided in their packets and the explanation as to why the lowest bidders bid was nulled. He explained the bidder was disqualified because they did not meet the TXDOT requirements. The lowest responsive bid was to Texas Cordia Construction for \$486,888 and recommended approval.

Eric Davila, Chief Development Engineer with CCRMA was present and answered questions from the council.

Motion was made and seconded to award bid to Texas Cordia Construction, the lowest responsible bidder, for Bid #2023-FM1847-01 (the FM 1847 Sidewalk Project).

Jose C. Macias made a motion to approve Consideration and possible ACTION to award bid to Texas Cordia Construction, the lowest responsible bidder, for Bid #2023-FM1847-01 (the FM 1847 Sidewalk Project)., seconded by Gabriela Fernandez the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve or reject any or all proposals received for group health insurance.Adopted

Mr. Milum explained the different options available for health insurance.

Tammi Greer with Greer & Associates was present. Mr. Milum and Ms. Greer answered questions from the council and discussed the options provided. Mr. Milum recommended the proposed renewal option.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the renewal option with Greer & Associates for group health insurance.

Gabriela Fernandez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve or reject any or all proposals received for group health insurance., seconded by Terry Vinson the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve or reject any or all proposals received for group life insurance.Adopted

Mr. Milum explained the renewal rate was the same and the current rate and recommended approval. Mr. Milum and Ms. Greer answered questions from the board.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the renewal rate proposal received for group life insurance with Greer & Associates.

Jose C. Macias made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve or reject any or all proposals received for group life insurance., seconded by Gabriela Fernandez the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve or reject any or all proposals received for supplemental insurance.Adopted

Mr. Milum explained the proposals submitted and recommend approval of dental insurance from Humana, Option 5, with Pierre Newkirk as the representative and vision insurance from Mutual of Omaha, Renewal Option, with Greer & Associates as the representative.

Mr. Milum answered questions from the board.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the proposal of dental insurance from Humana, Option 5, with Pierre Newkirk as the representative and vision insurance from Mutual of Omaha, Renewal Option, with Greer & Associates as the representative.

Alejandro Flores made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve or reject any or all proposals received for supplemental insurance., seconded by Gabriela Fernandez the vote was [Unanimous].

Discussion on TIRZ #2-The Woods.No Action

Mr. Milum explained the TIRZ #2 was previously approved. The TIRZ was approved for a max of 40 years, with a 70% participation. The value the property has today will stay with the City and General Fund, as the value increases 70% goes to TIRZ and 30% goes to the General Fund. The idea was for Cameron County to mirror the plan and so far the County has not agreed. Mr. Milum felt it was important to give the council the update. Mr. Milum answered questions from the council and discussed the TIRZ.

made a motion to approve Discussion on TIRZ #2-The Woods., seconded by the vote was .

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 Report Adopted

Mayor Flores asked the council if they had any questions on the City Manager report or if there was anything Mr. Milum would like to discuss.

Mr. Milum gave an update on the street next to the post office, the 2021 Street Improvement Project and sewer improvements to the west. He 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 K. Boys & Girls Club Quarterly Report, seconded by Gabriela Fernandez the vote was [Unanimous].

Acknowledgement of Department Head Reports

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

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge the Financial Report.

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 acknowledge the Public Works 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 September 2023 1. Calls-By Type 2. Calls-By Date & Time 3. Incidents-By Violation 4. Arrests-By Type 5. Accidents-By Streets & Intersection August 2023 1. Magistrates 2. Index Crimes by Zone**Adopted**

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

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

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

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

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

Library Report 1. Monthly Report**Adopted**

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge the Library 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 Report**Adopted**

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

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

EMS Report 1. Quarterly report**Adopted**

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge the EMS Report.

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

H. Adjournment

The meeting was closed at 7:14 PM.

Presiding Officer of the Council

Recorder