

City Council

200 North Brazil

Los Fresnos, TX 78566

Regular Meeting

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Tuesday, December 9, 2014

7:00 PM

City Hall

Agenda

1. Call meeting to order
2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
Mayor Narvaez gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Appointment of Mayor Pro-tem

Consideration and ACTION on appointment of Mayor Pro-tem for a one year term.Adopted

Motion was to appoint Yolanda H. Cruz as Mayor Pro-tem for a one year term.

Polo Narvaez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION on appointment of Mayor Pro-tem for a one year term., seconded by Tom Jones the vote was [Unanimous].

Consent Agenda

Approval or rejection of Minutes from November 18, 2014 meeting.Adopted

Polo Narvaez made a motion to approve Approval or rejection of Minutes from November 18, 2014 meeting., seconded by Yolanda H. Cruz the vote was [Unanimous].

Approval or rejection of a Resolution to renew the Section 125 Premium Only Plan.Adopted

Polo Narvaez made a motion to approve Approval or rejection of a Resolution to renew the Section 125 Premium Only Plan., seconded by Yolanda H. Cruz the vote was [Unanimous].

Approval or rejection of the second and final reading of Ordinance 235-EE to rezone 3.50 acres and 9.944 acres from R-1 Single Family District to C-2 Highway Commercial District and to rezone 10.00 acres from R-1 Single Family District to PUD Planned Unit Development District.Adopted

Councilmember Real stated he would not be voting on this item.

Polo Narvaez made a motion to approve Approval or rejection of the second and final reading of Ordinance 235-EE to rezone 3.50 acres and 9.944 acres from R-1 Single Family District to C-2 Highway Commercial District and to rezone 10.00 acres from R-1 Single Family District to PUD Planned Unit Development District., seconded by Yolanda H. Cruz the vote was [Unanimous].

Approval or rejection to acknowledge the financial report and cash investment report for the 4th Quarter ending September 30, 2014.Adopted

Polo Narvaez made a motion to approve Approval or rejection to acknowledge the financial report and cash investment report for the 4th Quarter ending September 30, 2014., seconded by Yolanda H. Cruz the vote was [Unanimous].

Presentations

Presentation by UT Health Science CenterNo Action

Dr. Belinda Reininger and E. Ray Gard were present from UT Health Science Center. Dr. Reininger explained the Community Health Program to the Council. The funds come from Medicare and Medicaid for a three year grant. She stated that Ms. DelaRosa, City's Community Worker, was doing a great job.

Ms. DelaRosa told the Council that there would be free flu shots for anyone in Los Fresnos and the surrounding area.

Dr. Reininger answered questions from the Council.

made a motion to approve Presentation by UT Health Science Center, seconded by the vote was .

Presentation by Boys & Girls ClubNo Action

Mr. Eddie Barron, Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Club, was present. Mr. Barron explained the different programs that the Boys & Girls Club has for the local children. They also have different programs in three elementary schools.

Mr. Barron answered questions from the Council.

made a motion to approve Presentation by Boys & Girls Club, seconded by the vote was .

Action Items

Consideration and ACTION on funding for a basketball program for Boys & Girls Club.Adopted

Mr. Milum stated that the Boys & Girls Club has been working with him to attempt to add a basketball program for kids. He had calls from residents about a need for a basketball program. The Boys & Girls Club has a shortfall of approximately \$5,000 to start the basketball program. Mr. Milum stated that due to increases in sales tax revenue the City has the funds to assist the Boys & Girls Club.

Motion was made to approve \$5,000 for the basketball program for the Boys & Girls Club.

Javier Mendez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION on funding for a basketball program for Boys & Girls Club., seconded by Yolanda H. Cruz the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to rent the Boys & Girls Club during the mornings for the Community Health Program.Adopted

Mr. Milum explained that as the Community Health Program continues to grow in activities and numbers, there is a need to have some activities inside on a regular basis and some inside during inclement weather. The Boys & Girls Club is the perfect location and the perfect facility to resolve this need. The building is not utilized during the mornings. There is a cost for the facility to be open this extra time. The amount has been discussed and he feels the fair amount would be \$250 per month.

Some of the Boys & Girls Club Directors were present and they feel this should not be called rental but a Memorandum of Understanding. They stated that during summer when school is out the facility is used all day so it could not be utilized by the Community Health Program.

Mr. Milum, Mr. Barron and the Director's answered questions from the Council.

Motion was made to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the Boys & Girls Club for use of building during mornings by the Community Health Program.

Tom Jones made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to rent the Boys & Girls Club during the mornings for the Community Health Program., seconded by Yolanda H. Cruz the vote was [Unanimous].

Discussion on CDBG Projects.No Action

Mr. Milum explained that every 2 years funds are available through the Community Development Block Grant Program. The 15 small entities in this area have a gentleman's agreement to share these funds equally among each other. This cycle there will be approximately \$250,000 available. This is to get Council to start thinking about projects. There will be a public hearing on Monday, December 22, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. to get citizens input.

made a motion to approve Discussion on CDBG Projects., seconded by the vote was .

Consideration and ACTION on appointment of 2 members to Planning & Zoning Commission.Adopted

Mayor Narvaez stated that there were two openings on the Planning and Zoning Commission and we have two person interested. Mr. Gil Gomez and Mr. Javier Rodriguez are interested in serving on the Commission.

Motion was made to appoint Gil Gomez and Javier Rodriguez to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Javier Mendez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION on appointment of 2 members to Planning & Zoning Commission., seconded by Tom Jones the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION on appointment of a member to Los Fresnos Housing Authority.No Action

made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION on appointment of a member to Los Fresnos Housing Authority., seconded by the vote was .

Consideration and ACTION to change City Council Meeting time.Adopted

Mr. Milum stated that meeting times for city meetings has been 7:00 p.m. for several years. He stated he would like the Council to consider moving the meeting time to 6:00 p.m. if it does not prevent anyone from getting to the meetings on time or cause a conflict. This will allow more time during meetings without it getting late like it occasionally does when there happens to be a long agenda. It will also get you and staff home an hour earlier in the evenings.

Mr. Milum stated that if Council changes the time of the meetings then all Board meeting times will change. Mr. Milum answered questions from the Council.

Motion was to change the meeting time of Council and all Boards to 6:00 p.m. with one meeting per month unless a called meeting is necessary.

Polo Narvaez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to change City Council Meeting time., seconded by Javier Mendez the vote was [5 to 1].

Update by City Manager

Update by City Manager A. Wastewater Plant Expansion B. Raw Water Line Upgrade, Filter Replacement, Sludge Removal C. Development Projects - Paseo Pointe Apartments, Walmart D. Los Fresnos Nature Park E. Hazardous Mitigation Plan F. CDBG Project G. Certificates of ObligationNo Action

A. Wastewater Plant Expansion - We are still waiting on approval from TCEQ. Then TWDB will be able to give us final approval to start the bidding process.

B. Raw Water Line Upgrade - Work continues. Due to wet weather the work has had some delays. The final connection is all that is lacking. The project should be completed by the end of December. Filter Replacement - Work is occurring at the contractors shop with the filters scheduled to be delivered to the water plant on Monday. Once it is there final preparations will be made for the installation. We will receive all of our water for consumption from SRWA during this time when the entire plant will be down. The project should be completed by the end of December. Sludge Removal System - Quite a bit of work has been done on site. Construction will be completed shortly after the Filter Replacement project is complete by the end of December.

C. Development Projects - Paseo Point Apartments is scheduled to be complete by the end of the year. Wal-Mart says they will open on March 19.

D. Los Fresnos Nature Park - We have finally made the purchase for the 21 acres for the Nature Park. We are now the owners. The owner of the remaining 2.1 acres still wants 2 times the value of the land. I will be make a request to move the remaining funds to begin a master design plan and possible some work. There is \$154,242.60 in remaining funds.

E. Hazardous Mitigation Plan - I was notified that the grant has been approved on the state level and is sent to the federal level for approval. We have not heard any more information.

F. CDBG Grant - G & T Paving has completed the reconstruction of the 3 streets, Ebony, Pecan and Magnolia, the drainage and the lift station work. We will have a final walk through to assure all is complete. We will hold a public hearing on the completion in our January meeting.

G. Certificates of Obligations - 1. Lopez Lift Station - Engineering is ongoing to be completed the end of December so we can bid the project. It looks like we will have to include replacement of the force main from the lift station to the plant because the current line is too small. 2. Water Loop - Engineering is ongoing to be completed the end of December so we can bid the project. There is a chance we can get this funded through TWDB. If we can this will free these funds for something else. 3. Evergreen Street - Engineering is ongoing to be completed the end of December so we can bid the project. We also need to settle the street ROW. 4. Architect & Design of City Hall - I hope to get something out in the next few weeks. 5. Engineering for Sewer Extension West, Sewer Extension Escalante Road & Sewer Extension Whipple Road - Will work on this in the spring as some might be able to be covered by existing grants. 6. Purchase of Land - Completed.

made a motion to approve Update by City Manager A. Wastewater Plant Expansion B. Raw Water Line Upgrade, Filter Replacement, Sludge Removal C. Development Projects - Paseo Pointe Apartments, Walmart D. Los Fresnos Nature Park E. Hazardous Mitigation Plan F. CDBG Project G. Certificates of Obligation, seconded by the vote was .

Department Head Reports

Finance Department ReportNo Action

Mr. Milum answered questions from the Council.

made a motion to approve Finance Department Report, seconded by the vote was .

Public Works ReportNo Action

Mr. Milum answered questions from the Council.

made a motion to approve Public Works Report, seconded by the vote was .

Police Department ReportNo Action

Mr. Milum answered questions from the Council.

made a motion to approve Police Department Report, seconded by the vote was .

Municipal Court ReportNo Action

Mr. Milum answered questions from the Council.

made a motion to approve Municipal Court Report, seconded by the vote was .

Library ReportNo Action

Mr. Milum answered questions from the Council.

made a motion to approve Library Report, seconded by the vote was .

Fire Marshall ReportNo Action

Mr. Milum answered questions from the Council.

made a motion to approve Fire Marshall Report, seconded by the vote was .

Closed Session – Deliberation pursuant to Section 551.072, Title 5 of the Texas Government Code, the Texas Open Meetings Act regarding the following:

Mayor Narvaez recessed the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

Closed Session - Deliberation pursuant to Section 551.072, Title 5 of the Texas Government Code, the Texas Open Meetings Act regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.No Action

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made a motion to approve Closed Session - Deliberation pursuant to Section 551.072, Title 5 of the Texas Government Code, the Texas Open Meetings Act regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property., seconded by the vote was .

Open Session – Deliberation and possible action regarding the following:

Mayor Narvaez called the meeting back to order at 8:32 p.m.

No action was taken.

Open Session - Deliberation and possible action regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.**No Action**

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No action was taken.

made a motion to approve Open Session - Deliberation and possible action regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property., seconded by the vote was .

11. Adjournment

Mayor Narvaez adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

Presiding Officer of the Council

Recorder