

# City Council

520 E Ocean Blvd.

## Regular Meeting

Los Fresnos, TX 78566

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Tuesday, December 13, 2022

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.

### Public Hearing

**Public Hearing on the annexation of a Being 17.238 Acres of land, more or less, out of Partition Share 15 and also a portion out of the N.T. Guernsey Tract, out of Share 12, Espritu Santo Grant, Cameron County, Texas located on the west side of the city limits and on the north side of Hwy 100.No Action**

Mayor Flores opened the public hearing at 6:01 p.m.

Mr. Milum explained where the property was located.

Mayor Flores closed the public hearing at 6:02 p.m.

made a motion to approve Public Hearing on the annexation of a Being 17.238 Acres of land, more or less, out of Partition Share 15 and also a portion out of the N.T. Guernsey Tract, out of Share 12, Espritu Santo Grant, Cameron County, Texas located on the west side of the city limits and on the north side of Hwy 100., seconded by the vote was .

**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.**

Manuel Abrego signed in to speak. Mr. Abrego gave a brief history about the Los Fresnos Fire Department and recognized the good work they do.

Mayor Flores thanked Mr. Abrego for his comments.

**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 explained they would not be taking action on action item 6 and asked if the council had any questions, comments or discussion on action items 1-5.

**Consideration and ACTION to approve the minutes from November 14, 2022, 6:00 pm and 6:15 pm meeting.Adopted**

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from November 14, 2022, 6:00 pm and 6:15 pm meetings.

Jose C. Macias made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve the minutes from November 14, 2022, 6:00 pm and 6:15 pm meeting., seconded by Juan Munoz the vote was [Unanimous].

**Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Juan Sierra from the October 17, 2022 Planning and Zoning meeting.**Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to excuse the absence of Juan Sierra from the October 17, 2022 Planning and Zoning meeting.

Jose C. Macias made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Juan Sierra from the October 17, 2022 Planning and Zoning meeting., seconded by Juan Munoz the vote was [Unanimous].

**Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Larry Stambaugh from the October 17, 2022 Planning and Zoning meeting.**Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to excuse the absence of Larry Stambaugh from the October 17, 2022 Planning and Zoning meeting.

Jose C. Macias made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Larry Stambaugh from the October 17, 2022 Planning and Zoning meeting., seconded by Juan Munoz the vote was [Unanimous].

**Consideration and ACTION to approve a Certificate of Resolution adopting the Section 125 Cafeteria Plan for city employees.**Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve a Certificate of Resolution adopting the Section 125 Cafeteria Plan for city employees.

Jose C. Macias made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve a Certificate of Resolution adopting the Section 125 Cafeteria Plan for city employees., seconded by Juan Munoz the vote was [Unanimous].

**Consideration and ACTION to approve CDC Board's action for funding the 10 decorative planters along Highway 100.**Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve CDC Board's action for funding the 10 decorative planters along Highway 100.

Jose C. Macias made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve CDC Board's action for funding the 10 decorative planters along Highway 100., seconded by Juan Munoz the vote was [Unanimous].

**Consideration and ACTION to approve the CDC Board's action on funding a promotional campaign for the Police Department to promote economic development and good will in the City of Los Fresnos.No Action**

No action was taken.

made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve the CDC Board's action on funding a promotional campaign for the Police Department to promote economic development and good will in the City of Los Fresnos., seconded by the vote was .

**Action Items**

**Consideration and ACTION to approve the first reading of Ordinance 544 to annex territory of to the City of Los Fresnos and extending the boundary limits of said City.Adopted**

Motion was made and seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 544 to annex territory to the City of Los Fresnos and extending the boundary limits of said city.

Gabriela Fernandez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve the first reading of Ordinance 544 to annex territory of to the City of Los Fresnos and extending the boundary limits of said City., seconded by Terry Vinson the vote was [Unanimous].

**Consideration and ACTION to establish criteria for a Citizen of the Year program and choose an individual for 2022.Adopted**

Mayor Flores asked if there was any questions or comments on the item. He nominated Geronimo Sheldon for his years of service with the fire department and all he has done for the community.

Mayor Flores asked Mr. Sheldon if he would like to say a few words and informed the audience a formal ceremony would take place at the next council meeting on January 10th, 2023.

Mr. Sheldon spoke about his start as a firefighter in the Navy, his family and the love he had for being a firefighter.

Mr. Milum, Fire Chief Gene Daniels, Manuel Abrego and the council shared stories about Mr. Sheldon and thanked him for his service.

Motion was made and seconded to choose Geronimo Sheldon as the 2022 Citizen of the Year.

Alejandro Flores made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to establish criteria for a Citizen of the Year program and choose an individual for 2022., seconded by Jose C. Macias the vote was [Unanimous].

**Closed Session**

**Closed Session - Deliberation pursuant to Section 551.074, Title 5 of the Texas Government Code, the Texas Open Meetings Act regarding the following: Appointment and duties of alternate or acting judge for Municipal Court.No Action**

Mayor Flores closed the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

made a motion to approve Closed Session - Deliberation pursuant to Section 551.074, Title 5 of the Texas Government Code, the Texas Open Meetings Act regarding the following:  
Appointment and duties of alternate or acting judge for Municipal Court., seconded by the vote was .

**Open Session – Deliberation and possible action regarding the following:**

**Open Session - Deliberation and possible action on the following: Appointment and duties of alternate or acting judge for Municipal Court.No Action**

Mayor Flores opened the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

made a motion to approve Open Session - Deliberation and possible action on the following:  
Appointment and duties of alternate or acting judge for Municipal Court., seconded by the vote was .

**Consideration and action to appoint an alternate or acting judge for Municipal Court.Adopted**

Motion was made and seconded to take no action.

Alejandro Flores made a motion to approve Consideration and action to appoint an alternate or acting judge for Municipal Court., seconded by Gabriela Fernandez the vote was [5 to 1].

**Presentation and discussion on Tax Increment Financing in Texas, including information on general impact analysis from the proposed development known as The Woods at Los Fresnos, Highway 100 and Whipple Road.No Action**

Miguel Calderon introduced himself to the council. Mr. Calderon presented the proposed TIRZ (Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone) for the proposed development The Woods at Los Fresnos.

Mr. Calderon answered questions for the council and discussed the pros and possible cons.

made a motion to approve Presentation and discussion on Tax Increment Financing in Texas, including information on general impact analysis from the proposed development known as The Woods at Los Fresnos, Highway 100 and Whipple Road., seconded by the vote was .

**Discuss, consider, and select administration/project delivery service provider(s) to complete application and project implementation for the CDBG MIT-RCP funding administered by the Texas General Land Office.Adopted**

Mr. Milum explained the city was applying for a grant to update the city's comprehensive plan, focusing on mitigation.

Motion was made and seconded to approve a resolution selecting GrantWorks to complete the application and project implementation for the CDBG MIT-RCP funding administered by the Texas General Land Office.

Gabriela Fernandez made a motion to approve Discuss, consider, and select administration/project delivery service provider(s) to complete application and project implementation for the CDBG MIT-RCP funding administered by the Texas General Land Office., seconded by Terry Vinson the vote was [Unanimous].

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

Mayor Flores explained Council member Gabby was currently the Mayor Pro-Tm and asked the council if they had any questions.

Motion was made and seconded to select Council Member Luis Gonzalez as Mayor Pro Tem for a one-year term.

Jose C. Macias made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION on the selection of Mayor Pro-tem for a one-year term., seconded by Juan Munoz the vote was [Unanimous].

**Discussion and review of applications received for upcoming vacancies and currents members in the following boards and positions: 1. Community Development Corporation Place 3-Leonel Casanova, Place 4-Marco Huerta, Place 7-Daniel Alvarez**Adopted

Mayor Flores explained he knew Mr. Huerta but was not familiar with the others. Council member Luis Gonzalez asked if there were any new applications submitted or suggestions from the board. There were none.

Motion was made and seconded to reappoint Marco Huerta for Place 4 in the Community Development Corporation.

Jose C. Macias made a motion to approve Discussion and review of applications received for upcoming vacancies and currents members in the following boards and positions: 1. Community Development Corporation Place 3-Leonel Casanova, Place 4-Marco Huerta, Place 7-Daniel Alvarez, seconded by Alejandro Flores the vote was [Unanimous].

**Discussion and review of applications received for upcoming vacancies and currents members in the following boards and positions: 1. Community Development Corporation Place 3-Leonel Casanova, Place 4-Marco Huerta, Place 7-Daniel Alvarez**Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to re-appoint Leonel Casanova, Place 3 and Daniel Alvarez, Place 7 in the Community Development Corporation.

Alejandro Flores made a motion to approve Discussion and review of applications received for upcoming vacancies and currents members in the following boards and positions: 1. Community

Development Corporation Place 3-Leonel Casanova, Place 4-Marco Huerta, Place 7-Daniel Alvarez, seconded by Terry Vinson 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. Hike & Bike Trails 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. Street Repairs K. Drought Contingency Plan & Rio Grande River Water Levels Adopted**

Mr. Milum gave an update on the TXDOT Highway 100 street project, the sewer project on the west side of the city, and the drought contingency plan.

Mr. Milum answered questions for the council.

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

Luis Gonzalez made a motion to approve City Manager Report A. Waste Water Collection System & Upgrade B. Water Treatment Plant Expansion C. Hike & Bike Trails 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. Street Repairs K. Drought Contingency Plan & Rio Grande River Water Levels, 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.

Jose C. Macias made a motion to approve Financial Report 1. Monthly 2. Year to Date 3. Sales Tax, seconded by Alejandro Flores 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.

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 Alejandro Flores the vote was [Unanimous].

**Police Department 1. Calls-By Type 2. Calls-By Date & Time 3. Incidents-By Violation 4. Arrests-By Type 5. Accidents-By Streets & Intersection Adopted**

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

Jose C. Macias made a motion to approve Police Department 1. Calls-By Type 2. Calls-By Date & Time 3. Incidents-By Violation 4. Arrests-By Type 5. Accidents-By Streets & Intersection, seconded by Alejandro Flores the vote was [Unanimous].

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

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-October 2. Linebarger Monthly Report-October, seconded by Alejandro Flores the vote was [Unanimous].

**Library Report 1. Monthly Report**Adopted

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 Alejandro Flores the vote was [Unanimous].

**Fire Marshal's Report 1. Monthly Report**Adopted

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 Alejandro Flores the vote was [Unanimous].

I. Adjournment

Mayor Flores adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

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Presiding Officer of the Council

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Recorder