

# City Council

200 North Brazil

Los Fresnos, TX 78566

## Special Meeting

<http://citylf.cloudaccess.net/en/>

### ~ Agenda ~

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Thursday, August 27, 2015

6:00 PM

City Hall

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE {MeetGroup} OF THE CITY OF LOS FRESNOS PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 551, TITLE 5 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT, WILL MEET ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2015 AT 6:00 PM AT CITY HALL, 200 NORTH BRAZIL ST, LOS FRESNOS, TX 78566.**

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

#### **II. VISITOR REMARKS - TO SPEAK YOU MUST SIGN IN PRIOR TO THE START OF MEETING AND YOU WILL HAVE A LIMIT OF 3 MINUTES TO SPEAK.**

#### **III. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval or rejection of preliminary plat for Las Brisas Subdivision as approved by the Planning & Zoning Commission.
2. Approval or rejection of preliminary and final plats for La Llorona Subdivision as approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

#### **IV. ACTION ITEM**

1. Consideration and ACTION to approve contract extension with Republic Services for solid waste removal.

#### **V. PUBLIC HEARING**

1. First Public Hearing to receive comments from the citizens concerning the proposed tax rate for tax year 2015.

#### **VI. BUDGET WORKSHOP**

1. Budget Workshop for fiscal year 2015-2016.

#### **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

This is to certify that I, Pam Denny, posted this agenda on the front bulletin board of the City Hall on August 19, 2015 on or before 5:30 p.m. and it shall remain so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

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Pam Denny, City Secretary

Persons with any disabilities that would like to attend meetings must notify City Secretary 24 hours in advance so that the City can make arrangements for that disabled person.

**City Council**  
200 North Brazil  
Los Fresnos, TX 78566

Meeting: 08/27/15 06:00 PM  
Department: City Secretary  
Category: Plats  
Prepared By: Pam Denny  
Initiator: Pam Denny  
Sponsors:

**SCHEDULED**

**ACTION ITEM (ID # 1490)**

DOC ID: 1490 A

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**Approval or rejection of preliminary plat for Las Brisas  
Subdivision as approved by the Planning & Zoning  
Commission.**

This was approved by the Planning & Zoning Board on August 17. Naismith Engineering and City Staff have reviewed and approved as well.

I recommend approval.



# Naismith Engineering, Inc

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mr. Mark Milum  
City Manager  
mmilum@citylf.us

**FROM:** Paolina Vega, P.E.  
pvega@naismith-engineering.com

**DATE:** August 10, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Preliminary Plat Review for Las Brisas de Los Fresnos Subdivision

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Mr. Milum,

After reviewing the Preliminary Plat of *Las Brisas de Los Fresnos Subdivision*, we recommend approval of the Preliminary Plat pending submittal of the following items:

1. Submit brief narrative describing installation of utilities and drainage of storm water.

Please call if me at (956) 541-1155 if you have any questions

Attachment: Las Brisas Subdivision Preliminary Plat (1490 : Preliminary Plat)

# Planning and Zoning Commission

200 North Brazil

Los Fresnos, TX 78566

## Regular Meeting

<http://citylf.cloudaccess.net/en/>

### ~ Minutes ~

Monday, August 17, 2015

6:00 PM

City Hall

### AGENDA

#### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Board Member Abran Ortega

**Visitor Remarks - To speak you must sign in with City Secretary prior to meeting and you will have a limit of 3 minutes to speak.**

There were no comments.

#### Action Items

#### **Consideration and ACTION to approve the Minutes for the meeting held on July 20, 2014.**

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes from July 20, 2015 as presented.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Gil Gomez, Board Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Ray Ortiz, Board Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Abran Ortega, Ray Ortiz, Gil Gomez, Javier Rodriguez
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Larry Meade, Merced Burnias Sr., Larry Stambaugh

#### **Consideration and ACTION to approve or reject preliminary plat for Las Brisas Subdivision.**

Mr. Milum explained that this subdivision is located outside city limits but within the City's ETJ. The subdivision is located on the east side of Old Legion Subdivision and on the south side of Villa Del Sur. There are 6 lots and 4 lots are considered flag lots which our ordinance allows in the ETJ but not within city limits.

Mr. Milum stated this is only the preliminary plat and there are items such as the street and sewer system that need to be figured out prior to the final plat being approved. As of now the road is private so the owners on both sides of the road will have to maintain it. The City ordinance requires the road to be paved with asphalt or concrete with curb and gutter. Since the road is in the County a variance can be given on the curb and gutter.

The plat is stating they will put in septic system for the wastewater. The City ordinance states if a subdivision is within 1500 feet of a sewer system then the property should be hook up to city wastewater system. This subdivision is within 1500 feet of a city wastewater system.

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Mr. Milum answered questions from the Board.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the preliminary plat for Las Brisas Subdivision.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Ray Ortiz, Board Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Javier Rodriguez, Board Member
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**Consideration and ACTION to approve or reject preliminary and final plats for La Llorona Subdivision.**

Mr. Milum explained that this subdivision is not in city limits but in the City's ETJ. It is located on the west side on FM 1575 on Whipple Road. This property has been there for many years and the owner has lived on the property for over 12 years. He decided to sell part of the property and the County told him he had to subdivide the property in 2 lots. All utilities are available.

Mr. Milum answered questions from the Board.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the preliminary and final plats for La Llorona Subdivision.

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**Adjournment**

The meeting was closed at 6:14 PM

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Presiding Officer of the Council

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Recorder

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Department: City Secretary  
Category: Plats  
Prepared By: Pam Denny  
Initiator: Pam Denny  
Sponsors:

**SCHEDULED**

**ACTION ITEM (ID # 1491)**

DOC ID: 1491 A

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I recommend approval.



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City Manager

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After reviewing the Preliminary and Final Plat of *La Llorona Subdivision*, we recommend approval of the Preliminary and Final Plat pending submittal of the following items:

### Preliminary Plat

1. Submit brief narrative describing installation of utilities and drainage of storm water.

### Final Plat

1. Provide final drainage report.
2. Submit Final Engineering Report
3. Provide proof that sewer and water facilities have been installed.
4. Submit copy 30 year water service agreement.

Please call if me at (956) 541-1155 if you have any questions

Attachment: La Llorona Subd preliminary and Final Plat (1491 : Preliminary and Final Plats)



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Meeting: 08/27/15 06:00 PM  
Department: City Secretary  
Category: Contract  
Prepared By: Pam Denny  
Initiator: Pam Denny  
Sponsors:

**SCHEDULED**

**ACTION ITEM (ID # 1493)**

DOC ID: 1493 A

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**Consideration and ACTION to approve contract extension  
with Republic Services for solid waste removal.**

Republic Services has presented us with an option to extend our contract by 5 years. There is currently 1 year left. They will freeze costs this year if we do that. They are asking that we increase the cap that we currently have from 4% to 5% of an increase. I will have comparisons over the last few years showing what the normal increase by % would be. I do not think it would be higher than 4% anyway. Overall they have done well with a few problems here and there but all have been worked out.

I recommend approval.





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August 13, 2015

Mark Milum  
City Manager  
200 N Brazil St.  
Los Fresnos, TX 78566

Re: Contract Extension for Solid Waste, Brush/Bulk and Commercial Services for the City of Los Fresnos

Dear Mr. Milum,

Republic Services (Allied Waste) greatly appreciates the partnership that has developed over the years with the City of Los Fresnos. We understand the importance of keeping your city looking its best and take pride in providing the solid waste services to this great community. It is a pleasure working with the staff, residents, and business owners of Los Fresnos and Republic Services would like to continue this partnership by presenting the following extension offer for your consideration.

1. Maintain all current rates for Residential cart, Brush/Bulk collection, Commercial and Commercial Brush /Bulk waste and Roll Off rates for one year until 10/1/2016.
2. Update CPI calculation language from its current composition of 90% Water Sewer Trash and 10% Diesel to 100% Water Sewer Trash only. This will eliminate the current volatility of diesel pricing that is calculated with the current CPI model being used.
3. Contract extension as per description of Section 10 of contract.
4. Increase the CPI cap to 5%
5. All other Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Services defined in the current contract will remain in place.



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Republic Services stands on the principle of always providing services that far exceed the expectations of our customers. We greatly appreciate the opportunity to continue this relationship and to provide the services and community involvement that the residents and business owners of the City of Los Fresnos have become accustomed to.

Should you have any questions regarding this contract extension offer, please do not hesitate to contact me at 956-392-7012.

Sincerely,

Damian A. Saenz

Division Sales Manager  
Republic Services – Rio Grande Valley, TX  
(956)-393-7012

Attachment: Contract Extension With Republic Services (1493 : Contract with Republic Services)

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Meeting: 08/27/15 06:00 PM  
Department: City Secretary  
Category: Public Hearing  
Prepared By: Pam Denny

**SCHEDULED**

Initiator: Pam Denny

Sponsors:

**ACTION ITEM (ID # 1492)**

DOC ID: 1492

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**First Public Hearing to receive comments from the citizens  
concerning the proposed tax rate for tax year 2015.**



**City Council**  
200 North Brazil  
Los Fresnos, TX 78566

Meeting: 08/27/15 06:00 PM  
Department: City Secretary  
Category: Workshop  
Prepared By: Pam Denny  
Initiator: Pam Denny  
Sponsors:

**SCHEDULED**

**ACTION ITEM (ID # 1494)**

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**Budget Workshop for fiscal year 2015-2016.**

We will review the Utility Fund and any other items you might have questions on.