

City Council

520 E Ocean Blvd.

Special Meeting

Los Fresnos, TX 78566

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Tuesday, September 6, 2022

6:00 PM

City Hall

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Alejandro Flores

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Chad Bresson gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation

Consideration and ACTION to approve a proclamation recognizing Rev. Feliberto Pereira who was honored on World Humanitarian Day, by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. Adopted

Mayor Flores spoke about the recognition Rev. Pereira received.

Council members and members of the audience spoke about Rev. Pereira and congratulated him on his recognition.

Rev. Pereira thanked everyone.

Motion was made and seconded approve a proclamation recognizing Rev. Feliberto Pereira who was honored on World Humanitarian Day, by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Mayor Flores recessed the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

Alejandro Flores made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve a proclamation recognizing Rev. Feliberto Pereira who was honored on World Humanitarian Day, by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees., seconded by Luis Gonzalez the vote was [Unanimous].

Visitors Remarks-To speak you must sign in with City Secretary prior to the meeting and you have a limit of 5 minutes to speak.

Mayor Flores opened the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

There were none.

Public Hearing

Public Hearing to receive comments from the public on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2022-2023.No Action

Public hearing opened at 6:52 p.m.

There were no comments.

Public hearing closed at 6:52 p.m.

made a motion to approve Public Hearing to receive comments from the public on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2022-2023., seconded by the vote was .

Public hearing to receive comments from the public on the proposed tax rate for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.No Action

Public hearing opened at 6:52 p.m.

There were no comments.

Public hearing closed at 6:52 p.m.

made a motion to approve Public hearing to receive comments from the public on the proposed tax rate for Fiscal Year 2022-2023., seconded by the vote was .

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 there was any consent agenda items they would like to pull for further discussion.

There was none.

Consideration and ACTION to approve the City Secretary's Certification of Unopposed Candidates for November 8, 2022 City General Election.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve the City's Secretary's Certification of Unopposed Candidates for November 8, 2022 City General Election.

Andres Lopez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve the City Secretary's Certification of Unopposed Candidates for November 8, 2022 City General Election., seconded by Gabriela Fernandez the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve the first reading of Ordinance 542 ordinance declaring unopposed candidates in the November 8, 2022 general city election, elected to office; canceling the election; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 542 ordinance declaring unopposed candidates in the November 8, 2022 general city election, elected to office; canceling the election; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date.

Andres Lopez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve the first reading of Ordinance 542 ordinance declaring unopposed candidates in the November 8, 2022 general

city election, elected to office; canceling the election; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date., seconded by Gabriela Fernandez the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve the City Secretary's Certification of Unopposed Candidates for November 8, 2022 City Special Election.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve the City Secretary's Certification of Unopposed Candidates for November 8, 2022 City Special Election.

Andres Lopez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve the City Secretary's Certification of Unopposed Candidates for November 8, 2022 City Special Election., seconded by Gabriela Fernandez the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve the first reading of Ordinance 541 an ordinance declaring unopposed candidate in the November 8, 2022 special city election, elected to office; canceling the election; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 541 an ordinance declaring unopposed candidate in the November 8, 2022 special city election, elected to office; canceling the election; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date.

Andres Lopez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve the first reading of Ordinance 541 an ordinance declaring unopposed candidate in the November 8, 2022 special city election, elected to office; canceling the election; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date., seconded by Gabriela Fernandez the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to authorize City of Los Fresnos to contract with Estrada Hinojosa & Company, Inc. as Financial Advisor and Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP as Bond Counsel on various financing's including but not limited to the Texas Water Development Board and to advise the City of Los Fresnos on any matters and actions related thereto.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to authorize City of Los Fresnos to contract with Estrada Hinojosa & Company, Inc. as Financial Advisor and Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP as Bond Counsel on various financing's including but not limited to the Texas Water Development Board and to advise the City of Los Fresnos on any matters and actions related thereto.

Andres Lopez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to authorize City of Los Fresnos to contract with Estrada Hinojosa & Company, Inc. as Financial Advisor and Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP as Bond Counsel on various financing's including but not limited to the Texas Water Development Board and to advise the City of Los Fresnos on any matters and actions related thereto., seconded by Gabriela Fernandez the vote was [Unanimous].

Action Items

Consideration and ACTION to approve the first reading of Ordinance 538 adopting the budgets for fiscal year 2022-2023.Adopted

Mr. Milum explained he had emailed the council three options for the tax rate. The council would need to review and select an option. The option would then set the tax rate and would balance the budget with the available funding.

Mr. Milum and the council discussed the three options.

The council voted for option 3 reducing the tax rate by 1 cent for a tax rate of \$0.705.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 538 adopting the budgets for fiscal year 2022-2023.

Alejandro Flores made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve the first reading of Ordinance 538 adopting the budgets for fiscal year 2022-2023., seconded by Luis Gonzalez the vote was [3 to 1].

Consideration and ACTION to approve the first reading of Ordinance 537 approving the 2022 tax roll and levying municipal ad valorem taxes for the use, benefit and support of the City and directing the assessment and collection thereof.Adopted

Mr. Milum explained the ordinance would be approved based on the budget that was approved or reducing the tax rate to \$0.705 per \$100 valuation.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 537 approving the 2022 tax roll and levying municipal ad valorem taxes for the use, benefit and support of the City and directing the assessment and collection thereof.

Luis Gonzalez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve the first reading of Ordinance 537 approving the 2022 tax roll and levying municipal ad valorem taxes for the use, benefit and support of the City and directing the assessment and collection thereof., seconded by Juan Munoz the vote was [3 to 1].

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

Mr. Milum explained how Republic Services determines the increase. He reviewed the increased fees with the council and answered questions.

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

Alejandro Flores made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to increase dumpster garbage rates and update the fee schedule with approved fees., seconded by Gabriela Fernandez the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve a sidewalk plan for the areas of the city that do not have sidewalks.Adopted

Mr. Milum explained the question was asked why the parts of the city does not have sidewalks. He presented the council with map showing existing, planned and future sidewalks in the city and explained how some of the sidewalks were installed due to grants.

Mr. Milum answered questions from the board.

Motion was made and seconded to approve a sidewalk plan for the areas of the city that do not have sidewalks.

Luis Gonzalez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve a sidewalk plan for the areas of the city that do not have sidewalks., seconded by Juan Munoz the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to elect a member for Place 6, 7, 8 & 9 of the Board of Trustees Election for the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool.Adopted

Mayor Flores motioned to elect Allison Heyward. There was no second. Motion fails.

Motion was made and seconded to elect Kimberly Meismer for Place 6 of the Board of Trustees Election for the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool.

Juan Munoz made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to elect a member for Place 6, 7, 8 & 9 of the Board of Trustees Election for the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool., seconded by Luis Gonzalez the vote was [3 to 1].

Consideration and ACTION to elect a member for Place 6, 7, 8 & 9 of the Board of Trustees Election for the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to elect Rebecca Haas for Place 7 of the Board of Trustees Election for the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool.

Luis Gonzalez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to elect a member for Place 6, 7, 8 & 9 of the Board of Trustees Election for the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool., seconded by Juan Munoz the vote was [3 to 1].

Consideration and ACTION to elect a member for Place 6, 7, 8 & 9 of the Board of Trustees Election for the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool.Adopted

Mayor Flores motioned to elect Louis Rigby, Council member Juan Munoz seconded. Council members Gonzalez, Lopez and Fernandez voted Nay. Motion fails.

Motion was made and seconded to elect Marian Mendoza for Place 8 of the Board of Trustees Election for the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool.

Luis Gonzalez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to elect a member for Place 6, 7, 8 & 9 of the Board of Trustees Election for the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool., seconded by Andres Lopez the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to elect a member for Place 6, 7, 8 & 9 of the Board of Trustees Election for the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool.Adopted

Council member Juan Munoz motioned to elect William Linn. There was no second. Motion fails.

Motion was made and seconded to elect Carl Joiner for Place 7 of the Board of Trustees Election for the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool.

Alejandro Flores made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to elect a member for Place 6, 7, 8 & 9 of the Board of Trustees Election for the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool., seconded by Luis Gonzalez the vote was [3 to 2].

Adjournment

The meeting was closed at 7:50 PM

Presiding Officer of the Council

Recorder