

City Council

520 E Ocean Blvd.

Special Meeting

Los Fresnos, TX 78566

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Wednesday, November 20, 2019

11:00 AM

City Hall

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:20 AM by Mayor Polo Narvaez

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Milum gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

There were no comments.

Workshop

Consideration and action to establish priorities, vision and goals. Adopted

Dale House, IT, gave a brief training on how the microphones are used. He answered questions for the board.

Mr. Milum explained members of the council suggested setting up a table on the council floor. The council moved to a table and proceeded with the meeting.

Mayor Narvaez explained that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss goals and priorities.

Mayor Narvaez asked Mr. Milum for an update on the city projects in progress. Mr. Milum handed out a list of current projects.

Council member Andres Lopez asked about drainage/flooding throughout the city. His concern is that the city has done their part in preventing future flooding and drainage problems.

Mayor Narvaez explained that the problem areas through the city have been identified and been addressed and continue to be addressed to prevent future flooding and drainage problems. He also explained the city also needs to keep future developments in mind and how it will affect the city drainage.

Mr. Milum listed a few problem areas through out the city. He gave a brief summary on the agreement/meeting with Cameron County Drainage District #1 to clean areas to help prevent flooding in the areas he mentioned.

Council member James Herrera explained he had an engineer and a builder ask him why the council approved a project for \$72,000 and what was the expense. Mr. Herrera stated he could not answer because he needed to go and see where the project would be. When he receives the agenda on Fridays he does not have time to meet with Mr. Milum to go out and see the proposed projects. He feels the council should have a mechanism where

they can see the projects before they approve them. Mayor Narvaez, Mr. Milum and the council discussed Mr. Herrera's concern.

Council member Juan Munoz asked what could be done on the resaca crossings on Whipple Road. Mr. Milum explained it was county and reminded Mr. Munoz at the TIRZ meeting Mr. Garza explained the county was going to try to get used rails from TXDOT to place at the crossing.

Mayor Narvaez asked Carlos Salazar, Public Works Director, if there was any projects he felt needed to be prioritized.

Mr. Salazar and Mr. Milum explained the upcoming water plant upgrades.

Council member Andy Lopez asked if the city had an agreement with the school district that allowed high school students to park at the Nature Park. Mr. Milum and Chief Gonzalez answered no and explained the issues with the parking and possible solutions.

Council member Munoz asked how many streets needed to be repaired. Mr. Milum listed the streets and explained how the repairs would be funded.

Council member James Herrera explained he met with Desi Martinez, CDC Consultant, to discuss plans to place butterfly gardens at the Nature Park. Mr. Milum explained the plans of the city to help. Council member Andy Lopez suggested to get the school evolved.

Mayor Narvaez asked each department head present if they had any needs or something they would like to share with the council. Each department head explained their needs and thanked the council for all there help.

Mayor Narvaez explained he would like everyone to help with the 2020 Census. He explained the importance of getting counted and impact it would make for the city. Mr. Milum gave a summary on the last Census count.

Council member James Herrera felt the council needed to do away with the bi-monthly report. He felt it was not needed and he would like to do away with it. Mr. Milum explained the monthly report is required but the daily and bimonthly report could be done away with. Mr. Herrera asked Mr. Milum what the council needed to do to stop the daily and bimonthly report. Mr. Milum answered the council just had to tell us.

Motion was made and seconded for the department heads to no longer provide bi-monthly report.

Mayor and the council thanked the department heads for all their hard work.

James Herrera made a motion to approve Consideration and action to establish priorities, vision and goals., seconded by Polo Narvaez the vote was [Unanimous].

Adjournment

The meeting was closed at 12:57 PM

Presiding Officer of the Council

Recorder