

COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2019, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, August 8, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, Council Members Robinson, Lee and Gonzales; City Manager Squyres, City Attorney DeFoyd and City Secretary Raines. Mayor Diaz absent due to work and Council Member Rivas absent due to illness.

The meeting was opened with Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Lee to approve the minuets as presented. Vote: 3 For 0 Against

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Chief Ayala advised that all was going well at PD and it looked like they were getting ready to start on the build out of the lobby and two restrooms.

He also advised that we have had a animal cruelty charge filed in the city.

Chief Mier stated that it was nice and quite in their department and cautioned everyone about the high temperatures we were experiencing and advised them to stay well hydrated. She announced that Market Night would be August 10th, they would have a new food vendor and good music and encourage everyone to come out. She stated the Market had donated a door prize for the North Channel Chamber Luncheon and they were also donating a basket for the North Channel Casino night.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia thanked them for the door prize they donated to the luncheon.

Ivan Rojas, Parks and Recreation Director, announced that the Food Bank would be at town Center on August 23rd and that it helped a lot of people.

Ivan advised that the pool was doing great, that school started back on August 21st but the pool would be open on weekends through September.

Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall Director, stated that they were keeping the seniors busy with activities and trips.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT:

City Manager Squyres advised that even when the pool closes the splash pad will still be open and they always have a crowd there, that it had really been a hit.

He stated that the city had hosted the North Channel Chamber luncheon on August 2nd at Town Center and it had been well attended, that the owner of three hotels had been very impressed with the facility and had been interested in renting it for a company party.

He advised that the Chamber always comments on how nice everything looks in the area and he commented Public Works on doing a good job Keeping the area well maintained.

He advised that the old police station was torn down now and that the old Jacinto City Pharmacy had also been torn down. There was discussion about what would go there and he stated that he thought it was going to be a parking area.

There was no Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Council authorization to issue RFQ for engineering service related to CDBG Harvey Recovery Project.**

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Gonzales to table issuing the RFQ. Vote: 3 For 0

Against

- 2. Council authorization to amend Budget Code 25-6941 to upgrade City Hall roof in the amount of \$2,000.00.**

A motion was made by Council Member Gonzales and seconded by Council Member Robinson to authorize amending Budget Code 25-6941 in the amount of \$2,000.00 to upgrade City Hall roof.

Vote: 3 For 0 Against

- 3. Council to approve Atlas Universal Roofing, Inc. bid to upgrade city hall roof at a cost of \$101,382.00 using Choice Partners Cooperative Purchasing.**

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Gonzales to approve Atlas Universal Roofing, Inc. Bid of \$101,382.00 using Choice Partners Cooperative Purchasing.

Vote: 3 For 0 Against

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Robert Hernandez, 10721 Lane Street, stated that if you have something good to say about or to a person say it while they are alive, don't wait until it is too late.

Mr. Cortez, 1721 Kerby, thanked the Mayor, council and staff for doing a good job with the city.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Robinson cautioned everyone to be sure and drink plenty of water out in this heat and thanked them for the confidence they had in the Mayor, Council and Staff.

Council Member Lee also reminded everyone to stay hydrated, thanked them for coming out and God Bless.

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Council Member Gonzales ask Chief Ayala if we were still planning on having an open house at the police station and was advised that we were but would have to finish building out the lobby, etc. and parking lot because they have no parking space at the present time.

Council Member Robinson ask about the status on the fire station and was advised by City Manager Squyres that there was a disagreement between the contractor and the engineer concerning the roof which had not been installed correctly and the contractor was going to have to take out all the screws in the roof and replace them correctly and everything else was mostly cosmetic.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia advised that Kyle Reed was doing well and would be coming back to work next week.

City Manager Squyres stated that he would be returning part time only and he plan to be at the safety meeting tomorrow.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia announced that on Saturday August 10th from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Town Center there would be a Hurricane Harvey Recovery Tour hosted by East Harris County Empowerment Council, Harris County Precinct 2, American Red Cross and CTAB Disaster Relief and went over a list of services that would be provided and what type of information they would need to bring with them.

She also announced that on August 18, 2019 First Baptist Church would be celebrating their 75th anniversary.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joyce Raines". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Joyce Raines
City Secretary**