

COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2019, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, December 12, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Rivas, Robinson, Lee and Gonzales; City Manager Squyres and City Secretary Raines. Council Member Garcia arrived after roll call and City Attorney DeFoyd out of state.

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Rivas to approve the minutes as presented. Vote: 4 For 0 Against

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Chief Ayala advised that they raised the U. S. Flag at the new police station today and every thing was looking really good and he thanked everyone for the new station. The Chief reminded everyone if they were going out of town over the holidays and would like to have a vacation watch on their house for suspicious activity to please come by and sign up. He cautioned everyone to be cautious and call them if they had any concerns and they would check it out.

Mayor Diaz advised that there had been an incident at her parents house and another house on their street to be sure and call the police if you had any concerns with anything going on in the neighborhood.

Chief Mier stated it had been nice and quite at the station, but to be prepared for some weather we had coming in and they were ready for Santa on the Fire Truck starting at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday.

Kyle Reed, Public Works director, stated that he loved the way the newly paved streets looked and thanked Harris County for them as well as the stripping and speed humps. He advised the new Vactor truck should be here on December 28th and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall Director, advised they were keeping the seniors busy taking them to different Christmas Parties and their calendar was full through the end of the year.

Chief Mier reminded everyone of the Market by Night on December 14th and that they had a variety of entertainment as well as vendors and invited everyone to come out and join them.

There were no Public Comments.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Council action on Variance Board's Recommendation at 10814 Garber Lane, 11919 Market St., 10718 Oswego and 10822 East Freeway.**

City Manager Squyres stated that the Variance Board had meet on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 and each of the Council Members had a copy of their recommendation:

He advised that at 10814 Garber Lane the Variance Board has voted 3 for and 0 against to allow them to replace a carport that is 4 ft. from the Property line.

A motion was made by Council Member Gonzales and seconded by Council Member Robinson to accept the Board's recommendation and allow the variance. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

City Manager Squyres stated that at 11919 Market St. (which was where the old Molina Paint and Body Shop had been), to be allowed a variance to build and open a custom powder coating shop and the Board had voted 3 For and 0 Against.

Council Member Robinson stated that he and City Manager Squyres has gone to look at where they now have their business and it was well maintained and very clean.

Council Member Rivas ask about the security, hours the shop would be open, etc.

Council Member Gonzales ask if they would be working on any heavy equipment that would tear up our streets and was advised that they would not.

City Manager Squyres stated they had already discussed this and ask that they include in their motion that there be no commercial work there.

A motion was made by Council Member Lee and seconded by Council Member Robinson to allow the variance at 11919 Market St.. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

City Manager Squyres stated that Best Way Welding had requested a variance at 10718 Oswego to make the property a parking lot for his business at 10715 Market St. and that 10718 Oswego was zone for single family residential.

Mr. Ronnie Wooten, 10714 Oswego stated that neither he or his neighbors wanted this, that they were going to put up an 8 ft. fence next to his property and that was commercial, their area was zoned residential and they did not want a parking lot in it.

Mr. Vernon Gore stated that he owns the house at 10718 Oswego and wants to sell it and Mr. Speed was willing not to tear down the house and only use part of the lot for parking and the parking would be accessed from Market St. and he didn't want them to be closed to other options.

Donna Dailey, 1701 Chazen, advised that she was a member of the Variance Board and this was the first time they have had as many people at a meeting and they didn't want a parking lot in their neighborhood and she wanted to bring that to the Council's attention.

Hector Vasquez, 10730 Oswego stated that he lived two house down and owned the house next door and he doesn't want a parking lot next door to his house.

Council Member Rivas stated that he would follow the Board's recommendation and make a motion to not allow the variance, the motion was seconded by Council Member Garcia. Vote: 0 For 5 Against

City Manager Squyres advised that the request at 10822 East Freeway was for a Special Use Permit to open a tattoo parlor and that the Board had vote 2 For and 1 Against the request.

Council Member Rivas stated their business was now on Freeport St and they lived in Baytown and he was stating that he didn't want that type of business here.

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Gonzales to not allow the Special Use permit at 10822 East Freeway: Vote: 1 For (Lee) 4 Against Rivas, Robinson, Garcia & Gonzales.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Rivas welcomed the Auto Shop to Jacinto City and that they had some sweet looking trucks. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Council Member Robinson wished everyone a Merry Christmas and to be careful out there and he also liked those trucks.

Council Member Lee Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. He advised that Calvary Baptist Church was having toys and food for under privileged Children on Saturday, that they had asked for toys and plenty of peanut butter.

Council Member Garcia thanked everyone who came up and spoke out and voiced their opinion, that we have council meeting on every 2nd and 4th Thursday to please come back anytime and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Council Member Gonzales commented on how big our Christmas Parade was this year and the crowd at Town Center following the parade and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mr. Villarreal from the variance hearing commended Chief Ayala and advised that his son was a police officer in Alvin.

Mayor Diaz announced the winners in the Christmas Parade:

Most Beautiful Float: Weekare Pediatrics

Most Original Entry: Capital Bank

Best Marching Group: Lori's Dance Studio

Mayor's Choice: JC Preschool 3 Yr. old – Gingerbread

Mayor Diaz ask that everyone keep the families of the officers that had been shot recently in their Prayers.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joyce Raines". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the text "Respectfully submitted,".

**Joyce Raines
City Secretary**