

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
MAY 14, 2020  
6:00 P.M.**

**PRAYER: ALLEN LEE**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: ALL**

**Mayor Diaz called the meeting to order, advising that it was physically closed to the public but open via Zoom conferencing.**

**Roll call by City Secretary Raines: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Rivas (by phone), Council Member Robinson, Council Member Lee, Council Member Gonzales, Council Member Garcia (by Zoom); City Manager Squyres, City Attorney DeFoyd and City Secretary Raines (by Zoom).**

**Mayor Diaz called for a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting:**

**Motion: Robinson**

**Second: Lee**

**Vote: 5/0**

**Reports of Officers, Employees and Committees:**

**Chief Ayala thanked the community for working the food drive, that everyone worked together and it was a great success. He advised that they were having some problems with vehicles being broken into in the city and encourage everyone to secure their vehicles.**

**Mayor Diaz thanked Chief Ayala and Officers for their help with the food distribution and well as the elected officials and community volunteers.**

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**Chief Mier advised that through the effort of PPE, they were sanitizing the units after each use.**

**Kyle Reed, Public Works Director advised that the Mosquito truck was legal now and they would be on the street Friday and Saturday spraying. He stated that they haven't had any complaints about mosquitoes yet but when they start spraying they are required to have documentation from the public.**

**Mayor Diaz thanked the Public Works Department for their help with the food distribution.**

**Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall Director, advised that they continued to Contact the senior daily to check on them, that they deliver the five pack meals to regular members and those receiving Meals on Wheels receive a hot meal daily. She stated the center had a foundation donate a lot of things to them and they were having a private garage sale, with only 5 people allowed in at a time. She advised that for seniors who did not have transportation to come to the center and pick up food, the Food Bank would deliver to them. She advised that When the center delivers the food to the seniors they add puzzles, etc. to try to give them something to do while the center is closed.**

**Mayor Diaz stated that she has been receiving a lot of calls from the seniors asking when the center will be opened and she has to tell them it is not allowed yet and a lot of the seniors are learning to use face book and contact her that way.**

**Mayor Diaz stated that we had a wonderful food drive yesterday, great turn out and she thanked Congress Woman Sylvia Garcia, all the elected Official and volunteers who were there to help. She advised that the gym and Heritage Hall was still closed and ask everyone to support the local businesses.**

**City Manager Squyres advised that they changed the route of traffic for the food drive, thanked the police Department for their help with this and that it worked out very well.**

**Mr. Squyres stated that we had a citizen complain about an incident with the city, the citizen went back and check the time and call the city back and apologized. He ask that anyone having a problem to call us and we will try to work it out.**

**Public Comments:**

**Luisa Perez stated that the food drive yesterday was awesome, it was very co-ordinated. She stated that she had a couple of questions for Chief Ayala if the warrant roundup was still going on and if payments plans were still available and could the make payments. She was advised that they could make payments and how to set them up.**

**Ms. Perez stated that someone had called her about a suspicious van in the neighborhood and she called the police department, it took them a while to get there and the van was gone when they arrive and the officer told them to call him if they say it again and hopefully we can have more patrol in the neighborhood instead of out on Market .**

**Ms. Perez stated that her main concern was the parade for the seniors but one city was having a virtual Graduation ceremony on May 31, 2020 at 1"00 p.m. where the kids could walk across the field (Graduate Only and could we do it on the ball field and have Ivan set up the big Movie screen and display the seniors.**

**Mayor Diaz stated that she would talk with Lon and the Council to see what we can do.**

**Ms. Perez ask if Chief Ayala could get the news media to come out.**

**Chief Ayala stated that he would check to see what happened, that**

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**They can't be everywhere at one time but they are here to serve the community.**

**Ms. Perez ask if Burman and Wiggins were still on-way streets.**

**Chief Ayala stated they could go back the other way but with all the construction it might be difficult.**

**Ms. Perez stated the had a vacant parking lot on Wiggins, couldn't they park there.**

**Wayne Nichols, 11502 Lane, ask if anyone had been able to get in touch with Galena Park High school, that he had called several times and no one ever returned his call.**

**Mayor Diaz stated that she had not gotten a return call yet.**

**There was no Unfinished Business.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **1. Extension of Disaster Declaration**

**City Manager Squyres stated that the reason this extension is on the agenda, there was a possibility of being reimbursed for some of what the city spent on COVID-19 and the Declaration would need to be in effect and he said he thought it should be extended for 3 months or 90 days.**

**Mr. Squyres advise that the Gym24 Hour Fitness, etc were scheduled to open on the 18<sup>th</sup> and went over a list of some of the business that would reopen. He advised that the 25% allowed was based on the listed occupancy of the building and that Heritage Hall would not reopen until the State tell us we can do so.**

**He advised that the Declaration had more to do with money.**

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**There was general discussion and Council Member Lee ask if the Governor cancelled his order how would that affect us.**

**City Manager Squyres advised that would cancel our declaration as well.**

**Mayor Diaz called for a vote on the Declaration.**

**Motion: Robinson**

**Second: Gonzales**

**Vote: 5/0**

**Mayor Diaz cautioned the seniors to stay at home and call someone if they needed anything.**

**Council Member Robinson: Thanked all the employees for all that they do for the city and to stay safe.**

**Council Member Lee: Stated that he was very proud of Jacinto City and all of our employees, there were so many positive things going on He was also proud of our Teachers and everyone. God Bless**

**Council Member Gonzales stated that he echoed what everyone else had said about our employees and wished a happy Mother's Day to all the Mothers out there.**

**Council Member Garcia advised that she put Public Works phone number on face book so they would call and let them know if they had any trouble with mosquitoes, that they need documentation in order to Spray. She stated that she was very proud of our city, we stayed strong and did not close City Hall. She stated that she had confirmation form one of the parents about food for kids but it wouldn't be open June 1<sup>st</sup>. God Bless**

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**Council Member Rivas stated that he was sorry that he couldn't be there in person tonight, thanks to all those work to get the job done. God Bless**

**Mayor Diaz stated that she was ask if the pool was going to be open on Memorial Day weekend and she advised that it would not be open, Maybe the Splash Pad.**

**City Manager Squyres reported that the Stated did not think that was a good idea.**

**Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joyce Raines".

**Joyce Raines  
City Secretary**