

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 28, 2020
6:00 P.M.**

Prayer: Council Member Lee

Pledge of Allegiance: All

Mayor Diaz called the meeting to order, pointing out that it is physically closed to the public but open via Zoom Conferencing.

Roll call by the City Secretary: Mayor Diaz and Council Members Rivas (by Zoom), Robinson, Lee, Garcia (by Zoom) and Gonzales; 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: Council Member Robinson

Second: Council Member Rivas

Vote: 5/0

Reports of Officers, Employees and Committees:

Ivan Rojas - Parks & Recreation Director - Advised they were staying busy and the weight room at the Gym was open for three people at a time, Jacinto City residents only.

Mayor Diaz thanked Ivan for all his help with the Food Distribution and advised that we might be having another one.

Chief Ayala congratulated the 2020 Seniors and commended Luisa Perez for doing a good job organizing the event.

Chief Mier advised that they were not receiving as many call now and cautioned everyone to wear mask, wash hands and follow social distancing. She advised that we were starting hurricane season and there were some disturbance out in the Atlantic and we should start preparing and not wait until the last minute.

Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall Director, Reported that on a sad note, they had lost one of their seniors last week, Mr. Ralph Morris and his service was tomorrow and he would be greatly missed. She stated that this was an example of some seniors going through some depression, that they delivered meals today and also included puzzles, and other items in English and Spanish and they keep in contact with all of their seniors.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Diaz thanked Elizabeth and her staff for all they do for the seniors to please continue to keep in contact them and please let us know if there is anything we can do.

Mayor Diaz apologized for the problems we were having with Zoom.

City Manager Squyres passed on his report.

Comments from the Public:

Lusia Perez stated she thought we had too many people on Zoom and that might be part of the problem. Ms. Perez thanked the Mayor and everyone who help organize the parade and they took a group picture of the Seniors and students and parents alike said our city was wonderful for allowing her to do the parade. She thanked everyone and stated that she hopes they will allow them to do it every year.

Mayor Diaz advised that we would discuss it and see what we could do.

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Ana Banda thanked the Mayor, Council and Chief Ayala for allowing them to have a parade, that it broke her heart that they missed out on all the Senior Year activities, they thought they were going to have a graduation ceremony on 8/2/20 but were told they would not.

Mayor Diaz congratulated Ana on her graduation.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- 1. Belt Harris Pechacek to present Audit for fiscal year ended September 30, 2019.**

Ms. Stephanie Harris, a partner with Belt Harris Pechacek stated that they were issuing a clean unmodified opinion which was the highest level of assurance they can present and went over the assets, liabilities and net position of the city, the statement of activities for the year and the statement of revenues, expenses and changes in fund balances for the year ending September 30, 2019, and the city ended the year with a very strong position, she also explained the single audit and went over it.

Mayor Diaz ask Ms. Harris if she was saying we were doing a great job.

City Manager Squyres advised Ms. Harris that her staff was wonderful to work with.

Mayor Diaz stated that she was getting calls about when would we be able to play baseball and basketball.

City Manager Squyres stated that we didn't know anything on that yet, but we might be able to open the pool before we do that. There was Discussion on the pool and splash pad.

Council Comments:

Council Member Rivas – stated that he saw on group chat that Carmela put up that this was Mental Health Month and ask that everyone remember to check on neighbors and friends during these trying times. He congratulated the 2020 graduates, that the parade was a small thing to do but was very rewarding, stay safe and God Bless.

Council Member Garcia – stated that it was good to see everyone and that she had a resident ask her if because of the storm we had and all the limbs that blew down was there going to be exception on having to Bundle and tie up the limbs for pickup.

City Manager Squyres advised that we would have to pay the contract for the pickup and that was their requirement so we would not be able to wave them.

Council Member Garcia discussed the website where she found the mental health issue and ask that they please take time to read this, that mental health was a real problem.

Ms. Garcia stated that we have a bunch of amazing employees and citizens in the city, that they had a Virtual Talent Show at North Shore Elementary and these employees don't just work but also have a good Relationship with citizens. She recognized Kyle Reed, Eric Jones, Mark Longrigg, Javier Duran and Bernardo Perez for joining their Virtual Talent Show and Showing what they do in their job at the City. She also thanked Becky Gammage with the JC Dog Rescue for joining them as well.

Council Member Garcia thanked Lucia Perez for doing a good job with the Senior Parade. She stated that while she was at Public Work she had ask Maria how many complaints we had received about mosquitoes and she said only three and she filled out her complaint and ask everyone to remember that we are required to have complaints before we can spray.

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She advised that today was National Brisket/Hamburger Day, to go out and have a burger after the meeting.

Council Member Gonzales – Stated that what we had for the Seniors was great, that everyone did a great job, stay safe and have a good weekend.

Council Member Lee – Congratulated all the 2020 Graduates, wished them the best. He thanked all department of Jacinto City, to be safe and God Bless.

Council Member Robinson – stated the parade was great, hoped everyone has a happy Memorial Day. He announced that thank to Lt. Mark Longrigg's grant request we had just received two more Tahoes for the Police Department at no cost to the city.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

**Joyce Raines
City Secretary**