

COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY JULY 23, 2020, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session with the following members present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Rivas, Robinson, Lee, Garcia and Gonzales; City Manager Squyres, City Attorney DeFoyd and City Secretary Raines.

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

A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Lee to approved the minutes of the previous meeting. Vote 3 For 2 Against (Robinson and Rivas voting against)

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

**Chief Ayala presented the crime stats for the month of July.
(Copy attached)**

He commented on the number of motor vehicle thefts in Jacinto Oaks and had talked with his officers about ways to deter criminal activity. He stated that citizens on patrol was one and he would make a presentation to council on this.

Mayor Diaz stated that she had received a number of calls wanting to know where our cops are and our officers need to patrol and be seen.

Chief Ayala stated there were a lot of rules and regulations they had to follow.

Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall Director, advised they had delivered 537 home bound meals and 201 congregate meals for the month and that Area Agency on Ageing still had portable air conditioners. She ask that anyone who had not turned in their notice on the free tablet to get them to Heritage Hall and she would get them turned in.

Bernard Perez, Public Works advised that all was good there.

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Ivan Rojas, Parks and Recreation Director, stated that all was good, they were making sure that parks were clean. He reported they had a good turn out for the food distribution, they handed out over 300 boxes, that a lot of people were in need.

Council Member Rivas ask what kind of attendance we were having in the park.

Ivan advised that a lot of people were coming to eat lunch at the park.

Chief Mier advised that they were making calls, reminded everyone to observe social distance, mask, etc., and to keep track of the storm in the gulf.

City Manager Squyres advised that that loans are available for small businesses in our city if they want to apply and if the applications exceeds the money available there would be a random drawing.

Mr. Squyres advised that an air quality station had been donated and was mounted on city hall, and that masks had been passed out at businesses in the city. He stated that we were reported at 131 cases of covid-19 in our city and 57 of those were at the nursing home and Galena Park was at 141.

He advised there was a storm in the gulf and they were predicting a lot of rain and we were talking with Faust about utilizing their retainage pond if needed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS;

Wayne Nichols advised that Robert Molina had passed away and services would be on Friday, July 31st. He Ask that everyone keep the family in their prayers that he would be missed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1. Receive RFP'S for proposals to provide administrative and/or Planning services for CDBG-MIT Contract**

City Manager Squyres advised that we had only received one proposal and it was from Grantworks, Inc. and we did not know if we would be able to proceed with just one, that he would ask that council table action on this item, that he would contact them in the morning and we could schedule a special meeting to take action if they allowed the one proposal.

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Rivas to table approval on the RFP. Vote 5 For 0 Against

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Resolution 2020-7R designating the Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector's office to calculate, sign and submit All necessary information in connection with "Truth in Taxation" as required by State Law**

A motion was made by Council Member Lee and seconded by Council Member Gonzales to approve Resolution 2020-7R as submitted. Vote 5 For 0 Against

- 2. Resolution 2020-8R A Resolution of the Jacinto City Council Authorizing the adoption of the Harris-County Multi-Hazard Mitigation action plan update.**

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Garcia to approve Resolution 2020-8R. Vote 5 For 0 Against

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Rivas stated that we were still in the pandemic, to please take care of yourself, remind everyone to social distance, wear mask, etc. He stated that he knew a number of people who has passed and his heart went out to them. He stated that we were supposed to have some bad weather this weekend and he would be out as all ways to call if you need him and the Astros open tomorrow.

Council Member Robinson cautioned everyone to be careful one storm was coming in with another behind it, that his Prayers go out to the Molina family and thanked everyone for coming out.

Council Member Lee stated Prayers would go out to the Robert Molina family and also to Mr. Joe Muro who had been ill but was recovering and all the citizens in our city.

Council Member Garcia stated that she keeps looking at Chief Ayala's report and was amazed at the number of accidents in such a short amount of time. She cautioned everyone to, be aware of their surroundings, ask about mosquito problems. She stated it was time to discuss needs for budget work and that Lon had some date and would everyone be available.

Council Member Gonzales ask Lon who would be responsible for flooding on the levy if needed and was advised that it was the Corp of engineers.

Mr. Squyres explained the problems we have in dealing with them.

Council Member Lee ask what happened to the flood bonds we had help get passed.

City Manager Squyres advised that we were the last project and it should be done in 2022., he discussed the project and what it should

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accomplish. He advised that we could not touch anything that belonged to the flood control .

May Diaz ask that everyone keep the Robert Molina Family in their Prayers.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:22 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

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

**Joyce Raines
City Secretary**