

**COUNCIL MEETING, TUESDAY DECEMBER 22, 2020, 6:00 P.M.**

**The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, December 22, 2020 with the following members present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Robinson, Lee and Garcia: City Manager Squyres, City Attorney DeFoyd and City Secretary Raines. Council Members Rivas and Gonzales absent.**

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

**A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Garcia to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Vote: 3 for 0 Against**

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall Director, advised that they had a good turn out for the tablets, 125 people and they may be able to sign up more at a later date. She stated that yesterday they delivered meals and gifts to the seniors and wished a Merry Christmas to all.**

**Chief Ayala cautioned everyone to be aware of their surrounds and stay safe. He thanked the Mayor and Council for the appreciation dinner and Wished a Merry Christmas to all.**

**Bernard Perez, Public Works Department, advised that all was well at Public Works and all the staff appreciated the dinner.**

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**City Manager Squyres advised that another member of the fire department staff had tested positive for COVID and that Chief Mier had been exposed, they were trying to stay positive and that he and Glenda might be para medics over the holidays.**

**Mr. Squyres advised that he was getting the vaccination on Monday and they were working to get all first responders, police department, etc. Vaccinated as well.**

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**City Manager Squyres stated that we appreciated Council Member Lee's Comments on the passing of Leticia's husband, that it was a sad thing that happened.**

**Council Member Lee ask if we knew what happened.**

**City Manager Squyres explained what we knew at this time and advised that we sent the leftover food from the appreciation dinner to Leticia's family.**

**Council Member Lee ask if you could have COVID more than once.**

**City Manager Squyres stated that he knew of two cases that had been repeated and they think the vaccine would have to be administered again after 6 months, they don't know for sure because this is so new.**

**There were no comments from the public**

**There was no Unfinished Business.**

**8. NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Council to amend Budget Code 25-6947 in the amount of \$21,971,91 for CDBG waterline rehabilitation project not reimbursed by CDBG.**

**City Manager Squyres advised this was inspection made by LJA on a 1M Plus water line project over by the school and CDBG wouldn't pay this.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Lee to approve Budget Amendment Code 25-6947 in the amount of \$21,971-91. Vote: 3 For 0 Against**

**Mayor Diaz ask about the road on Burman, was the school going to take care of it.**

**City Manager Squyres advised that as soon as the project was complete the school district says they will take care of it, in the meantime we have put out cones tapped it off.**

- 2. Council to consider the purchase of 25 Watch Guard Personal body cameras and 10 mobile chargers/upload Kits, server, installation and related items.**

**Council Member Robinson ask if 25 cameras would go to officers.**

**City Manager Squyres explained that they had save us on law suits but there were issues with the cameras we use now, they took a lot of time to download, they were labor intensive and Kathy Andrews was the only tech doing this at this time.**

**Council Member Robinson ask if the officers loses the camera were we going to hold them responsible for them.**

**Chief Ayala advised that usually if they are damaged we would send them in on warranty, that the original cameras were paid for by a State grant.**

**City Manager Squyres stated that we would deal with Watch guard on these cameras not Motorola or Bear Com.**

**City Manager Squyres advised that we would need a motion to purchase the cameras and also on the next item to amend the budget and the purchase would be done through Co-operative Purchasing Agency HGAC.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Lee and seconded by Council Member Garcia to purchase the personal body cameras and 10 mobile chargers/upload kits, server, installation and related items. Vote: 3 For 0 Against**

- 3. Council to amend Budget Code 12-6737 to reflect the purchase of Watch Dog camera upgrade using COVID-19 funding (Cares Act) in the amount of \$51,732.00.**

**Council Member Robinson ask if the \$51,732.00 was going to cover everything or were they going to come back with more charges.**

**City Manager Squyres stated they would have to do the installation.**

**Mr. Squyres advised that we may use the older units for our inspectors, EMS, etc.**

**Council Member Robinson stated that he knew it was Cares money but he wanted to make sure it is covering what we need.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Lee to amend Budget Code 12-6737 in the amount of \$51,732.00. Vote: 3 for 0 Against**

**Council Member Lee ask if they were going to work with the dash board cameras and City Manager Squyres advised they would link.**

**Council Member Lee ask if 10 chargers were going to be enough.**

**City Manager Squyres advised that 10 would be enough and explained how they use the chargers.**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**Council Member Robinson thanked every one for their help with the Drive Through Santa on the Fire truck and the employee appreciation**

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**Dinner and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.**

**Council Member Lee thanked everyone for all they do and didn't know what they would do without them and wished a Merry Christmas to all.**

**Council Member Garcia wished everyone a Merry Christmas, to stay safe and we looked forward to seeing them in the new year.**

**Mayor Diaz Wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and to Call if they needed them for anything.**

**Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:33 p.m..**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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

**Joyce Raines  
City Secretary**