

COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY MARCH 3, 2022, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, March 3, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales, Council Members Rivas, Robinson and Lee; City Manager Squyres and City Secretary Raines. Mayor Diaz arrived after roll call, Council Member Garcia and City Attorney DeFoyd 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 Rivas to approve the minutes as presented. Vote: 4 For 0 Against

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

**Ivan Rojas, Parks and Recreation had no report
Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall had no report
Rebecca Mier, Fire Chief had no report
Bernardo Perez, Public Works had no report
Joe Ayala, Police Chief had no report**

CITY MANAGER SQUYRES REPORT:

City Manager Squyres stated that everyone had probably heard about the issue going on between Blue Cross/Blue Shield and Memorial Hermann Hospital which could affect our city employees and advised that he had sent out a notice to our employees along with a copy of a very good article covered by Channel 13 concerning the problem.

He advised that we had gotten good comments about the city from The Palms Apartments, that they had bought the project a few years ago and remodeled the project, they were very complementary of the Town Center, pool and park area, the value of the property has increased and they had an offer to sell and would be making a ton of money due to the increase in value.

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He discussed the water line project that was going in on the North Side and advised that it should be completed shortly.

He advised that Ms. Greiner was not her tonight, that she was working on the city audit.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Donna Dailey, 1701 Chazen, advised that the food they had receiving weekly from Joseph House was being changed to once a month and they would not be getting some of the items, apparently this had to do with the war going on.

She stated that she saw on the news all day today about problems with the election and ask if the city had any problems here. She was advised that this was the primary election which was handled by Harris County and the city was not involved, they just used our building.

Mayor Diaz stated that they were saying a 1000 mail ballots had been rejected due to the wrong paperwork being handed out.

Ms. Daily ask if it was true that our police officers could no longer use our gun range at public works and had to pay to go somewhere else.

City Manager Squyres advised that was not true, that we have a policy in place and we still use the range.

There was no Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. First Reading of Ordinance 2022-3 Declaring unopposed Candidates in May 7, 2022 General City Election; elected to Office; cancelling the election; providing a severability clause and providing an effective date**

City Manager Squyres read Ordinance 2022-3 and advised that the following candidates would be issued certificates of election following the time the election would have been held.

**Jimmy “JJ” Rivas, Council Member Position No. 1
Gregg Robinson, Council Member Position No. 2
Allen Lee, Council Member, Position No. 3**

**A motion was made by Council Member Gonzales and seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve Ordinance 2022-3 Declaring the unopposed candidates elected on the first reading of the Ordinance.
Vote: 4 For 0 Against**

- 2. Publicly open and consider bids for construction of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements**

City Manager Squyres advised that we had only received one bid on the project and felt that some of this was due to problem that contractors were having in obtaining supplies and equipment and the bid was received from:

**T Construction L.L.C
12601 McNair St.
Houston, TX 77015**

\$6,175,861.00

City Manager Squyres stated that the bid came in high, that the grant was for 5.3 million. He advised that the County was asking us to push it forward, that this was a modular project and we have another mitigation grant so they are suggesting that we accept the bid if it meets the bid specification and is approved by the County, engineers and city and then do value engineering.

He recommended that we accept the bid with the condition it was approved by CDBG, our engineers and the city.

A motion was made by Council Member Gonzales and seconded by Council Member Robinson to accept the bid of \$6,175,861.00 providing it met the approval of CDBG, our engineers and the city. Vote: 4 For 0 Against

3. Lt. Longrigg to present 2021 Racial Profiling Report

Lt. Longrigg went over the 2021 Racial Profiling Report and advised that Jacinto City Police Department had not received any Racial Profiling complaints during 2021.

4. Council to approve over expenditures for FY 2020/2021 budget.

City Manager Squyres advised this was a part of the audit process that We had to approve all over expenditures that had not been approved during the year and he went over the major expenditure in each department and advised that of the over \$800,000, that 2/3 of them would be reimbursed to the city.

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by council Member Lee to approve the over expenditures for FY 2020/2021. Vote: 4 For 0 Against

5. Council to approve Investment Reports from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.

City Manager Squyres advised that this was also a part of the audit process and that we were very restricted as to what we could invest in.

A motion was made by Council Member Gonzales and seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve the investment report. Vote 4 For 0 Against

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

There was no report from Council Member Rivas

Council Member Robinson cautioned everyone to be safe

Council Member Lee – God Bless everyone

Council Member Gonzales thanked everyone for coming out

Chief Ayala advised Ms. Dailey that the firing range was open, that some time we only have a few officers that need to qualify with a new weapon and we don't have time to notify the public so we use an outside range.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

**Joyce Raines
City Secretary**