

COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY MAY 26, 2022, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, May 26, 2022 with the following members present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Rivas, Robinson, Lee and Gonzales; City Manager Squyres, City Attorney Defoyd and City Secretary Raines. Council Member Garcia arrived after roll call.

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 of the previous meeting as presented. Vote: 4 For 0 Against

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Chief Ayala had no report.

Thomas Rogers, Public Works Department, advised that they would be sampling for lead and copper readings to check for lead and copper in our water on June 7, and July 7, 2022, they were required to furnish 30 samples from various addresses and they would pass out the sample bottles and instructions to various addresses.

He advised that the repairs at the waste water treatment plant was about 75% complete.

He also stated that they were getting a lot of complaints about bees in the water meter boxes and to call public works and they would take care of them.

Chief Mier stated that school was out and to please watch for the children.

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Ivan Rojas, Parks and recreation, advised that the pool would be open on Saturday from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Monday from 12:00 Noon until 5:00 p.m.. The kids Summer Program was going well and the evening swimming lesson were full with a few openings in the day classes, the cost was \$35.00 for residents and \$45.00 for nonresidents and the admission for the pool was \$2.00 and the splash pad was open.

Claudia Hairston, Jacinto City Library, stated the Library was doing great, they had finalized ELS classes on line registration and were having a kick off party for the Summer Reading Program.

Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall, advised that they were staying busy with the seniors and had taken them to the Strawberry Festival.

City Manager Squyres stated they were doing things a little different at the pool this year that you would get a wrist band to go into the pool and you had to have the wrist band to get into the pool, that the splash pad was free and this was to keep people from coming into the pool through the splash pad.

Mayor Diaz stated that Mr. Chad Burke was here to present the Economic Alliance Houston Port Region Annual Report and as they had Another event after this they were going to move him up on the agenda from New Business.

Mr. Burke stated if they have bees to just call him he will come get them.

Mr. Burke stated the Economic Alliance was a non profit organization, created in 1985, whose mission was to market and grow a vibrant region with economic development in transportation infrastructure, workforce development, public policy and quality of life.

He stated that our footprint was the most sought after region in the world for petrochemical, manufacturing, maritime and logistics

operations with 25 miles of Houston Ship Channel, the world's largest petrochemical complex, the Nation's busiest port in terms of foreign tonnage, that in Texas it generated \$339 billion in economic value. Sustained 1.3 million jobs and generated \$5.6 billion in State and local tax revenue, he discussed the supply chain on vessel movements, and their mission and goal to secure businesses to locate/expand, invest capital and create jobs in the Houston Port Region and the number of projects wins, amount of billions of capital investment and number of jobs created since 2008, the Houston supply chain growth.

He discussed the increased vessel movement into the port, that currently 65 ships were waiting to dock compared to 35 normally which was about a 50% increase and it was taking about 4 to 5 days to get vessels docked, he discussed critical issues associated with the movement of freight and commuters, he discussed TXDOT's priority list for improvement to the Houston Port Region freight improvement plan and the San Jacinto Historic District Quality of Life Matching Grants and he would like to see Jacinto City apply for one of the \$5,000.00 grants. There was discussion by Mayor Diaz and Council about different projects and Mr. Burke advised that he would send them an application.

Mayor Diaz thanked him for all they do for us.

Council Member Rivas ask about the ozone design values shown on the chart, that it looked like a big improvement.

Mr. Burke advised that as he could see from the chart, there had been major improvement made in the ozone levels and it was monitored continuously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Donna Dailey, 1701 Chazen, stated that the price of gasoline, groceries and everything was going up and we could feed the seniors, that they just needed a place to store it, they were only getting food once a month now but if they had a place to store it, they could get it weekly.

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Mayor Diaz stated that she thought we had decided on the old library.

City Manager Squyres stated he was looking at the American Legion because they had the wide doors in the back that pallets could go through.

Ms. Daily stated they could unload the pallets by hand, that there was so many people that need help this was a good way to get it, if they get the building they would get more and more often, that they had close to 100 people they helped.

Ms. Flo Davis and Ms. Holland who helped Ms. Daily with the food advised that if they had the building that Joseph House would deliver and they would not have to pick up.

City Manager Squyres ask Ms. Dailey if she could get Joseph House to call him so we would know what they need, that if we could get the American Legion building it would be better. Ms. Dailey stated that once a month was great but if we do that weekly it would be so much better.

Mayor Diaz ask Elizabeth where Heritage Hall gets their food and Elizabeth advised that they received food through Donna from Joseph House.

Mayor Diaz advised that they would do what they could to help them.

City Manager Squyres stated that we could agree on an MOU between Joseph House and City.

Wayne Nichols, 11512 Lane, stated that he was working with the School District and there was not a single school in the District that did not have their doors propped open, that summer school would be starting soon and we need to make sure those doors are locked.

There was general discussion on safety issues at the schools.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1. Second and Final reading on Ordinance 2022-4 Setting Salary for Mayor and City Council.**

A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Gonzales to approve Ordinance 2022-4 on the second and final reading. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

- 2. Open and consider bids on Waste Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project.**

City Manager Squyres advised this was the second time that we had gone out for bids on this project and the first time we had only received one bid and Harris County would not let us award with just one bid. He advised that the scope of work is a little less due to the emergency repairs we had to do on the plant and we had added some alternates to the project.

City Manager Squyres stated he was asking that they postpone action on the bids for review by the City Manager, LJA Engineering, Harris County, Public Works and the City Attorney and bring back at the next council meeting.

T CONSTRUCTION L.L.C.	Base Bid	\$4,796,569.00
	Plus Alternates	\$7,023,669.00
JTR CONSTRUCTION	Base Bid	\$4,921,500.00
	Plus Alternates	\$7,037,500.00

A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Rivas to receive the bids for review and bring back at the next council meeting. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

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Mayor Diaz advised that a former employee of the city, Roland Garza had passed away and services would be Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. at Calvary Baptist church and ask that they keep the family in their Prayers.

She stated that his sister had ask that his name be put on the Baseball Memorial.

There was general discussion on how active Roland had been with all The leagues.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Rivas extended his condolence to all of the families in the school shooting in Uvalde. He stated that we had a long weekend coming up and he would be spending it with his family, God Bless and have a nice weekend.

Council Member Robinson thanked everyone for coming out and extended Prayers to Roland Garza's family and the families in Uvalde and wished everyone a good Memorial Day weekend.

Mayor Diaz stated that it was very hard working at the school now, that her office was right next to a door but it was kept locked, that what happened in Uvalde was very scary, you never know when something like this is going to happen.

Council Member Lee stated that he picks kids up at school all the time and appreciates how hard it is to get in and he appreciates the security they have. He advised that Roland passed away yesterday and to please pray for the family.

Council Member Garcia stated that they had a lot of security at their school today, that they had a door open when the activities were going

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on but had adults at the door. She stated this could happen anywhere and it was hard to tell when the kids have a problem, it was very sad, just love on your family , the kids need attention and the doors are always locked at their school and prayers to Roland's family.

Council Member Gonzales stated that what happened in Uvalde was very sad, that Roland work on baseball and just loved it, that he had worked with him and his family would be in their prayers.

City Manager Squyres stated that his daughter works in a school here in our city and tells his some of the things that go on and is not sure she will be going back there.

He advised that Brian Clements was over the security at GPISD, they have installed cameras and have drills on teacher work days.

Ms. Dailey advised City Manager Squyres that Joseph House would meet with him.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Joyce Raines
City Secretary**

