

COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2023, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, January 12, 2023 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 as submitted. Vote: 4 For 0 Against

City Manager Squyres stated that at the last meeting we had someone inquire about changing the school crosswalk design, that he had researched this and that was standards governing the crosswalk markings and they had to be in white.

Council Member Rivas ask about making the line and lettering larger and was advised by Mr. Squyres regulations also dictated the size of the lines and wording and he would provide him a copy of this.

City Manager Squyres advised that he, Council Member Rivas, Ivan and Kathy had walked the parks and found a few items that that needed to be corrected and they had been taken care of.

Council Member Rivas ask how often would the parks be inspected and was advised this would be done quarterly.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Thomas Rogers, Assistant Public Works Director reported on the status of the wastewater treatment plant, advising that the contractor had an electoral contractor now and they were able to get materials

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that were needed and were working on the project again.

Chief Mier stated she had no report at this time.

Ivan Rojas, Parks and Recreation Director, Advised that the ball leagues would be holding registration next week from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. as well as online.

Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall Director stated that she had nothing to report.

Chief Ayala gave a report on Calls for service, arrests and citations for the month of December and calls for service and arrests to date for January. (Copy Attached)

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Donna Dailey, 1701 Chazen, thanked the city for all their help at Joseph House, that they would be serving up to 60 seniors tomorrow and they were ready to have open house on January 21st at the gym, they would have BBQ and everyone was invited at 1:00 p.m.. She thanked the Mayor for getting food donated from the Galena Park football team and they give out food the 2nd and 4th Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Purcell, 11211 Munn St, advised that over the holiday a lot of gun shots were going on at the house around the corner from his house, The house they were always having trouble with and he call it in but did not ever see anyone come out and ask if we could do something about this.

Chief Ayala stated that they do check on this and ask what time did he Call.

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There was general discussion about gun being used during the holidays and the safety of the officers.

Mayor Diaz stated that it goes on next to her house, it was really bad On Christmas day.

Donna Dailey ask if we had extra officers on duty and was advised that We did.

Council Member Rivas stated that at the last meeting we had a person here concerned about the very tragic incident of the child being run over by one of the private school vans and ask Lon to give an update On efforts to provide laws to regulate this.

City Manager Squyres stated this was going to be called “Isaac’s Law” and these private vans were not governed by any regulations, and we had ask State Representative Anna Hernandez and Senator Carol Alvarado to start legislation on this. Representative Hernandez had advised that they would draft legislation like the rules of TXDOT and DPS and it was good that the new law would be passing. He advised that the city was hosting Harris County Mayor’s and Council’s Association in March we had ask Representative Hernandez to address this legislation.

Donna Dailey ask why the schools can’t get with the parents about letting their kids ride these vans.

Ms. Macel ask what about getting with GPISD Superintendent Moore about this.

City Manager Squyres stated that the school district’s Attorney governs what they can and can’t do, and hopefully we will get this passed at the end of this session and get this taken care of.

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Ms. Macal ask if there could be an officer over on Burman at dismissal time and talked about dump trucks going up and down the street.

Chief Ayala and Lt. Longrigg stated they would check it out.

Council Member Rivas stated that he thinks the Joseph House Grand Opening was very important, to please go out and join them.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Robinson wished everyone a happy new year and to be safe.

Council Member Lee thanked Mr. Purcell for his comment about the gun shots during the holidays and wished everyone a happy new year.

Council Member Garcia advised that the teachers are aware of the issues with the vans, that the school can't recommend, the parents have to make their own inquiries and wished everyone a happy 2023.

Council Member Gonzales ask Lon what year the city passed a ban on fireworks, that it didn't stop it then, it was still going on.

The was general discussion on fireworks.

Council Member Rivas wished everyone a happy new year and adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

**Joyce Raines
City Secretary**



MONTH OF DECEMBER 2022

248 CALLS FOR SERVICE

ARREST / 37

2 WEAPONS CHARGES)
2 (THEFT)
3 (PUBLIC INTOXICATION)
15 (TRAFFIC WARRANT ARREST)
1 (INTERFERENCE WITH PUBLIC DUTIES)
8 (NARCOTICS POSSESSION)
6 (ASSAULT)

CITATIONS ISSUED IN DECEMBER:

453

MONTH OF JANUARY 2023

114 CALLS FOR SERVICE

ARREST / 15

6 (TRAFFIC WARRANT ARREST)
1 (EVADING)
3 (POSS/DRUG PARAPHENALIA)
2 (ASSAULT)
1 (DWI)
2 (PUBLIC INTOXICATION)

Fireworks Report – Lt. M. Longrigg