

SPECIAL SESSION, TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2015, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in special session for a budget workshop on Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Robinson, Lee, Garcia and Gonzales; City Manager Squyres and City Secretary Raines. Council Member Rivas and City Attorney DeFoyd absent.

Mayor Diaz called the meeting to order and turned the floor over to City Manager Squyres.

City Manager Squyres stated that he wanted to thank them for their feedback, and that he was going to outline a few things that many of them had come to him with and feed that back to them.

He stated that he had ask Kathy to be here, that not only was she the Assistant City Manager but she was also the day to day finance person so Joyce and Kathy were both available so that we could pick their brains and ask them questions. He stated that as he was saying, he wanted to touch base on some of the things that they approached him about that we need to go through to amend this proposal to get it ready for passage and they may have more that he is not aware of yet.

Mr. Squyres stated to start with lets go to the Capital which was Department 25, and he was doing this from his markup computer version. He advised that there we had city hall foundation repairs and we all knew what that had been like for an extensive time and we also made some revisions, we took the police station down, that one of the council members ran an estimator program on building it and thinks we might be able to do it for a little lower on cost and they were also going to look at one on Monday that was built for about this amount of money, about 2.5 million, it was a little smaller so we might scale that down, we could always amend if we need to but that was a nice starting point for a police station. He stated the provisions were that we build something resilient, something that was going to be attractive to make sure that we upgrade the image of the city and make sure that it will last for a long time. He advised that the next thing that was added, the \$500,000 that was pulled from the police station he had three different council members approach him about rehabbing the fire station and frankly he was glad they did because he would have been a little reluctant, an ex fire guy, to come forward with the fire station upgrade and it was nice to see that he wasn't the only one that felt that way so what they were thinking with that \$500,000 was to add onto the fire station, probably on the Challenger 7 end and then gut the existing living quarters area and rehab that, they were not sure yet.

Mayor Diaz ask if Rebecca and Cindy were out today.

City Manager Squyres advised that Rebecca should be here that Cindy had a situation that was planned months ago so he excused her.

Mr. Squyres stated the other thing, and Ms. Garcia had mentioned it here in fact, as to our TCEQ situation at the sewer plant, it certainly had merit and he talked to the engineers and bounced all kind of numbers around for preliminary design, and he would be real honest with them, having the ability, if we get a fine or letter from them, going to them and saying that not only were we taking this seriously but we have already funded and the work is ongoing to do the preliminary design to get this built and that will go a long way because with that design, we can start work on the Texas Water Development Board application, that goes a long way and justifies our actions and if we are still having problems and Kyle will tell them we were going to continue having problems with the sewer plant, with heavy rains and things like that or if we had a piece of equipment fail don't be surprised if we get notifications, He discussed the expensive pump that we had put in and was spending \$4,000 a month or more on materials that they had all seen the over budget on and until we put that in to mitigate the problem, we were getting notices almost monthly from Harris County Pollution Control and they were serious, they would take us to court if we don't correct that, this was a band aid but we had to get on this and sooner was better than later and everything else there was the same. He stated the other situation there was and we could go into more detail, that he was approached about some specifics on salaries. He stated that he over looked the homebound meal delivery driver in Heritage Hall, she wasn't in salaries, it was down in operations and he failed to add the 3% to that so it was a \$308 increase.

Council Member Robinson stated that he had a question, did he mention the concession stand and restroom at Smith Park and Mr. Squyres advised that it was already there and there were no changes in it, he left it at \$125,000 that he didn't hear any comments or criticism of that but he would be happy to discuss it if they had any questions.

Public Works Director stated that he didn't hear any amount of the preliminary designs cost for the sewer plant rehab and was advised that it was \$80,000.

There was discussion about the length of time it would take on this and that it was not a detailed set of building plans but would get us what we needed to go to the Water Development Board and if our timeline of the May tax vote on it goes and we get to do

the Water Development fund based on the elevated revenue it would all fold in perfect timing for it.

Council Member Lee ask if we were going to be saving money on chemicals because of this.

Mr Squyres stated that he couldn't answer this in great deal at this point, we were looking at two or three different processes. There was general discussion on the type of plant they would like to look into and get away from what we have now but we wanted to go with something that was proven and tested.

Mr. Reed discussed what we now have, what we would need to correct and that we were probably looking at about \$2,000,000.

Council Member Garcia stated that she had the opportunity to talk with Mr. Wallace of LJA yesterday and she brought up this concern and advised him that she had talked with Kyle regarding it.

There was discussion about the water and sewer line projects that still needed to be done and the possibility of funding this with bonds if we were able to get the extra sales tax, etc.

He discussed the fact that our sales tax revenue that we received in August for July being the highest that we had received since back in 2006 and it was nice to see our sales tax increasing every month and when you start talking about doubling that by the vote in May that would be amazing for the city if the citizens choose to do that.

Council Member Lee stated that he was thinking that we were paying something like \$40,000 a year on chemicals.

City Manager Squyres stated probably around \$50,000.

Council Member Lee stated it was something we had to do, that he was hoping that he was Was going to tell him that we would save money on chemicals and potential fines.

Mr. Squyres stated that the goal of the project was, theoretically, we didn't know what technology we were going to choose yet but there was a good chance, depending on the technology, we could eliminate some of the chemicals we use and reduce the cost so by funding the \$80,000 we would take a step in that direction; enough of a step to show that we are serious about this.

Council Member Garcia ask exactly what was going to be fixed up on the rehab of the fire station.

Mr. Squyres stated what they were hoping to accomplish and the biggest problem they had at the fire station was the living area, that the bay area had some issue, the flooring had a cap over the concrete and it was cracked that the equipment we have now is much heavier than what we had at the time the station was built in 1974 and there was no insulation in the fire station at all so we spend an enormous amount of money heating it during the winter and we have a problem keeping the ambulances cool in the summer time. He stated that the electrical service was inadequate, it wouldn't power the backup units that they need and then you had the living and office area and it was just inadequate, that the only means of escape you had from upstairs where people sleep was a wooden interior stairwell to the bay and if you have a fire in the bay they were going to exit into a smoke filled and heated bay and it was pretty much a death trap, we need a fire escape and needed to gut the living quarters in the station and redesign it and rehab it. He discussed some of the other problem at the station.

Council Member Lee stated that they had talked about the doors and the springs.

Mr. Squyres stated that the doors to the fire station were very heavy doors and many of them are still pulled up by chain, they were not electric hoist and the problem was they were so heavy the springs that assist the lift now are heavy duty springs and they don't make them anymore so the springs they put on don't last but a year or two and they are like \$500.00 a throw .

Chief Meir discussed the possible delay in making a run if the door spring breaks and they have to use another means to get the ambulance or fire truck out of the station.

Council Member Gonzales ask what was out there now that could fix that, was it chain driven.

City Manager Squyres advised that there were several different types of doors but the main thing was the doors themselves were lighter weight, they were not big steel doors, they were mostly aluminum, lighter frame, that we have had cars drive into those doors and not damage them

Council Member Robinson stated that they make them out of fiber glass and aluminum now and they were a lot lighter.

Mr. Squyres stated that he talked to one architect today and he thought they could do it for that amount of money, it wouldn't be anything fancy, we would keep the building and work on what we have but we would insulate it though.

Council Member Garcia ask which police stations had they visited.

Mr. Squyres replied that they had visited about five to get where they are today, Pasadena, Deer Park and they went across town to a couple of places and next week they were going to look at Sealy and Liberty and the main reason was that one of the architects that submitted his RFQ built those stations so they wanted to see them and they could also ask them question about the architect. He stated that from Mr. Gant they had already been able to do that, that he built North Channel's EMS station, a lot of things locally and many of us know him.

City Manager Squyres stated that the other big issue they talked about and he had visited with a couple of council people today on was the thought of pay in general and one of the departments was the police department and they talked about the need for a merit raise on some specific employees so we could really talk about the whole city for that matter and we were saying 5% across the board for the typical full time worker but a few councilmen made a case that there are police officers that have just done an outstanding job, they are not ready to be moved up in rank to the next level perhaps but they were taking the lead, they were acting in a supervisory position many time even though they were not of rank so we are talking about people that could be Field training officers or people that could be labeled senior officers and there may be a need for selective ones move up from 5% to 7% He stated that didn't justify the officers, they talked about it for a few key people across the city, there was one in court that there was a large pay difference between that one person and the next person and so we needed to level that playing field a little bit and the way we were going to do things like that was through the evaluation process, we were going to look at what they had accomplished, look at their job roll and the quality of the work they do for us, for example if this person get another certification we would look at that and the dispatchers were another case, that right now they were required to have a very low level license but if they go on and get their next level or if they decide, since they dispatch for the fire department too, they want to get certified to be an EMD he thinks we should reward that person because it was a value to the citizens. He stated that by changing these numbers a little bit, primarily in PD, and by changing these numbers just a little bit, it will give us room to do that. He stated that we had talked about doing some other things a little more novel than that with dispatchers, maybe even part timing a dispatcher here and there so here was some changes that he was going to propose and he

was sure they would have some comments on them. He stated that on police department 6608 General Workers we originally had \$840,000 and he had bumped that up about \$15,000 as he recalled and we were going to revise that to \$875,000 and that gave us \$35,000 to make specific adjustments in key officers salaries upon merit. He stated we were going to look at that merit, not on October 1st, they would get 5% on October 1st but we were going to have an evaluation with specific criteria with things like have you ever been written up, etc., he might not want to give that officer a raise because this was a merit style raise, if they had just been promoted and received a nice salary increase, that acknowledged their merit and they got compensated for that and the same think with other employees if we see something outstanding about an employee we want the flexibility to be able to reward them for it.

Council Member Robinson stated that we were talking about other departments so say a department head come in and says he has this guy that wants to learn this, that still gives him the opportunity to bring some of them up and not just pick everybody to get the same amount .

City Manager Squyres ask to give a suggestion or example.

Council Member Robinson stated that he wanted to make sure that everybody understands that it was not just the police department that we were doing this for.

Mr. Squyers stated no and he was glad that he pointed that out and for example, we know that Mr. Burley Francis has been dog catcher for a long time and he has been talking retirement for years but we don't have anybody that was really a top notch person to slide into that spot so if somebody approached Kyle and said he had a young family to support and would like to make a few extra bucks, send me to dog catcher school or send me to code enforcement school etc. and takes on more responsibility he thinks that person should be rewarded for that. He stated the police was probably the largest budgeted place to talk about that but we have the numbers in there to do it in most departments.

Council Member Gonzales stated just to be clear, it was not going to be up to just one individual to recommend a merit, actually it would be a peer assessment.

City Manager Squyres advised Council Member Gonzales that he liked that phrase, he knew they had talked about that earlier. He stated that if it was just one person and he would pick on the Chief or Kyle or anybody else , if they made that decision by themselves you could be accused of not being objective others might weigh into that as well and when

We set that up, the way he sees it happening Chief Ayala would probably carry a 2 point vote, Longrigg , the next in command would or whoever this officer's immediate supervisor or it might be the Admin person at PD, there were a lot of things that come into play so we were going to set something up that is going to have specific criteria and the number one thing would be have they been written up, for example if you have written tickets and don't show up for court and we have to dismiss tickets, you aren't going to get a raise and the same would apply if you were called out for a water leak and didn't show up.

Council Member Garcia ask what the police officers were making right now.

Mr. Squyres gave her a broad range from \$22.19 to \$28.00 and they were all at the top of the range the newer ones from \$15.75 up to the \$22.19.

Council Member Lee ask if the \$15.75 was a probation officer and was advised that was correct.

There was discussion about starting salaries and Mr. Squyres stated that we were going to step these up, that he thought he had mention this before but for the record we have a history in this city and he was not talking just about the police department, he was talking about every department, you come in and start out at x amount of money and that was the starting salary 20 years ago and that person might now be making \$25.00 hour but when we hire someone for that slot they will start back at that salary from 20 years ago, we need to get away from that and start bumping up the base salaries to be competitive and hire decent people that you will be proud of because if we keep doing what we are doing, not just at city hall but other places and you are going to end up in the news, and not just the police department, we just pick on them a little.

Council Member Garcia stated she was looking over the Bureau of Labor Statistics for the United States and they are not even making like the medium so. She ask if there was anybody that was annual and Mr. Squyres stated there were a few salaried people, he stated that without going into specifics, we had supervisors around \$57,000, we had a clerical person that was making around \$50,000 with a raise, we gave the 7% instead of the 5% and brought her up to \$49,000 and that person was a good example of somebody that has worked years and years and anything that needs to be done, she is there to take care of it and she could do just about anything a non sworn officer could do and she jumps in and does it and that kind of dedication needs to be rewarded.

Council Member Garcia ask about how many officers were we talking about receiving the extra amount.

Mr. Squyres stated that they were talking today and again it was not just officers, it was other departments too and he was going to say city wide probably 10 or 12 people. He stated that in fairness, the bulk of that was probably in PD but only because they have more people working in PD not just because they are just law enforcement officers.

Council Member Garcia stated that we don't have any merit system created right now but just a suggestion, like in the school district, You can't just have a high school diploma to work as a teacher's aid but now they are requiring some college so maybe we need to up our standards and that was why she was glad that he mentioned the training, she ask if there were any officers with degrees and that was a different range, it was either a bachelors or training, attending workshop and training, sometimes you find those people are better trained than people with degrees and she was for both and if anyone was going to receive a pay raise she would like it to be because they had trained out of the goodness of their heart.

Mr Sqsyres stated that was a different component they could look at and in the police department there were levels, you could become a master police officer and they actually get certificate pay for doing that but there were other things they could do beyond that.

Council Member Garcia stated that she would also like to see the merit raise include were they a visible person, she referred to some that were visible in the community and that she would like to see them visible at all times.

Mr. Squyres stated another thing that we could look at was had people written letters in their behalf or letters complaining against them and all those things have to get weighed in.

Ms. Garcia mentioned post cards that Capital Bank had at the bank and if the person feels like filing out a post card on the person taking care of them, they can and the bank commends the employee in some way.

Council Member Lee stated this was all well and good and he agreed with it but what brought this up was the police department because he came to him and told him he wanted more money for the police officers and he still did and he thought the greatest merit for them was that they might not go home at night, we needed to consider that none of us have to worry about getting shot except them.

City Manager Squyres advised that some of his counter parts had made the same argument and he didn't disagree with him but some of his counter parts had said well what about that fire department guy that get a building collapsed on him and some of the other council stated what about public work, they work in the sewer and out on the streets, and another stated that it affected everybody. Mr. Lee stated that most of them were making a lot of money from the Houston Fire Department already.

Council Member Robinson stated that was just like public works, they were out there working on the sewer lines and they get aids or something. Mr. Lee stated that was not his department he was pulling for his department. Mr. Robinson stated he was fighting for all departments.

Council Member Garcia ask Chief Ayala if any of his officers have military experience.

City Manager Squyres stated that we do look at military experience, in fact, we were looking at a grant and if we get it, it was based on prior military experience to hire a vet so we were trying to do just that.

Council Member Lee stated that if one of them gets killed, we would worry about whether he had a degree.

Mr. Squyres stated that it was not real visible in the budget but one thing you would hear him talk about if you were a department head and certainly Ms. Raines and Kathy would tell you he preached training, classes and continuing education, join associations, get out there and know your trade, know your peers, be mentored and mentor others. He discussed various organizations that he participated in that he could call upon for advise of assistance. He stated that Kathy and Joyce were both active in the associations and we wanted to see the same for everybody.

Mr. Squyres stated that he thought he had addressed everything that he had heard from them and had made changes in the budget based on every comment that he had gotten from them. He stated that Kyle did point out that in his description under his capital outlay for 33 that the money was not just for the clarifier repair but for SO2 scales as well, it was just the description, no money at all. He explained that some of these new items didn't have budget code number but will be included on the final copy they receive.

Council Member Garcia ask if the fireworks were going to remain the same and Mr. Squyres replied that we kicked ours up and if they matched it we would use it but we couldn't count on that.

Council Member Gonzales stated to Kyle that he had a question, that they had talked about him needing the four vehicles but he also heard that we were in need of a bucket truck, dump truck, which ones did we need the most .

Mr. Reed stated that he did not hear what he ask, he was deaf.

Mr. Gonzales stated that he had also heard that we need a bucket truck and a dump truck along with the four trucks that he wanted for the personnel.

Mr. Reed stated that the bucket truck was in this year's budget now and he was pretty much sure that we would find one by August or we talked about getting a lift or a lift that goes behind a truck, that he would rather have the bucket truck. He stated that Jerry, who did a lot of of our sewer plant work, was looking for one and thinks he will find it but he didn't want a dump truck, the dump truck was paid for that what he needs is three F150's, that he didn't have the mileage up here but everyone was in excess of 160,000 miles and they had been maintained, they were just junk, 2002 and 2003 were the models and the F250 that he wanted to get was for the mosquito truck and would be a combination of mosquito truck and would pull the sewer machine that the F150's were not big enough for that but we had been using them. He stated that Kevin was always available to them and to feel free to contact him about any of these vehicles, that one was gone, it was history and was out by the drying beds now.

Council Member Gonzales stated so it was 3 F150's and 1 F250 right.

Mr. Reed stated that was his wishes.

Council Member Robinson ask Kyle about the one sitting out there that was not running was if off the insurance or were we still carrying insurance on it.

Kyle replied that it just got pushed out there yesterday with engine and transmission trouble.

Council Member Robinson stated that we budgeted last year \$21,000 for a used bucket truck, we haven't spent that money yet, why don't we take and see what we can buy

another truck with out of this years and move that \$21,000 to take care of that.

Mr. Reed stated they were supposed to buy a bucket truck out of that.

Mr. Robinson stated but he hadn't bought it and Mr. Reed stated that we would have one before this budget year was over, that they had been looking, the had found some junk but the council didn't want them to buy junk, he was think they would find a bucket truck or they had option B, a lift that you could pull behind the truck which was not \$21,000 but a new one was probably about \$13,000 or \$14,000. Mr. Reed stated that, him personally, for safety reason for the employees and the work that they use that truck for, it needs to be a bucket truck.

Mayor Diaz ask what was the price on a new bucket truck.

Mr. Reed advised that it was in excess of \$150,000 and we didn't use it enough to warrant that, a used bucket truck was fine for us.

There was general discussion about the purchase of the bucket truck.

Council Member Robinson stated the thing about it was how often were you going to use that bucket truck and you were going to spend \$150,000 for very little use.

Ms. Garcia ask Kyle how much did he use it and he advised it was basically at Christmas time.

Mr. Squyres stated that if we didn't locate a used one and ended up with some type of lift, it was not what we wanted but for day to day use if we lose our bucket truck. It might be better to group the uses together and go out and rent a bucket truck for hanging Christmas decorations, etc.. if we lease a bucket truck we don't have to maintain or insure that bucket truck.

Mayor Diaz stated that she thought the city needed to have a bucket truck.

Mr. Squyres discussed the need that we had and some of the options that were available, but the bucket truck was budgeted and if we didn't buy a bucket truck we would come before them but we were going to have a Plan B.

They went over the number of vehicles budgeted in public work for the remainder of this budget and for the upcoming budget.

Council Member Garcia stated that she was happy, that was her department.

Council Member Gonzales ask Kyle if he said Jerry was looking for a good used bucket truck as we speak.

Mr. Reed ask Council Member Gonzales to go over and look at what Jerry had now that he was retired.

Council Member Lee stated that he noticed that the tennis court was dropped another \$1000 and he was just wondering if we were going to do anything with it.

Mr. Squyres stated that he would tell him his take on it and he would refer him to Ivan, he tackled Ivan about that last year we sustained it, initially last year he proposed dropping funding to the tennis court because it wasn't spent as of now and he was the person that really wanted the tennis courts so at that point we said let's spend every bit of it, let's buy the paint and whatever we need on the front side and do it and he approached Ivan today and said he had \$2,000 in the budget and it was not touched yet so we have the \$2,000 now in addition to the \$2,000 last year, we already have the materials from last year that haven't been used yet so we have \$4,000 dollars to apply to the tennis courts and he assures we that will do it and the \$1,000 for next year and we don't have to do it again, That would be for a new net or maintaining the stripping, fence, etc.

Mayor Diaz ask what was it they ask about the batting cages, flooding there and netting or something.

Ivan discussed their request, stating that the netting was good, lighting in batting cages was disconnected when the put in the new restrooms and had to be repaired. The sound system did not pick up all of Mr. Rojas' reply.

Mr. Squyres ask Ivan to expand on the tennis courts a little further.

Council Member Robinson stated that he had a question, we put the money in the budget for the paint and we bought the paint so how come we haven't painted them.

Ivan explained that we couldn't paint earlier because of all the rain and then when it dried

It was so hot and if we put it out there it would dry out to quick.

Mr. Robinson stated that he was not trying to be mean about this, we had a guy out there mowing in the heat but we couldn't paint in the heat. Ivan stated that he was talking about the paint drying, you had to paint at certain temperatures.

Mr. Robinson stated that we have had it for 10 months now and we haven't painted any, that we needed to take care of our painting jobs he guessed.

Council Member Lee ask what the \$1,000 was budget for and Mr. Squyres replied that it was maintenance, not repairs.

Mayor Diaz ask if we still had money in the budget for awnings for the ball fields, that the \$30,000 was in the budget last year.

Mr. Robinson stated that it was only discussed last year, not put in the budget.

Mr. Reed stated that he had talked to Ivan and he thought we should just hire a contractor to paint the tennis court like it was supposed to be painted and make it look good and it would last for a while and that would be his suggestion and he did call somebody.

Ivan stated that they were supposed to come out on Thursday.

Mr. Squyres advised Mayor Diaz that we had \$30,000 in ball field improvements and that was in addition to the \$10,000 maintenance of the ball fields.

She stated that she had talked to him about it and that was one of the things that she wanted to get done so Ivan needed to get some estimate to get awnings on those fields.

There was discussion as to how many awnings would be needed.

Mr. Squyres stated that he knew that we went back and forth last year and some suggestions and this was what bogged down the process, do we go metal, shade sail type awning, etc. he stated that he had an opinion but

Mayor Diaz stated that it didn't have to be something expensive, that Galena Park is nice and reasonable but it didn't look cheap and it was just that colored metal.

Mr. Squyres stated that he saw some in Burnet not long ago, that he was driving through and they were really nice looking, that he already had a call into them to ask them where they got them and what they are but they are attractive. He stated that he knew that there was a lot of opinions on this and even thought it was not at the level when we would typically go out for bids on this he would like to let council look at the specs on this before we do it and make sure that we are in agreement. He advised Mayor Diaz that he didn't want to get something that she didn't want and we needed their input on that and he thinks that for \$30,000 we should be able to get a good start, that we might not be able to do every field but he thought we could get the most popular field or do a boys and a girls field perhaps and make some headway.

Mayor Diaz stated that we also had to address the concession stand and restroom at Smith Park and Mr. Squyres state that we had budgeted \$125,000 for that.

Council Member Garcia ask what sort of improvements of improvements needed to be made in the meeting room.

Mr. Squyres ask Ivan to address this question.

Ivan stated that the carpet needed to be replaced and the baseboard, that the carpet had been wet and was stained and smelled like mildew.

Mayor Diaz stated that room was bad and did smell, that they used to rent it out for meeting but no one wanted to rent it anymore and she ask Ivan about the glass on the wall and was it still good and he advised that it was.

Mr. Squyres stated that he did want to look at that glass though because of safety issues.

Mayor Diaz ask if the ice machine still worked and was advised that it had been out of service for some time but there was plenty of ice at the Town Center and public works and the fire station.

Council Member Garcia ask about the pool repair, what sort of repairs were we talking about.

Mr. Squyres advised that we had budgeted \$40,000 to re plaster the pool and we were also going to look at the pump because there were certain standards that we had to comply with.

There was general discussion about the conditions of the pool and what it needs.

Mayor Diaz ask if we could put in a slide at the pool and what it would cost.

Lon stated that he talk with an aquatic company about that last year and he was told that we really couldn't do that because our pool wasn't wide enough and you would have to get rid of the diving board if you added a slide to it.

Mayor Diaz stated that she was pretty sure that if we took away the diving board the kids would like the slide better.

Mr. Squyres stated that we were all about to go to TML and there would be more slide and water vendors than you could shake a stick at so why didn't we all make that a homework project and pick up information on this. There was general discussion on the Slide.

Mayor Diaz ask if anyone had more question to ask Lon about the budget.

Mr. Squyres ask did he have a consensus that we were pretty much going to print this and publish it and we would have a Public Budget Hearing, not a workshop, before the next council meeting if they were in agreement, that if we need to look at this again we could.

Mayor Diaz ask Mr. Robinson if he was in agreement or did he still want to look over some stuff.

She ask Mr. Lee if he was in agreement.

Council Member Lee stated that he was ok for now unless he came up with something.

Council Member Garcia ask what was the difference between library expense and the old library expense

City Manager Squyres explained that the old library was what used to be city hall, it was a library and then a State Representative's office and we were going to be remodeling that for a history museum and ask if we could give Ms. Raines permission to weigh in on this, that she had a vested interest in this.

Ms. Raines stated that she had been pushing for this for a long time because we have so much history here in the city, things that when a few of us leave, no one will know what it is and she thought that would make a perfect spot to set up the history of Jacinto City.

Council Member Lee state he was sure that we all had things that we could donate and Ms. Raines advised that they had tons of stuff at city hall.

Mr. Squyres stated that he would go ahead and print what he has and send it to each and every one of them and they could do what ever they needed to do to it, he would be happy to take additional questions and if they feel there was a need for another workshop we could certainly do that.

Council Member Robinson ask why we cut the water line repair down to \$50,000 and Mr. Squyres stated because the water fund was broke and we were going to be tackling the North side all at once .

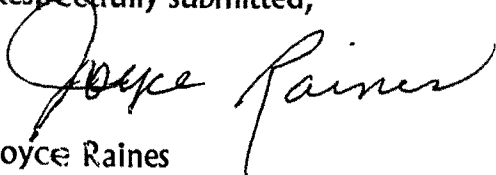
Council Member Gonzales stated that he would like to look at the high mileage trucks but this was something that he could talk to Kyle and Lon about.

Mayor Diaz ask if we were all comfortable with the budget or did they think we needed another meeting.

The consensus was that everyone was comfortable with the budget or if they had any questions they would talk with Lon in his office.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the budget workshop at 7:20 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joyce Raines". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Joyce Raines
City Secretary