

EXECUTIVE SESSION, THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2015, 5:30 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met for an Executive Session on Thursday, May 28, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Pro-tem Gonzales, council members, Robinson, Lee and Garcia; City Manager Squyres, City Attorney DeFoyd and City Secretary Raines. Council Member Rivas arrived after roll call, Mayor Diaz absent.

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Lee to adjourn to Executive Session as authorized by Section 551-072 Government Code to discuss purchase of property.

A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Rivas to reconvene to open session with no action taken on the item discussed.

Executive Session adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY MAY 28, 2015, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, May 28, 2015 at 6:15 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Pro-tem Gonzales, Council Members Rivas, Robinson, Lee and Garcia; City Manager Squyres, City Attorney DeFoyd and City Secretary Raines. Mayor Diaz 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 as presented. Vote: 4 For 0 Against

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND COMMITTEES:

Chief Ayala stated they were experiencing a large volume of calls and having numerous arrests. He advised that they had a burglary in the 10600 block Munn and cautioned everyone to aware of strange activity in their community.

Mr. Ayala stated that Galena Park had just passed an Ordinance on sex offenders changing the distance from 1000 ft. to 2000 ft. and he would like for our council to consider revising our ordinance.

He advised that Lt. Longrigg had been at Whittier Elementary fingerprinting the children and they also had the drug dog over there.

Ivan Rojas, Parks and Recreation Director advised that the pool had been open for Memorial Day weekend and they had approximately 101 people come through. He stated that there would be a Food/Resource Fair at Town Center on June 4th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and there would be a blood drive there on June 30th from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and that the pool would open on June 9th and they would start senior exercises and senior swim.

Cindy Miller, Heritage Hall Director, advised that the June calendar was out and they had a lot of activities going on and invited everyone to come by and join them.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Pro-Tem Gonzales stated that Kyle was not here but they did a good job during the rain and we had no high water.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Squyres stated that we did very well during the rain, that public works had been out during all hours keeping the storm drains open to prevent flooding . He stated that the Representative from the Port was not here tonight but he was going to address the mosquito with them.

He advised that we had a major industrial fire last Friday, that it was the largest hasz- mat fire he had ever experienced but they were able to contain it.

Mr. Squyres advised that Mr. Doug Walston, a long time Jacinto City resident, had passed away last night.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 2015-4 setting the salary for the Mayor and Council. Vote: 3 For 1 Against (Rivas)

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Council to approve contract with Deborah Morlock with Bellotte Enterprises to teach swimming lessons.

A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and Seconded by Council Member Lee to approve the contract with Ms. Morlock to teach swimming lessons. Vote: 4 For 0 Against

2. Council action on Variance Board's recommendations for 10822 I-10 East and 10910 Wiggins.

City Manager Squyres explained that the Variance Board had met and there was not a quorum, but the individual representing the sign company was there and went ahead and presented a power point presentation of what they planned to do and the members present did not have a problem with it. He stated that he checked with the City Attorney and he advised that the council could go ahead and vote on it if they chose to.

A motion was mad by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve the variance on the sign at 10822 I-10 East. Vote: 4 For 0 Against

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Rivas to approve the request for the sign variance at 10910 Wiggins. Vote: 4 For 0 Against

3. There were no comments from the public.

4. Council Comments:

Council Member Rivas ask Chief Ayala about criminal activity, stating that the fence we had put up at Smith Park was working, that the crowd from the theater was outside the park.

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Mr. Rivas commented on the sex offender ordinance and the opening of the swimming pool and stated that he remembered Mr. Walston and was glad that he had the opportunity to meet him.

Council Member Robinson commended the city employees on doing a good job during the rain.

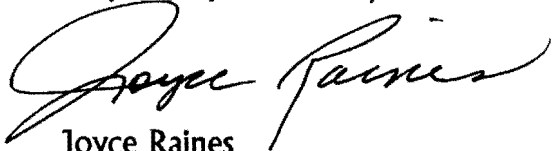
Council Member Lee Thanked everyone for coming out and thanked the workers for the efforts they made during the rain.

Council Member Garcia reminded everyone to call if they had a mosquito problem. She stated that we would have the graduates from Furr High School and Galena Park High School that live in Jacinto City and were graduating in the top 10% of their class at the next council meeting and encouraged everyone to come out and support them.

She commended everyone who worked for the city and thanked everyone for coming out.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joyce Raines".

Joyce Raines
City Secretary