

SPECIAL SESSION, MONDAY JANUARY 13, 2014, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in Special Session on Monday, January 13, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Rivas, Robinson, Garcia and Gonzales; City Manager Maner and City Secretary Raines. Council Member Lee and City Attorney DeFoyd absent.

Mayor Diaz advised that we were here to authorize advertising for bids on restroom facilities at Wilke Park and turned the discussion over to Council Member Rivas.

Council Member Rivas stated that as we discussed last time, he believed that everyone agreed that it was something that needed to be taken care of or looked into, so with that said, we all gave ideas and different proposals and he thinks that with that we needed to move on to the next step.

City Manager Maner ask if everyone had looked at the invitation to bid, he stated that it was his understanding, that maybe it was an amendment to this and maybe it was not. He stated that he saw the specs they had drawn up says that in addition that all bidders will show prices for an additional urinal in the men's room facility and an additional toilet in the ladies facility and he thought that in the men's facility it was going to be an additional stall, that he didn't know about the additional urinal, that was what his understanding was and Council Member Garcia stated he was right.

Council Member Rivas stated that Mr. Reed had made the suggestion to them about the size of the bathroom being a little larger.

Mr. Reed stated that when they put this together he thought they talking about an extra urinal.

City Manager Maner stated that it was not a big deal, it was his understanding that it was an extra stall.

Mayor Diaz ask if they were going to have just one urinal for the mens.

There was general discussion as to what the options would include in both the ladies and men's facilities.

The consensus was that they would need more than one urinal in the men's facility.

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City Manager Maner stated that if they were going to increase it in the men's room, they needed an additional stall and an additional urinal.

There was discussion on the number of toilets in the women's facility and it was stated that the women's already had two toilets and the option would be for a third toilet.

Mayor Diaz ask how many were in the present facilities and was advised that in the men's it was one toilet and one urinal and two toilets in the ladies.

There was additional discussion as to what was needed in both facilities and the ADA requirements.

City Manager Maner stated that his recommendation would be that if you were going to add one thing, it would be a toilet not a urinal and that would be two toilets and one urinal.

Kyle ask if that would be three toilets for the ladies and was advised yes.

Mayor Diaz ask if everybody was ok with three toilets and a urinal for the boys and three toilets for the girls, and everyone agreed.

City Manager advised that they would bid as originally stated but were changing the options. He stated that he presumed, in the men's room, since there was only going to be one urinal that it would be low level for little kids and ask if that was right.

Kyle stated that they had state specification when you had only one.

There was discussion on this issue and Lon stated that at city hall they made them raise it and little one would have a hard time using it and if you had only one urinal it would have to be a handicapped and they would exclude little boys from using it.

Kyle stated that these have to be state approved before they will build it and what they say is what you have to do.

Council Member Garcia ask if it would be to high if it was wheel chair accessible.

City Manager Maner ask if we needed to add a short urinal for little kids.

Chief Squyres stated that for that facility he would certainly think so.

Mayor Diaz stated that the majority of the people using the restroom would be the little kids.

Jack stated that needed to be a part of the first bids then, not the alternate, didn't it.

Council Member Robinson stated two different urinals, one at regular height and one at a lower height.

City Manager Maner stated one at ADA height and a children's urinal or one lower and ask if everybody was ok with that.

Council Member Garcia ask if that would be two urinals and two stalls and was advised that was correct.

City Manager Maner stated that he was going to vocalize what we had just said. The men's facility would consist of one sink for hand washing, one hand blow dryer, two urinals, one ADA compliant and one short, whatever short is, child level and one toilet attached to the wall and that is what will change in the men's facility. He stated there were no changes to the women's facility and ask if that was correct. He stated that at the bottom in addition, all bidders would submit prices for an additional men's toilet and an additional toilet in the women's facility and that was the only two changes and ask if that was ok with everybody.

Chief Squyres stated that in shifting the focus to the ladies, that some public facilities would have a place to deposit sanitary napkins in an effort to keep them out of the sanitary sewer system.

City Manager Maner ask if it would be proper to add this to the options in the women's facility.

Chief Squyres ask if they could price each of the options separately instead of as a package.

Council Member Garcia ask if the bathrooms would have toilet paper roll dispensers and was advised that was one of the standard items. She also ask about a mirror.

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Kyle advised that the hot water was not an option, that it was in there, that it had to be.

Ivan advised that a stain steel mirror was included.

Council Member Garcia questioned if these bathrooms would have the drain at the bottom for cleaning with the water hose. There was general discussion about how they would be cleaned.

Council Member Robinson ask what kind of walls and roof were we looking at, was it painted concrete with a corrugated roof or what.

Kyle advised that it was all concrete and they would paint it, that some of them put the aluminum on them for looks but they said they wanted the bare minimum and when you start adding stuff the price goes up.

City Manager Maner stated there would be color choices and things like that whenever they get ready to accept the bid.

Council Member Robinson ask if this was going to be turnkey, plumbing, electrical, etc. and was advised that it was.

City Manager Maner called attention to an item in the contract showing what all was included and it was basically everything, soil testing, electrical, plumbing, etc., that it was turnkey.

Mayor Diaz ask if everybody agreed on the invitation to bid.

City Manager Maner stated that we needed to set a date that we wanted the bid to come back in.

After discussion, it was decided that the bids would be due back on February 13, 2014.

Mr. Reed stated that he would like to have a mandatory pre-bid meeting on this project.

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member

Garcia to authorize advertising for bids on a restroom facility for Wilke Park with bids due back on February 13, 2014. Vote: 4 For 0 Against

Kyle stated that he needed to get with the council, that he had talked with Jack, that they were having some problems with the sewer plant, they were PH problems and they don't know what is happening and he knew this was going to be brought up at a city council meeting. He stated that he had talked to Mario and Carmela and he would like the council to be 100% informed, that he had talked to pollution control and he thought they were fine, it could be with Houston's water and he didn't know if we could discuss this tonight.

He was informed that they could discuss it, they just couldn't take any kind of action.

Kyle stated that he was informing them that they were submitting a plan of action to the Pollution Control to attack this problem and like he said, they don't know what is happening, they worked all weekend on the sewer plant and it may straighten out, it may take three or four days but he did want them to be aware there was a problem and they were addressing it.

Mayor Diaz ask if he said we had some citizens that were upset and was advised it was not a citizen.

City Manager Maner advised this was a matter of PH levels and numbers, percentages and things and as far as the citizens using the water and sewer, we don't have a problem, but we were going to have to address some issues though.

Kyle advised that they had changed our permit limits on PH control and anytime they change anything, and our plant is 20 years old and we have done very good keeping it in compliance and we will get back, he just wanted them to know that we had some problems and they were working on them.

Mayor Diaz stated that item No 2 under New Business was discussion on nuisance and unhealthy conditions throughout the city. Mayor Diaz stated that it had come to her attention, that she has some citizens complaining about houses having unhealthy conditions maybe to high grass, too much junk in the yards and she knew that when she, Joyce and Kathy did Santa on the Fire Truck there were some house that there would be no way that Lon could get into the front door, some houses were really bad.

Mayor Diaz said she know that a lot of people say why can't we bring Jacinto City back to what it was, they want it to be clean and she had heard a lot of people say they leave because it is dirty and she tells them it is not dirty, it just need a little TLC so she talked to Chief Ayala about it already and he was going to start getting officers going around these houses and writing citations to these houses so if anyone knew of any house that need to be addressed to please call Chief Ayala and report them. She stated that her aim was to keep Jacinto city clean and she didn't know if they wanted to start a program or not but we needed to start getting these houses cleaned up, some of them were really bad, they look like the hoarders on TV.

City Manager Maner stated that he thought it was a matter of , not to make light of it at all, but he thought it was the matter of a few giving the whole a bad name kind of thing, and he had seen a few and he didn't know if it was the same few she was talking about.

Mayor Diaz stated that she had seen a few that she had never seen before.

Mr. Maner said that every time he sees one he brings it to the Chief's attention and sends him messages all the time. He ask the Chief if he would like to comment.

Mayor Diaz stated that she also had another thing that she had also had issues with driving down Flint, down Kilroy and you see these cars that are parked on city easements and when you get to the stop sign you can't look to your left because of all these cars parked on city easement, you actually have to pull out to be able to see and by the time you pull up you don't even know there is a car coming and she had also talked to the chief about that so maybe we could do something about parking on the city easement in that area.

Mayor Diaz also addressed junk vehicles, that she just wanted to make Jacinto City clean, she was not saying it was dirty but there were people complaining that there is just so much that needs to be done and what can we do to help these people and some of these people that have these bad houses are not seniors, they are well people that can get out there and clean and mow. She stated that she just wanted to make sure that they were with her to get Jacinto City back to clean like it use to be so if they know of any houses or any problems to please let the chief know.

Chief Ayala stated that they will do the best that they can, that there are time when people have parties out here and park on the city easement, there is also a problem with

multiple family member having a number of vehicles, etc. and they will work on this as well as the junk vehicles. He stated that he had talked with the residents at Kilroy and Pillot and they would be monitoring that. He stated that there are areas that seem like people just don't care, they give them tickets and issue warrants and it just seems like they don't care, but they would do their best and they would give citations.

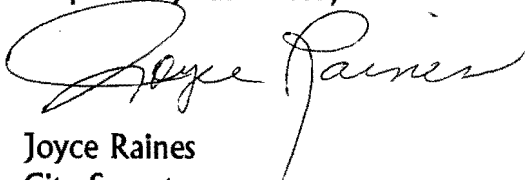
Mayor Diaz ask if they paid a fine after ten days and what was the fine.

Chief Ayala stated that they give them a warning first and then go back and give them a citation and they can give them a citation everyday as long as there is a problem. He stated that he would give her an update on the locations they went to and also the status.

Council Member Garcia stated that the time that she has reported she has gone to Kyle and he had given information to Burly and he has check it out. She stated that a lot people didn't want it know that they had complained, so in speaking to citizens, the had promised that they didn't have to give their name, just give the address of what you are complaining about. She told of an incident where one house had been reported and there was three houses in the same area that received warnings, so it helps when they as council members report and also teach our citizens to do the same.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:30 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 and title.

Joyce Raines
City Secretary