

PUBLIC HEARING ON FY 2012/2013 BUDGET, SEPTEMBER 13, 2012, 5:30 P.M.

The Mayor and Council met in special session for a Public Hearing on the proposed budget for FY 2012/2013 with the following members present: Mayor Nunez, Council Members Lee, Garcia and Gonzales; City Manager Maner, City Attorney DeFoyd and City Secretary Raines. Council Members Diaz and Rivas absent.

City Manager Maner stated that we had met on previous dates for budget workshops and the budget had been adjusted by some of the comments and suggestions at the workshops and the final proposed budget was what was reflected in the budget summary and copies were available on the table where the department heads were sitting.

He stated that for the budget as a whole, as last year, it was a pretty tight budget, that it was a little better than last year because we had been so fortunate in getting a lot of help through grants and from the County Commissioner with our streets and things like that so we had been able to do some things that we didn't have to use our tax payers money directly for but of course it really was our tax payers money, it just doesn't come from us.

He stated the budget which he was going to go through was a balanced budget , it was pretty thin but it was balanced, no employees will be laid off, it contained a 2% raise for employees and it did include a few projects that we were going to do that he feels will be very helpful for our citizens and very beneficial to a good group of our citizens and that he would hit the high spots of those now. He stated that in the Parks and Recreation Department they had a Wilke Park rehab project which the main portion of this would be new bathrooms in Wilke Park, which were very badly needed and had been for years and it would also include some more projects. He stated that in Heritage Hall budget we were going to buy a new bus for the seniors and it was due.

City Manager Maners went over the budget summary outlining the proposed income in General Fund at \$5,361,610.00 and expected expenditures at \$5,329,570.00 leaving income less expenditures in General Fund at \$32,000.00.

He stated that the projected income in Water Fund was \$2,788,140.00 with expected expenditures of \$2,783,990.00 leaving income less expenditures in the Water Fund at \$4,150.00. He stated that he couldn't pass this opportunity to say one more time, that at some time, and he thinks that it will have to be this year but that would be up to the Mayor and Council of course but we were going to have to face the music on the Water Fund because the thinks we have had about nine increases from the City of Houston since we have raised our rates at all and it was catching up with us.

Mr. Maner called attention to Page 2 of the budget, the Debt Service and the income for paying the debt service comes from two sources, in taxes we would have \$322,870.00

and the transfer from the Water Fund of \$200,000.00 equals the total debt expenditure to pay on the 2002 Certificates of Obligation, \$533,870.00 which was what we had to pay this year.

He stated that was the budget summary and if anyone had any questions to please feel free to ask them.

Robert Hernandez, 10245 Chadwick, ask how Jacinto City handled their utilities, gas, electricity, etc., did they put that out to a bid and were they able to lock in a price like some of these other companies you hear about locking into prices.

Mr. Maner stated that we were not able to lock in the price of gasoline but we were other utilities like electricity, etc..

Mr. Hernandez ask if we were allowed to coop with other cities to reduce the price on things like that and was advised that we were. Mr. Hernandez ask about the water used at City Hall and how was that billed, did the City of Jacinto City bill itself or does the City of Houston bill Jacinto City City Hall for the use.

Mr. Maner explained that we were under the Harris-Galveston Coastal Subsidence District rule and we purchase surface water from the City of Houston and we pay the City of Houston, we don't pay individual for city buildings, we buy city wide.

Mr. Hernandez stated that he had a comment also, that the budget looked like we had a little bit to work with and he kinda felt like it should go toward marketing the economic development because Jacinto city was it own brand just like Kindle Morgan etc.. He stated far to many times Jacinto city is miss-identified as Galena Park or the Federal Road area and he has to correct people and maybe they could take some money and do some kind of marketing campaign with bill board or something and gave his reasons for thinking this needed to be done.

City Manager Maner ask if there were any questions from the public, department heads or council.

Council Member Garcia stated she was excited about the projects.

Donna Dailey, 1701 Chazen Drive, stated that she appreciated all the work they did to keep our city balanced that it was really nice to come into a city and realize that we were trying to work in the black instead of just digging a hole like a lot of companies do and as a citizen she really appreciated that. She stated that she also wanted to comment on the

police departments million dollars, that we could clean those bathroom and cells more than twice a week.

Council Member Lee advised her that they were cleaned three times a week.

Ms. Dailey stated that as a senior citizen, she wanted them to know that they really appreciated the new bus. Ms. Dailey ask what was the city going to do with the old bus.

Mr. Maner advised that had not been decided yet, that he thought that we would probably end up trading it in, that we had poor luck trying to sell vehicles and he thinks that we would be better off getting the best trade in we could get on it.

Ms. Dailey stated that sounded good, that it was brought to her attention today, by several seniors, that apparently the seniors paid half of that bus so they were wanting to know but if it was a trade in, they were still getting it back.

There was discussion about the city selling vehicles and a ambulance that we still had sitting at the barn.

Ms. Dailey stated that she did want to comment on our EMS Program, that she had to call them yesterday and they came out and she was very well satisfied, they were very professional and that kinda gives you pride because they didn't come out and say well this is going to cost you so much money and if we lived somewhere else it would, that a lot of people from Jacinto city take things for granted, we forget that we have so many benefits and she just wanted to say thank you.

City Manager Maner stated that for those here that didn't know, the policy of our EMS is if they transport a citizen of Jacinto city and if they have insurance, they collect what they can from the insurance but the citizen doesn't have to pay anything.

Council Member Garcia stated that she wanted to add to that, even though they are a resident you needed to be within Jacinto City when the emergency pops up.

Chief Squyres explained how the emergency medical system works and that it was actually against the law, unless we were requested by HFD to cross over into their territory.

Council Member Lees stated he had one question about the Parks and Recreation rehab, was the \$2,500.00 for the score board and was advised that it was and by titling it like that if there was any money left over they could use it for something else.

City Manager Maner advised that this was added at the request of Council Member Gonzales and Council Member Rivas.

There was discussion about the need for the score board.

Mayor Nunez adjourned the Public Hearing at 5:55 p.m..

COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2012, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, September 13, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Nunez, Council Members Rivas, Lee, Garcia and Gonzales; City Manager Maner, City Attorney DeFoyd and City Secretary Raines. Council Member Diaz absent.

The meeting was opened with Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Gonzales to approve the minutes as presented. Vote: 4 For 0 Against

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Chief Squyres stated that one thing they might be noticing when they drive in or out of the city near the freeway was our two Gateways are being completed and they look a lot nicer than they did before, he advised that they were not completed yet and we look forward to this being done.

Kyle Reed, Public Works Director, reported that the water line job on the south side was going good and they should be out of there in about three weeks and the contractor, McKinney Construction, would take care of all the problems they have caused, yard repairs, etc. before the final inspection. He advised that the projects at the water plant and sewer plant were kinda shut down now because of the rain but it was all going good and this was grant money and when it was done, it was going to be a good thing for the city. He stated unless it was raining, they were going to keep the mosquito truck on the road and Harris County was helping us tremendously and we wanted to thank them for everything they do for us.

Kim Bellotte, Park and Recreation Director, reported that the preschool was up and running now and they only had a few more spots in the three year old classe on Monday and Wednesday afternoon class. She stated that everything was going well and she had a meeting today with Trees for Houston and they were donating at least 500 trees and we could get up to at least 1000 trees so it depended on how many volunteers we have and we were going to start rounding up volunteers from all the different organizations and that should make a big difference in the park with the budget money they gave them.

Cindy Miller, Heritage Hall Director, advised that everything was going fine and to keep in mind that on the 4th Wednesday of every month they have their breakfast and they would love to have them come down and eat breakfast with them.

Chief Ayala reminded everyone that National Night Out was the first Tuesday of October and that they had ten party locations throughout the city and they would have additional list for them as to where the parties were at, between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., and Council Member Garcia was going to have hers between 5:30i p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Verano Street and he also wanted to let them know that they had been taking some major offenders off the street and hopefully this would help them in having to deal with burglaries and right now burglaries were on the rise to be sure and be observant and call about any suspicious activity. He advised that we did have an incident where there was a scam about somebody posing as a city inspector and he was sure that many of them had heard about it but when in doubt and if you don't feel comfortable with somebody at your residence to call them and they will come out and confirm who they are.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Nunez recognized Boy Scout Troop 1954 and the Scout Master stated that two of their boys were here to observe the council meeting and take notes.

Mayor Nunez stated that they were welcome to come up and talk to them after the council meeting and ask the boys to stand and introduce themselves.

Mayor Nunez recognized the following members that served on different board in the city: Mr. Morlock, Mr. Berry, Robert Hernandez and thanked them for attending the meeting.

Mayor Nunez advised that the department head had given good reports on what is going on in the city and she was concerned about the scam Chief Ayala had commented on where a citizen had gotten robbed by someone posing as a city inspector and advised everyone to please be aware of what is going on. She stated that she thought we were getting rid of the mosquitoes. She advised that Commissioner Morman was still working

on some of our projects for us and the sidewalks on Holland should be coming up pretty soon in October.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Maner stated that you could hear from the department head reports that things were going well in the city and if they had a problem, please let us know so that we can get to work on it.

There was no Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A motion was made by Council Member Lee and seconded by Council Member Garcia to approve Ordinance 2012-4 adopting a budget for FY 2012/2013 on the first reading. Vote: 4 For 0 Against

2. A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Rivas to approve the recommendation of the Dangerous Building Board to demolish the house at 1706 Jennifer if repairs were not complete on the expiration of the building permit. Vote: 4 For 0 Against

A motion was made by Council Member Gonzales and seconded by Council Member Garcia to approve the recommendation of the Dangerous Building Board to demolish the home at 10141 Fairfax. Vote: 4 For 0 Against

A motion was made by Council Member Lee and seconded by Council Member Garcia to approve the recommendation of the Dangerous Building Board to demolish the home located at 11210 Oswego. Vote: 4 For 0 Against

3. A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Rivas to approve Resolution 2012-11R appointing the depository/authorized signatories for the City of Jacinto City Hurricane Disaster Recovery Project, Texas General Land Office GLO Contract No. 12-531-6786 as City Manager Jack Maner, Assistant City Manager Lon Squyres and City Secretary Joyce Raines. Vote: 4 For 0 Against

4. A motion was made by Council Member Gonzales and seconded by Council Member Lee to approve Resolution 2012-12R adopting Section 3 Plan to comply with 24 CFR, Part 135 of The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Section 3. Vote: 4 For 0 Against

5. A motion was made by Council Member Lee and seconded by Council Member Gonzales to appoint Council Member Garcia to serve as the city's representative to the 2013 HGAC's General Assembly and Council Member Rivas to serve as alternate representative. Vote: 4 For 0 Against

6. City Attorney DeFoyd read a Proclamation designating Tuesday, October 2, 2012 as National Night Out in Jacinto City.

7. Chief Ayala advised that it had become State Law that we adopt this Eye Witness Identification Policy and Procedures which became effective this month, the first day of September 2012, it was mandatory as it was passed by the 82nd Session of the Texas Legislature and explained the requirements of this policy.

A motion was made by Council Member Lee and seconded by Council Member Garcia to approve the Eye Witness Identification Policy and Procedures. Vote: 4 For 0 Against

8. A motion was made by Council Member Rivas and seconded by Council Member Garcia to approve the following over budget items in the FY 2011/2012 budget codes for the Parks and Recreation Department: 15-6722 - \$20,000.00, 15-6732 - \$3,000.00, 15-6792 - \$1,000.00, 15-6801 - \$1,500.00, 15-6836 - \$4,500.00 and 15-6860 - \$3,300.00.

City Manager Maner ask Kim to explain the \$20,000.00 and she advised that earlier in the year, around April or May, we had a ball park light fall on the big field and we were very fortunate that it happened in the middle of the day and there were no children or anybody around and after talking to all of them, we changed out all the ball park lights and lamps and had to change out the wiring and junction boxes as well after checking and finding that the bulbs were all rusted out and unsafe and nobody wanted to take the risk of one of those 100# light fixtures falling to the ground so they did repair and replace all the lights which were originally put up in the 1970's.

Vote: 4 For 0 Against

9. A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Gonzales to approve the following over budget item in the Public Works Street Department Budget Code 19-6803 in the amount of \$4,500.00. Vote: 4 For 0 Against

10. A motion was made by Council Member Rivas and seconded by Council Member Gonzales to approve the following over budget item in the FY 2011/2012 budget codes

for Heritage Hall, 22-6711 \$118.50, 11-6782 - \$35.82 and 22-6812 in the amount of \$5,137.58. Vote: 4 For 0 Against

The Council was advised that the \$118.50 was to replace tires on the senior bus and 11-6812 - \$5,137.58 was for senior meals and you just project how much it is going to cost and you don't turn anyone away.

City Manager Maner stated that actually the overage in the meals was a good thing, they try to predict and Cindy did a good job of what it would cost and everything but this was a good thing because it means that we served more seniors more meals than we anticipated and more than we did last year and we are glad to see that program grown because our seniors need it but we need for our audit purposes to amend the budget.

Vote: 4 For 0 Against

11. Mr. Larry Schion was not present to address the Mayor and Council.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Martin Manriquez, 10246 Chadwick, (Mayor Nunez advised that Mr. Rodriguez was going to need a translator and Council Member Garcia would do it). Ms. Garcia advised that he had a fence problem, that he took a permit out and part of where the fence is now belongs to the city and he would just like to apologize for that, there is not an alley and he was always cleaning in that area and he has been asked to remove that fence. City Manager Maner explained that what he thinks it is, that actually in Jacinto city we don't have alleys as such but there is a right-of-way easement running at the back of all lots almost and it was usually ten feet wide so it is running five feet on each person's property line and it was generally ok for that person to fence his portion in but if they did that, it was with the understanding that if the city or any other utility has to come through there with something they may tear his fence down and they are not required to put it back up on the easement so that is the risk you take if you choose to fence that in, however, he thinks the problem here is that he didn't just fence in his property, he got the five feet of the person behind him also and that is the portion he has to take down, not the whole fence, just the portion that is on the other person's property.

Mayor Nunez stated that she and Mr. Squyres were involved in this, they had ask him to come and speak to the city inspector, they did talk to Rick and the neighbors had complained that he did take in part of their property. She spoke with him in Spanish stating that she was telling him what the inspector had told him that he had come back

several times and brought this issue up, that he brought in his plans but he didn't follow his plans and he brought in a survey and he did not follow the survey.

Mayor Nunez ask Mr. Manriquez to bring his plans back and talk to the inspector so that the inspector can explain to him the reason he need to take the fence down. Ms. Nunez stated that he said he had talked to Mr. Spink and he didn't pay any attention to him and she was explaining to him that he was the one that approved the plans.

City Manager Maner ask Chief Squyres if he would make it a point to get with Rick on this and he replied that he would and if he could stay around a few minutes later he would get his number and set up an appointment.

Crockett Dubose stated that he had two reason why he was here tonight, one was that he represented Galena Park School District, that for seven years he was Chief of Staff for the School District and now he supports the Superintendent and he wanted to thank Jacinto city for being partners with the school district and the appreciate all the kids that come into their school every day and the parents that support those kids and support the schools and they were very appreciative. He stated the other part was that he grew up in Jacinto city and he remembered when those lights were installed in the 70's, he was glad they came down and didn't hurt anyone. He stated that he played baseball in the pee wee leagues, little league and pony and colt league and he graduated from Galena Park High School and played baseball at the University of Arkansas and he learned all of his skills right here in this city. He thanked them very much for what they do and what they do to help support our great school district and this was a wonderful place.

Dorothy Harding, President of the Site Council at Heritage Hall, she stated that she had been that for almost a year and was sorry that she hadn't been here before but the reason she was here tonight was to thank them very much for providing Heritage Hall for seniors, they appreciate it and she personally appreciated it and she was blown away by the amount of money in the budget, that she understood that some of it was grants but she was sure that tax dollars from Jacinto city was spent for it as well. Ms. Harding stated that the reason she was here was that she had raffle tickets, that Commissioner Morman was sponsoring a Black and White Ball tomorrow night and they were going to have raffles there, that she had \$5.00 tickets and she had \$20.00 tickets and she went over a list of items that were included in the raffles and that she would be here after the meeting if anyone would like to buy raffle tickets.

Robert Hernandez, 10245 Chadwick, stated that he was wondering if Jacinto City would look into maybe posting the grades of the different restaurants and food establishments here in town like at the front window. He stated that in Los Angeles they had a grading system like A, B, C, etc. and when you go into the restaurant you see the grade.

City Manger Maner advised Mr. Hernandez that the city didn't do any inspecting at all, that it was done by Harris County Health Authority and as far as he knew, they didn't have a rating system but we might check into it.

There was general discussion on the possibility of posting this type of grading.

Jim Moore, ex employee of the city and he was here because he check into the minutes of the last meeting and it was brought up about some lines that needed to be serviced, sewer lines, here or there, it didn't matter anyway that TECQ sent down and he hadn't heard anything about it but they called him today, it had to do with public works director on some violations that were charged here and let him tell them there is going to be some more coming down too but the reason he was here was because the lines that were put in and they probably knew already that the seven years were up so there was not a whole lot we could do about that but the city, the city itself is going to be liable to fix these sewer lines and to let him give them an example, he didn't have that much time but he was going to educate and he was going to come out here and have meetings with the citizens about what is going on out here, especially in that end over there so he could educate them to let them know what is coming down the pike ok and he was here for them not for what is going on or he has a vendetta, he had been here since 1969 and he had a stake in this city, a very good stake in the city, he knew a lot of people but his thing he had right here was he got a call from the TECQ today saying that when he was inquiring about some things coming down and he was accused of sabotaging and putting a hole in so the sewer would go out the bypass out of the manhole over on Lane, that it came from the public works director ok, let him tell them something about that, that was done in the line in that 7.25 million dollar project that grant that he had, whatever lines is going in there whether it is 12" or whatever it can't get out, back in the day not to long, four or five years ago when Mr. Maner was having, excuse him, the city manager had sewer backing up in his house, not only him, others, well obviously that grant didn't work, the lines didn't work, something happened out there and you had an hourly manager out there that was over seeing it, he probably knows all about it but the thing he was saying was that he got accused of something that if you look at that manhole, that was a brand new manhole, now why would there be a bypass in a brand new manhole, so take that, he would be back.

Council Member Garcia thanked everyone for being out here today and that she enjoyed the boys being out here doing this observation.

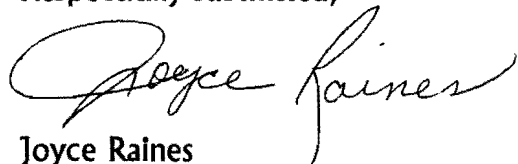
Chief Ayala stated that he just wanted to say that he was very sure everyone has been hearing what is going on in the middle east country and he wanted to say that he was real proud to be an American, to live in the land of the free and the brave and we need to work together.

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Mayor Nunez stated that she agreed with him 100% and she was sure the public did too.

Mayor Nunez adjourned the meeting at 7:55 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 printed name and title.

Joyce Raines
City Secretary