

COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 2012, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, June 14, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Nunez, Council Members Rivas, Diaz, Lee, Garcia and Gonzales; City Manager Maner, City Attorney DeFoyd and City Secretary Raines.

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

A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Diaz to approve the minutes as presented. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND COMMITTEES:

Chief Ayala advised that the Police Department would be having an auction of unclaimed property on June 30, 2012 at the Jacinto City Town Center; property can be viewed from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and the auction will start at 1:00 p.m., all sales were final and as is and payments would be in cash only.

Chief Ayala provided a list of the services that the department provides as well as other programs they have and reminded everyone that National Night Out would be on October 2nd and to please call them if you plan host a party.

Chief Squyres advised that City of Houston had a warehouse fire close by and had issued a shelter in place for areas within a five mile radius, which we were, but there was no need for Jacinto City or Galena Park to shelter in place because we were down wind and were in no danger but they would continue to monitor it.

Chief Squyres advised that the Water Line and Fire Protection project was going very good from a construction standpoint but it was the first time this engineering company had dealt with the city or the county and they have had a few bumps so we were having to do a couple of change orders and we would be putting one of the change orders on the agenda for the next council meeting for transparency. There were some things in the bid specifications that we don't want, they are not in keeping with the standard way we install water lines so we want to make a change in that, we want to make it totally transparent and it would not have affected the bid negotiations, the low bidder or anything like that and we would give them all of the documents between now and the next council meeting. We just want to put it on the record that we are going to be doing that.

Mr. Squyres stated that he also wanted to brag on the website, that when we developed the website about a year or so ago, we really didn't know how it would be received but they let us run this program on it from time to time and the monthly report was pretty startling; in the last month, the city website has had 1495 users and what he found

interesting was that about 75% of the users were new users as well and it continues to grow and grow.

Mr. Schion ask a question about a pipe sticking up our of the ground by City Hall.

Mr. Reed stated that he would answer that in his report and that he did want to brag on our contractors over across the street because he wanted to tell them that the mains were actually in the ground , 18 new fire hydrants were installed and they were actually hooking people to new services. He explained that those flush valves that Mr. Schion was talking about was to flush chlorine, they have to disinfect the lines before they hook new services to it and we don't flush new plugs until after everything is disinfected. He stated again that he was very proud of this contractor and if everything continued, they were going to be about four months ahead of schedule finishing up. He advised that they had some clean up to do, that they actually started hooking service to the new mains over on Fairfax and before they left, everything would be fixed and the new streets would be washed.

Kim Bellotte, Parks and Recreation Director, reported that swimming lessons for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd night session were closed out because they have so many people in those classes so they were trying to get another instructor in there to work nights and the morning lessons were pretty close to full and she thinks this year is going to be one of our biggest years for swimming lessons and she thinks that looks good for our economy because a couple of years were kind of lean and now people are spending money on their children again and that was a good thing.

She stated that in their department head meeting last week she and Lon were talking about a lot of people getting pools in their back yard and not knowing the different codes that the state has for the pool, not knowing basic water safety, basic water skills, how to clean the pool and CPR. They had decided to offer a free workshop for anybody in the city that has a pool in their back yard and they were going to go over how to balance your chemicals, basic water treatment, how to keep your kids safe, etc and it was just a two hour class. She stated the fire department was going to come in and teach a small CPR class for beginners so they would know what to do until the fire department arrived. She stated she thought this was a good joint effort between different departments and another free service from the city so she would like to get this information out to the public.

Cindy Miller, Heritage Hall Director, stated that the center had their Father's Day party, they had 13 dads and they played baseball, that Ana came and gave out sunflower seed and Nichols came and was their catcher, that they had dirt and older than dirt and older than dirt won and it was a lot of fun. She announced that Monday was game night from

4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, they were going to have biscuits and chocolate gravy with Mayor Nunez and Thursday they were having watermelon with Council Member Diaz.

Council Member Diaz advised that they were having a seed spitting contest.

Cindy reported that they exercise Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., have water aerobics Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 to 11:30 and she notice that they have 25 to 30 people exercising and then they have senior swim on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m..

Mayor Nunez commented that the seniors were really involved and Council Member Diaz said they jam out too, they were jamming to James Brown today.

Rosalinda from Jacinto City Library advised that they had really been having a lot of people come into the library this summer, children and adults, using the computer. They are signing up members for the reading club, they have an Adult, Teen and Children's reading club and she went over some of the gifts they were giving in the reading clubs. She encourage everyone to sign up.

Mayor Nunez acknowledged former Council Member Clyde Ochoa, Mr. McMillan with the Port of Houston engineers and LaGloria from Big Bass. Mayor Nunez stated that we had a lot of people here tonight and it was good to see all of them.

Mayor Nunez ask Josh Matheny to step up to the podium and stated that she was going to turn her Mayor's Report time over to Council Member Garcia, who has something for Mr. Matheny here, that he was her baby, he started here when he was about four years old.

Council Member Garcia stated that first of all, on behalf of the Mayor, City Council and city directors, they were honored to announce that Josh Matheny is a special 17 year old resident of Jacinto city who had recently graduated from North Shore Senior High, stated that not many people know this but when he was born, he was born with a brain tumor, and two years ago Josh fought his battle through non-surgical means and too this day, he is tumor free and healthier than ever. She advised that Josh had been a member of the GPISD FFA Program for the past twelve years, four of those years as an FFA Member and eight years as a Junior FFA member and he was the original Junior FFA member that helped establish the Junior FFA Program in GPISD. She went over all of Josh's accomplishments and all of the donations of time that he had provided. She advised that Josh had been involved in some search and rescue of missing cattle and people and

recently went into the wild fire areas in Montgomery County to help evacuate horses. She stated that this last year, his senior year, that Josh interned at Crosby Veterinary clinic for eight months and had now become a Texas Certified Vet Technician and while doing his internship, he had been working at a meat processing facility and his long term goal was to be an environmentalist, have his own ranch and continue to put others first. Ms. Garcia went over all the events Josh participated in and offices he held during his school years and that he had been an honor student. She stated that what distinguished Josh from other Jacinto City residents was that he had been a speaker at the Jacinto City city Council meeting since the age of seven and was known for his expertise in stool standing, that his legendary status as a stool stander goes back ten years ago when he stood up and spoke at that very same podium we use today and that was the reason we had this stool they presented to Josh.

Council Member Garcia stated that Mayor Nunez shared that she felt honored when he brought his big fat rabbit, which he raised at home, to the city council meeting and not many people know this but Josh has helped set up the sound system for the Christmas Parade for the last four years and served as a DJ for the National Night Out held last year and on behalf of the Mayor, City Council and Department Head they would like to applaud him on his recent achievements and we wished him always the best and may God bless him.

Mayor Nunez ask his mother and father to stand up, stating that not only was he a good product of Jacinto City but both of them had helped us with Santa on the Fire Truck, the sound system and they had done wonderful with their son here. She stated that she knew him when he was a baby with the rabbit and the pig and ask everyone to please remember to support the FFA because they were a great organization and we loved Josh very much.

Josh stated that he wanted to say thank you for everything they all had helped him a lot over the years, they had taught him a lot and shown him the way to go and it was a great honor to receive his stool today but he didn't think he would need to use it, he could now see over it but he appreciated the thought.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Maner reminded everyone that we were right on top of July 4th and we would have fire works this year, that we didn't have enough time to have a drought, so set aside July 4th for the annual fireworks display. He stated that he would also like to mention that today we received notice from the county that they are going to finally get around to our Holland Street Sidewalk Project, they have all the engineering and things like

that done and it is going to Commissioner's Court sometime in July or August and they expect work to start in October if not before. He stated that normally he would be gripping about that delay but keep in mind that we only got about 8 miles of new streets from the county so they have certainly done their share for us and we appreciate it. He stated that Kim had mentioned the CPR class that they were going to have for the pool owners and he encourage everyone to do that because he always wanted everyone around him to know CPR. He congratulated Josh and encourage everyone to keep on the website, that it was very important and informative and the website, as with every other aspect of our city operation, are open to suggestions.

Mayor Nunez stated that on the Mayors report she just wanted to make a comment, that she would be meeting with Commissioner Morman on Friday at a function he was having and she would definitely let him know how grateful, we in Jacinto city, are for everything he is doing for us, we have the streets and we are going to have those new sidewalks and she was sure that once we meet with him again and we have something you citizens want her to bring to his attention to let her know and she would bring it up to him next Friday. She stated that he had a breakfast this morning but his invitation got here late Monday and it was too late for any of them to attend and she sincerely regretted that.

There was no Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. City Manager Maner advised that we pass this every year but we pass it along with the budget around the end of September but the Legislator changed the law and it has to be set this month and that is why it is occurring now.

City Attorney DeFoyd read Resolution No. 2012-7R Setting over 65 and Disability Exemption for Fiscal year 2012/2013.

A motion was made by Council Member Gonzales and seconded by Council Member Diaz to approve Resolution 2012-7R setting the over 65 and disability exemption at \$40,000.00 for F/Y 2012/2013. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

2. City Manager Maner stated that he and Chief Squyres attended the meeting on June 7th as well as some of the council members, as observers, and this meeting was a hearing of the application of Fredis Maldonado, 10434 N. Lacrosse. He stated that Mr. Maldonado has submitted plans to do some remodeling and do a new roof and on the plans, they didn't include a new porch but he extended the porch afterwards so he had to have a hearing before the Variance Board. He stated that four of the five members of the

of the Variance Board were here and they voted unanimously to deny the variance and that means if the council approves this and takes the same action that means Mr. Maldonado will be required to move the front of his porch back three feet, that it was three feet over the allowable line. He stated the building inspector was there also and this was just a plain pitch roof and all it would consist of is literally cutting three feet off of it, it would not affect the structure at all and that was the recommendation of the Variance Board. He stated that he thought that Ms. Maldonado was here.

Mayor Nunez advised the council that they had heard what City Manager stated and ask what they wanted to do.

Council Member Diaz stated that she knew the Variance Board denied it so what was the solution, did they have to tear it down or what.

City Manager Maner advised that they had to cut it back three feet.

Council Member Diaz ask if they were willing to do this.

City Manager Maner advised that he didn't know if they were willing or not, that wasn't the question.

Ms. Maldonado ask if she could show pictures of the structure and Mayor Nunez advised her that she came before the Variance Board already and the council would decide if they would go ahead and accept what they recommended, she was sorry but she thought she did that when she had the Variance Board hearing and from what she understood, the building inspector had told her twice that she could not do this.

City Manager Maner advised that was what was brought out at the meeting.

Ms. Maldonado stated that the building inspector had never red tagged the project. She addressed the conversations that she had with the building inspector.

A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Lee to accept the recommendation of the Variance Board and deny the request at 10434 N. LaCrosse. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

2 City Manager Maner advised that the variance request for 11016 Lane Street was held on the same evening, that Mr. Mario Garza had requested this variance and this situation had some extinguishing circumstance there by that address that he didn't think we really needed to get into. He stated that at any rate, Mr. Garza built a fence 8 ft. tall rather than 6 ft. as allowed by the zoning ordinance and also built it too close to the street and

we were talking about a solid wood fence down the side of his property and when the building inspector caught that this had been done, he issued a stop work order and Mr. Garza filed this request for a variance and in this case the members of the Variance Board voted to recommend unanimously to the city council; (1) that the request that the fence be allowed closer to the front property line than allowed under the ordinance be denied, (2) the variance for the height of the fence to be granted on a temporary basis and without getting into details he would tell them that the extinguishing circumstances in this case is that next door to this property lives a rather unusual registered sex offender and Mr. Garza has two grand children that live with him and he was concerned about that but at any rate, the board voted to recommend to the city council that he allowed to keep the 8 ft. height on a temporary basis until if and when the sex offender situation no longer exists there, if he moves or whatever Mr. Garza will be required to bring the height back down to 6 ft. and Mr. Garza has already corrected the front by moving it back where it is supposed to be and he is being very cooperative. Mr. Maner stated that on behalf of the City Administration he would recommend that the Council approve what the board did and it was not an easy decision for them because of the circumstances.

Council Member Garcia stated that she was at this meeting and said the way it was worded we need to make some changes and ask if we could please allow it to say this temporary variance expires upon the date that the current sex offender, living next door, changes their registered residence away from their current location posing a perceived hazard and that way we are not really naming anybody and every time the sex offenders move they have to register and until we know for sure that have been registered then and only then would the height of the fence be lowered.

City Manager Maner stated that he thought that could be part of the motion and ask the City Attorney if that was correct.

City Attorney DeFoyd stated yes, that was what the board wanted anyway.

Mayor Nunez ask Council Member Garcia if she was making the motion to read as she just said and Ms. Garcia stated yes she was and the motion was seconded by Council Member Diaz. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

4. City Manager Maner advised that Mr. Merced Cavazos, who was in the audience tonight, had requested a rezoning of 10715 Market. Mr. Maner stated that 10715 Market St., located next to Gonzales Paint and Body, used to be Chance Sales and they had been out of business for several years and Mr. Cavazos and his partners had purchased that property and they wanted to operate a welding supply business but in the Zoning Ordinance that was not a list of permitted business

without getting a special use permit so that was what the hearing was for and this was the Planning and Zoning Commission, there were five members present and after hearing Mr. Cavazos presentation along with the building inspectors and Chief Squyres, they decided this business at this location would be beneficial to the city and he recommended to the Council that they approve a Special Use permit to use that property for that purpose.

There was discussion as to why it required a hearing since it was the same type of business that was there previously and Mr. Maner explained what the ordinance required.

A motion was made by Council Member Gonzales and seconded by Council Member Diaz to approve the recommendation of the Zoning Board for the Special Use Permit at 10715 Market St.. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

The Council welcomed Mr. Cavazos to Jacinto City.

5. Mayor Nunez advised that we had five member on the Dangerous Building Board and that Mr. Ray Fernandez had resigned , he was very instrumental in the decision making on this board and she would like to see council replace him with somebody that would be just as good.

A motion was made by Council Member Gonzales to appoint Ms. Sonia Flores for the vacancy on the Dangerous Building Board. The Motion was seconded by Council Member Garcia. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

Mayor Nunez ask Ms. Flores to please stand up. Ms. Nunez advised that Ms. Flores also works as election clerk for the city, school district and had helped with the food fairs, and welcome her to the board stating this was something we wanted her to take serious because we need for her to be here when she was called upon.

6. Council Member Garcia stated she had an alternate, that after much diligence, consideration and homework she nominated Mr. Fidel Caballero, who resided at 10314 Wiggins to be the Variance Board Alternate, that she strongly feels that Mr. Caballero would make an excellent choice to the board. Ms. Garcia furnished a short resume on Mr. Caballero.

A motion was made by Council Member Diaz and seconded by Council Member Lee to appoint Mr. Caballero as an alternate member to the Variance Board. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

Council Member Garcia stated she had an alternate, that she nominated Victor Castillo who resided at 10209 Burman, to be the Planning and Zoning Commission Alternate.

She stated that she strongly felt that Mr. Castillo would make an excellent choice to the commission, that he was a well known and respected resident in the city and he and his family were involved in the community. Ms. Garcia presented a short resume on Mr. Castillo.

A motion was made by Council Member Diaz and seconded by Council Member Rivas to appoint Mr. Victor Castillo as an Alternate Member to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

Council Member Garcia nominated Mr. James O. Berry, who resided at 11009 Flaxman, to be the Dangerous Building Board Alternate, that she strongly felt that Mr. Berry would make an excellent choice to the board for the following reasons, he was a long time and respected resident in Jacinto City since 1951 and was described by many as "such a good guy". His father was a long term Fire Chief for Jacinto City and his parents owned Berry's washateria on Palestine. Ms. Garcia provided a short resume on Mr. Berry.

A motion was made by Council Member Diaz and seconded by Council Member Lee to appoint Mr. James O. Berry Jr. to serve as the Dangerous Building Board Alternate. Vote: 5 For 0 Against.

Mayor Nunez ask the people already serving on board and the new people to please stand up and she thanked them for being willing to volunteer and their efforts to make sure to be here at these meetings was very important to the city because this way we can go ahead and get the work done at the same time that the meetings have been scheduled and the idea about having an alternate is very good because there had been time when we had not been able to get all five members and she wanted to thank them again and she knew they would do the city good.

7. Mayor Nunez ask Mr. Reed if he could give them an explanation on the gas Distribution system and how it worked before she ask for a motion on this item.

Mr. Reed stated that we have always had a computer system at the barn that accounts for the gas and diesel that each employee uses, that all of the departments are assigned a number and each vehicle that the city owns is assigned a card with a number and so are the employees so that he knows who getting gas, not that anybody is dishonest, but to keep track of gas and diesel a lot better than they could by hand because they have police officers going into the barn 24/7 as well as public works and the fire department and lately they have had a log to log in by hand and sometimes they forget to do that. He explained

how they are using the pumps at the present time and with the system they know what time, who get the gas and what vehicle it goes in. He stated that we are required by law to account for the gallons, that they have statistical inventory reporting that they have to do every month so this system was very necessary.

City Manager Maner stated that the current software that we have had for some time is beyond repair and this system that Kyle wanted to get is going to be a vast improvement over the system we now have and it will make things much easier on him and more accountable for everybody.

Mayor Nunez stated that \$8500.00 for how he described it would be used and how we would keep tab of everything she thought it was worth it.

A motion was made by Council Member Rivas and seconded by Council Member Garcia to approve the budget amendment for the purchase of a gas distribution system not to exceed \$8500.00. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

Mayor Nunez stated that she forgot to introduce our former Mayor Chris Diaz and ask that he please stand up.

Chris stated that he had forgotten what these council meetings felt like, that he had been out on the campaign trail and was glad to be back.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Robert Hernandez, 10245 Chadwick, stated that he was here on behalf of Jacinto City Girls Softball Association and he wanted to invite them to their closing ceremonies tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. and he wished everyone a happy Flay Day.

LaGloria Sephus, 9701 Market St. Big Bass Resort, stated that the reason she was there was because at the corner of Market Street on the left hand side and on the right hand side she didn't know the name of the street, that it was a private street but there is a tree and weeds and it is not part of their property. She stated that they have a DPS officer as a security officer and we need to find out who owns that piece of property because she says there is a lot of things back there that shouldn't be back there, like tires, cars and she doesn't know what else and they would like to find out who owns it and if the city, some way or other, can find out and get them to clean it up.

Mayor Nunez ask Mr. Reed or Mr. Squyres if they knew.

Kyle stated that they were trying to get the City of Houston to help them there but it is not their property, it is a private road, it is not ours and it is a mess and it is going to take a bit of labor to get that cleaned up.

City Manager Maner ask Kyle if the property she was talking about was in our city limits and was advised that it was. He ask the Chief and Kyle to get together on that and find out who owns it. He advised Ms. LaGloria that we would start on it.

Ms. Osoria, 10325 N. LaCrosse, stated that she was actually thanking everyone for helping her out with her terrible next door neighbor and she wanted to tell Chief Ayala thank you for everything he has done, they were actually getting almost to the end and especially thank Mr. Larry for all he has done. She stated they were still going through the run around of the fence, the Chief actually went over yesterday and we had Larry and we had a conversation with him and he was not willing to fold his hand, but they were trying. She stated that she and her husband decided they were going to let Larry fix their fence because if they did it he was going to get on top of them but she would like it if they could help her to get it in his head that she doesn't want nothing against her fence once she fixes it because it was going to take her a couple of thousand dollars to fix it and she know that even if she sues him he wasn't going to pay her anything. She stated that she just wanted peace with her children and house and she just wanted that help from everybody. That was the reason they bought this house , to have peace and two years she hasn't had peace in that house and she just wanted to ask them that favor, who did she need to talk too, what did she need to do to let him know. She stated that she wrote him the letter and got the letter back, he didn't want to sign for it or go pick it up so what was her next step, she wants to fix her fences, it is about to fall and that is really the only thing she wants from them and what is the use of her paying to fix her fence when he is going to put his boards back on it. She stated that after the Chief left yesterday and she was out there with a neighbor he came out there accusing her of telling lies, that after everybody leaves he still talks. She stated that she knew that if it had been one of them living next to this they would have probably done something and she didn't want to go there because she was afraid of what he might do. She went on to discuss what all they had done including talking to the DA.

She stated that she ask one of the city guys to please go by and cut out the branches on the city pole of the light at night and he said he was going it to get to one of the guys to let them know but they haven't cut them and the problem is that at night they were the ones that had the light out because he turns off his. She stated it was right at the corner, she thought it was pole 39 or 29 but the branches are going over the light so they can't see at night.

Mr. Reed advised her that after the meeting he would meet with her and he would give her his card and she could call him and he would assure her that would be taken care of. He stated that he didn't talk to her but to call him when she had those kind of problems and he could promise her that would be taken care of.

Larry Schion, 506 Hare Cook Rd., Crosby, Texas, stated that at the property at 10325 N. LaCrosse, their neighbor next door, was the son-in-law of Ms. Rivara that used to own Rio Grande and explained what he had done to Ms. Osorio fence which cause the post to break off all the way down. He discussed what the man had told him and he was a big guy and didn't really take much either but he told him he was going to whip him and did this in front of his wife and at 3:00 a.m. in the morning he locked his wife out and she was knocking on the door saying please let me in. He stated the guy was a fruit cake. He stated the wife owned the house and he really didn't have much to say unless she let him. He stated that he wouldn't take the boards down off the fence when he went to do the work, he screams and cusses and he called them bad names. He discussed other trouble the man had been into and Larry stated that he had already talked to a number of people about how to handle this. He stated that at some point someone was going to have to stand up to this guy and he didn't know who it was. He stated he called the Chief and he was there quick. He stated he was going to start on the fence Monday and that Joe said he would keep the peace.

Council Member Rivas ask Larry if the replacement was going to be the same as what was there now.

Larry advised that he was putting heavy duty materials and post.

Council Member Lee said not talking about construction but legalities, he was under the impression that the next step was for her to pursue this in a civil court.

Mr. Schion ask why would you have to take someone to court to take something off your fence.

Council Member Lee stated we were not talking about the fence, we were talking about the problem she has with the neighbor.

Ms. Osario explained this issue from the audience and the sound system did not pickup her comments.

Donna Dailey, 1701 Cheston, stated that she just wanted to brag on our city a little bit. She stated that she took her grandson to the library on Wednesday and he was still talking about costie, he was so excited and if you have any children, take them over to the library

because those programs are really good and they teach them a lot., it was very educational and fun for the kids and she was really proud that we have a library and people that are willing to do things for our kids. She stated that the next thing she wanted to say was that we had a horrible accident here not long ago and she was very proud of the way Jacinto City stood up; she thought it was the softball team and probably a lot more people who got involved and that is what makes me proud to be in Jacinto City, it doesn't matter what happens , if there is a need, people stand up and work together to get it done. She stated that for the size of our city we do a lot and she just wants everybody to know how proud she is of Jacinto city and the people of Jacinto City that went down to that ballpark and donated their time, bought their sandwiches and everything else that was involved and Jacinto city was a good place to live, that we had a few idiots but at least they were in the minority.

City Attorney DeFoyd stated that before the young man at the podium spoke he would like to introduce him. He stated that his name was Bershard Alexander and he was a brand new lawyer with his firm and was just finishing up his masters degree in law at the University of Houston and welcomed him to Jacinto City.

Mr. Alexander stated that he just wanted to introduce himself to everyone and he would be at city council meetings from now on. He stated that he was originally from Charlotte, North Carolina , had attended West Virginia University and University of North Carolina, Spent six years in the Army National Guard and he recently moved here with his wife and four kids and they really wanted to become Texans so he had to move to Houston after coming down here a couple of times and that was really it, that he just wanted to introduce himself and say hello to everyone.

Council Member Rivas advised Mr. Alexander that he really needed to work on that accent.

Council Member Garcia stated that she just wanted to thank our new members for accepting volunteer positions and as Donna said, what makes this community different is that we come together and one of the community activist that got involved immediately after the accident was Wanda Dowlearn, the same person that started up the Youth Memorial dedication is the same person that immediately got on this, not even giving it a second thought .

There was discussion about how much money was raised at the benefit.

Council Member Lee stated that Mr. Hernandez said this was Flag Day and it was also the birthday of the United States Army, 1775, and he thought that was important to mention. He stated that he would like to commend our police department and fire

department and EMS that they always do a good job but they handled some tragic situations over the last couple of weeks and it take its toll, they are tough guys but they are human beings also.

Council Member Gonzales stated that he would also like to congratulate the new guys on the committees, he was sure they would all do a good job and he welcomed Brashard and ask everyone to keep praying for rain because we didn't want these roads to mess up again.

Council Member Rivas wished everyone a happy Father's Day, he commented on the incident that happened and how everyone had worked together, stating that it was a good place to live and when you see this you think what great neighbors we have. He stated that if you were on I-10 and had to get to Galena Park you had to come through this great little town.

Council Member Diaz stated that she wanted to wish all the fathers a happy Father's Day and to thank her husband for finally coming to one of her council meetings because he was never here and thanked him for taking a little time from his campaign trail.

There was general discussion among the audience and council.

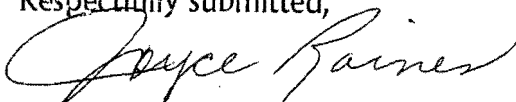
Kim Bellotte advised that not only did the softball league raise all that money, that Wanda started a bank account for the family at CoAmerica so anyone could donate to that and they got with several different people and the whole funeral was donated from different people around the neighborhood so that family had everything donated and it wasn't a couple of thousand, this city pulled together and put together a great funeral for that family and that was what she was proud of and there was different people working everywhere.

Mayor Nunez ask if they didn't have a bank account at Capital Bank and Kim stated yes, it was Capital Bank not CoAmerica. Kim stated the baby was six months old so you could donate diapers, formula etc..

Council Member Garcia advised that the baby was 11 months old.

Mayor Nunez adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,



Joyce Raines, City Secreary