

COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2012, 6:00 PM.

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, May 10, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Nunez, Council Members Ochoa, Diaz, Lee, Garcia and Gonzales; Acting City Manager Squyres, City Attorney DeFoyd and City Secretary Raines. City Manager Maner absent due to illness.

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

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Chief Ayala advised that today we had a chase of a stolen vehicle in Jacinto Oaks and they did apprehend two suspects and our officers did a very good job. He stated that on May 29<sup>th</sup> they have the Citizens Police Academy, it was two hours on Tuesday and went over what would be covered at the academy, they welcome them to apply and the applications were here on the table. He also made everyone aware of the vacation watch that is provided by the department and if they were going to be away for two days or more to please come by the police department and fill out the form so they could check on your house while you are away.

Mayor Nunez advised that Mr. Reed was still out on sick leave and ask Mr. Perez to give the report for public works.

Mr. Perez stated they were trying to keep everything going while he was gone, that he and Eddie were working together to try to get everything addressed. He advised that the water job was going pretty good that since the last council meeting they had completed another 3300 feet of water lines from Mercury to Flint and now they were up to Pilot and that they had complete a number of connects and were moving at a pretty good pace.

Mayor Nunez advised them that they were doing a great job in Mr. Reed's absence.

Cindy Miller, Heritage Hall Director, advised that things were going good and tomorrow was their Mother's Day party and thanked Council Member Garcia and City Attorney DeFoyd for donating cookie dough, they were going to be eating some tomorrow. She invited everyone to Heritage Hall at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow for cookies and coffee.

Stephanie Orr, Jacinto City Library, reported that their computer classes had picked up and they were starting a new senior class, working with the seniors from Heritage Hall and they were getting ready for their Summer Reading Program and would have more information on it later.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Nunez stated that she would like to take a few minutes and give them a little information, that it would be one year on May 14<sup>th</sup> that she was elected as Mayor of Jacinto City and she had

faithfully attended every council meeting even though she had been taking chemo on the days she had a council meeting and she had executed her duties as Mayor and attended functions that benefits the city. She stated that she could not have done this if it had not been for the support of council, department heads, employees and all of them out there who had prayed for her and she wanted them to know that her doctor has advised her that she is stable and she wanted to thank them so much for their Prayers, thank them so much for their support and she just wanted them to know that she has people tell her that some time they bump into some of them and they ask how she is feeling and you'll very graciously tell them that she is doing fine and she thanks them for that. She thanked them so much for their Prayers and support and thanked the public that had elected her.

Mayor Nunez ask Ms. Vega to please come forward and tell everyone about Girl Scout Troop 23246, who had a tremendous lemonade sale on Sunday.

Ms. Vega stated they were very honored to be a part of Jacinto City and all the wonderful things that are going on in the city. She advised that their little troop was a group of ten, that she had Brownies and Daisies and this weekend they appreciated everyone who came out and supported them, they did really good in two hours and the girls have decided they are going to donate half of what they made to the Jacinto City Food Bank. She stated they might be little but they do want to be a part of Jacinto City and everyone had been so nice to them, they have their meetings at the recreation center here by the baseball field and they get to use it for free every Wednesday and this was a great opportunity for them to get involved, that they were no older than nine years and they did everything they could to bring in sales and a lot of the members of the board came out and it was really nice and they wanted to thank them. She ask the girls to stand up and say thank you.

Mayor Nunez ask her to please introduce the girls.

Mr. Vega advised that she daughters were actually missing but they were coming in any minute now.

Mayor Nunez advised Ms. Vega that if she would like to wait we would be glad to do so.

Ms. Vega stated this was an honor and the Mayor would present the girls with a badge so they would wait until they were all present.

Mayor Nunez report that the city was working well, our streets were looking good and with summer coming, the kids will be enjoying our parks. She reported that on Wednesday, she and Don Nichols took the volunteers of Helping Hands and some of the parents of these young ladies here to CiCi's Pizza and the manager there was very gracious and gave them their food. She stated there was about 20 people and introduced Ms. Mercedes, President of Helping Hands and advised that she was the President of The Board of Directors but Mercedes was the one that did all the work on Tuesdays and Thursdays and the days they have to go to the Food Bank and we really appreciate that and so does the people that go to the pantry, that it was a lot of work getting it ready for them and she knew that we have had an increase. She advised that as soon as Ms. Vega's family got here we would go back to them.

Mayor Nunez ask Assistant City Manager Squyres to give a report on City Manager Maner and bring us up to date on his health.

Mr. Squyres reported that he was actually still in the hospital, that he was in Methodist Hospital and he was doing very well, that he was recouping and he had a minor procedure to be done in the next day or two and he should be getting home. He advised that he was in a regular room at the hospital now and much more comfortable and we should see him back home in a few days and probably returning to work, he was guessing, mid week or so but he was doing exceeding well and sends greetings as well.

Mr. Squyres stated that on the City Manager's report, Bernardo had mentioned some of the things going on and as they knew, we had five large capital improvement projects being done although there is no capital improvements budgeted this year, they are all done with grant money and the one Bernardo mentioned was a water line project and it is about a third of the way through and we also just completed a pipe bursting project around the park area and it was 100% done and we also just took position of three generators at two of our lift stations and one of our water wells on LaCrosse so that next time we have a hurricane that knocks out our power, you will have water supply whether or not the City of Houston is able to supply it. He stated that we also a large job that is just beginning at the water plant, where the water tower is and a large job just beginning at the sewer plant and each of those is waiting on large pieces of equipment. He stated that they had heard us talk about these before, this was the 3.41 million dollars that we received from what began as TDRA and now it is TGLO that is running that project. He also mentioned that public works had a very successful pet vaccination day recently and on the 19<sup>th</sup> of May, it is an opportunity for anybody to get rid of any old tires that you know about, whether they are in your garage, your neighbor's yard or anywhere else. He advised that each resident could put up too four tires on the curb and they were asking for them to be out early the morning of the 19<sup>th</sup> and they were asking for them to be out by 8:00 a.m. because that was when the public works crews would come around and pick them up and hopefully they would only have to make one pass through the city and it was up to four tires and no rims and he advised there was a flyer on the table and it was on the website in both English and Spanish.

Bernardo advised that the city did not pick up tires from 18 wheelers and Lon stated it was a residential program, not for commercial tires.

No Unfinished Business.

New Business:

1. A motion was made by Council Member Ochoa and seconded by Council Member Garcia to approve Resolution 2012-3R – Joint Resolution on Emergency Management Resolution with Harris County. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

2. A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Gonzales to approve Resolution 2012-4R – Approving Application for GNR Recycling, LP at 308 and 320 Hughes Street in Houston, Texas. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

3. A motion was made by Council Member Gonzales and seconded by Council Member Ochoa to approve Resolution 2012-5R – Approving MSD Application for Schumacher Company Inc. at 600 Hughes Street in Houston, Texas. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

Chief Squyres explained the above resolutions and why the city was passing them.

Ms. Vega advised that all of the Girl Scout Troop was here now and ask them to come forward and she stated that she also wanted to say thank you to her wonderful supporter Karen and all of her parents. She introduced all of the girls and stated that they wanted to present a \$50.00 check to Mercedes and the Mayor for the Helping Hands Food Program. Ms. Vega stated this was an honor and they appreciated it.

Ms. Vega stated that the girls work hard to earn their badges and asked Mayor Nunez to present the badges to each girl and they also presented the Mayor with a badge.

Mayor Nunez thanked the Troop for coming by and visiting with us.

Larry Schion stated that the last time he was here they had young boys here and they were raising money for their troop and he had to give them \$100.00 and so he wanted to give a hundred to the girls also and he stated that Mr. Joe, over there, matched it and he wanted to know if he was going to do that again. Chief Ayala stated that he would and he would see Ms. Vega. The took a picture of Larry and Chief Ayala presenting the money to the Troop.

Mayor Nunez advised them they had made our meeting very exciting.

The girls also presented a bag of food to the pantry.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Nancy Gosney, 1726 Belin, thanked Detective Walker and Chief Ayala for getting those two guys out of the woods today after they stole the car. She stated that she had a question for the Mayor or somebody up there. She said she read Ochoa's literature and she wanted to know where we had extra field space to add fields in our city for more practice fields.

Mayor Nunez stated that she didn't understand her question.

Ms. Gosney stated that on the literature he passed out it stated about having more practice fields for our softball and baseball.

Mayor Nunez advised that we have another park over here on Lane.

Ms. Gosney said adding was what it stated and she was wondering where we had more land space for that.

Mayor Nunez ask Council Member Ochoa if he wanted to reply to that.

Council Member Ochoa stated that over on Cheston there used to be a little practice field that we used and he thinks that belongs to the city and ask if that was correct.

Ms. Gosney said they use that field already and she was just wondering.

Council Member Ochoa stated that he would like to put some back stands and bases there for the kids so they could use it since we are not using it right now and that was one of the options.

Mayor Nunez stated that she thought, at one time, it was going to be a soccer field.

Council Member Ochoa advised that was also on his literature and that was a possibility.

Ms. Gosney said she didn't understand why we would start up another soccer program when we already have one in existence with First Baptist Church that they had been doing all these years.

Council Member Ochoa stated that he didn't say we were going to start another soccer program, he just said we were going to get soccer fields.

Ms. Gosney ask where was the property at, do we have property space in our city.

Council Member Ochoa stated that maybe we could acquire it if we don't have it, it was always an option.

Ms. Gosney stated she was looking further into the flyer and the thing that got her started back campaigning, because she was not going to campaign, she was not going to do anything in this election, that she didn't care if he stayed in that position, it was the negative picture of that hand in the baseball, that got her attention and she wanted to know why, that on April 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:20 in the morning, why were they videoing her house after they stopped in front of her neighbors house to get the literature off the door.

Council Member Ochoa stated that he had no comment and he didn't video her house.

Ms. Gosney stated it was on video and why was Willard and her being video taped on Wiggins while they were passing out literature.

Council Member Ochoa advised Nancy that he had no comment about that expect that she was passing out literature falsely accusing him of stuff and on that literature it said concerned citizens or something and that happened last year and we didn't know who was doing it, well actually they did know who was doing it but they have proof of who was doing it this year they have it on video. He He stated that he was videotaped and he wasn't complaining about that was she complaining about being videotaped, was that what she was talking about.

Ms. Gosney stated they stalked them about three trips around and she was just wondering why they were stalking and videoing them.

Council Member Ochoa stated they weren't stalking them, they were just taking pictures of them passing out false literature and he got videotaped too and it didn't bother him and she had plenty of videotapes of him too.

Ms. Gosney stated, oh yea, it was on the security cameras, it was all there.

Larry Schion, 506 Hare Cooke Rd., stated that Ms. Gosney called him and said that they were videotaping her and he ask her what they were videoing her for and she said she wasn't sure, but she was scared and he told her to not worry about it, they were not going to hurt nobody, he promised, they had been around a long time and they were not out to hurt anybody, they do video a lot, they videotaped him for a long time, anything he said about them, they recorded him but he didn't say anything really false so there wasn't very much a video could do when you tell the truth but she was concerned that last year, they videoed her also and the houses got broken into and some video tapes were stolen so that was where her concern was because when she called him. She said well if they videotaped her and her house got broke into would you think it could be them and he said well you know what, it could be but she needed to talk to the Chief and make sure that they knew that people were following her. He stated that the literature that she was handing out was not untrue, that the literature that she handed out was on Ms. Garcia last year, which was a letter from when they were trying to get the recall on Ramon and some parts of the letter stated that Ms. Garcia lived in another facility and he the address and the name of the lady and everything so that letter was a ditched effort to save his son's position in Position 4 and he ask where that letter come from, and if he wasn't mistaken, it was on the minutes that he put that letter out. Council Member Ochoa replied yes sir. Mr. Schion stated that whatever it says on there, he did do a survey on Ms. Garcia's point at the school and none of that he and his sister went to the school with, the security said it was unfounded and she didn't reprimanded or anything for that.

Council Member Ochoa stated there was an investigation.

Mr. Schion said yes because when him and his sister brought that up, there had to be an investigation and they were the ones that actually got it started. He stated that letter was not untrue and it was not unstated, it was true and he ask if he could see the letter, he knew what the letter was because he had seen what he put out but it was not untrue and it did happen and he heard him say again that it wasn't true but by him videoing her saying it wasn't true, it is and everybody here knows it happened so with that said, she is concerned because they are videoing her and he is concerned because she is putting out the letter, he is the one that made the letter so he just wanted to state that

Council Member Ochoa stated the letter that he put out, everything on that letter was true, the letter that she put out is not true, he did not do certain things that she said and he wasn't going to sit here and argue about the letter but he was going to say that the letter she did put out was not

true and on top of that, when he put a letter out, he put his name on it so people could ask him what he was talking about and they did and he was able to explain that and those that didn't want to hear the explanation or didn't want to investigate that wasn't his fault.

Mr. Schion stated that he did and Council Member Ochoa stated yes and he found out there was an investigation.

Mr. Schion stated that he did and he found that it was unfounded but they did it because him and his sister ask.

Mr. Ochoa replied that the reason that investigation started was because a citizen came into the city council and had a complaint, that was why the investigation started and that was on the record.

Mayor Nunez gaveled down the comments.

Mr. Schion ask if they could finish.

Council Member Ochoa stated that Mr. Schion was a good friend of his and he respected him and he knew that he respected him and they went a long way back and they were not enemies.

Mr. Schion stated that he respected him to the point where the letter comes in and it hurt somebody as far as being a teacher and it wasn't fair.

Council Member Ochoa advised him that he had to look at both sides.

Mayor Nunez said she would like to make sure this was a positive meeting because it was going to affect our grants, it was going to affect our credit rating, we don't want that we are moving ahead and these minutes will go to our auditors, etc. and people see this, our credit rating could be affected with any kind of negative comments. She stated she would like to move forward and show that all of us can work to gether, that what we are doing for the city is for our citizens.

Mr. Schion stated that he respected that but you see that when you have council people that sit on there, they should respect that same position and so when he put that letter out, it wasn't him defacing it, all he was doing was talking about the time that he put it out on someone else so the negativity was not coming from him, it was things that he reads and sees so if anybody defaces the city, it was the letter that he wrote and so he wouldn't be speaking to him or the other people, he would be speaking to Mr. Ochoa, that if he didn't put the letter out, he wouldn't have anything to complain about.

Council Member Ochoa stated that he had one last comment, that he did put out the letter and everything on that letter is true and he put his name at the bottom of that letter unlike last year when the citizens against, the same ones that put letters out last year and this year, they didn't not put their name on it.

There was discussion about the name being on the letter and Mayor Nunez gave down comments.

Dina Gonzales, 10502 Oswego, stated that she was just coming here today to say thank you to Chief Ayala and all of his officers who had been coming by the school and making sure that our children stay safe and get into their vehicles and she just wanted to say thank you.

Mayor Nunez adjourned the meeting at 6:45 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