

COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2012, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, April 12, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Nunez, Council Members Ochoa, Lee, Garcia and Gonzales; City Manager Maner, City Attorney DeFoyd and City Secretary Raines. Council Member Diaz arrived late.

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 submitted. Vote: 4 For 0 Against

Mayor Nunez called upon the Department Heads for their reports.

Chief Ayala passed on the Police Department report.

Chief Squyres passed on the Fire & EMS report.

Kyle Reed, Public Works Director, reports that they were starting on the water line project in the 200 and 300 blocks on the South side and at the same time the County was repaving streets all over the city and he thanked Commissioner Morman, Precinct 2 for providing this service to Jacinto City. Mr. Reed stated that mosquitoes were bad, they were spraying and ask that the citizens call public works or city hall with mosquito complaints. He reminded everyone that the Annual Rabies Clinic would be held on April 21st at the Public Works Facility from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and that he had placed flyers with what would be available and the prices on the table.

Kim Bellotte, Parks and Recreation Director, advised everyone that if they wanted to be entertained, they could go to Smith Park and watch the 3 and 4 years olds play T-ball and then come to the Wilke Park and watch the bigger kids. She stated that the leagues were going full force and they were working to get the pool ready for the summer and working on pre-school graduation.

Cindy Miller, Heritage Hall Director, reported that the center had been monitored by Harris County today and had received no findings and that Senior Olympics would begin on April 30th and go through May 4th.

Stephanie Orr, Jacinto City Library, presented pictures to the Mayor and Council that were made of them for the grand opening the newly renovated library which had been held on March 21st. She advised that Commissioner Jack Morman had been a speaker as well as Jacinto City's first librarian Dorothy Bowyer. She thanked the city officials who attended and invited everyone who had not been by the library to please come by and utilize the resources.

The Mayor and Council thanked Stephanie and the Harris County Library for the pictures and the renovation of the library.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Nunez stated that she would like to follow up on what Stephanie had said about the opening of our renovated library and would like to make sure that we acknowledge Commissioner Morman for taking his time out of his busy schedule and being there to open it and to make sure that everybody was welcomed, it was a plus for us that he took his time from his schedule to be there.

Mayor Nunez announced that this week end, in Galena Park, the Galena Park/Jacinto City Rotary Club would hold the Country Fair and on April 18th the Rotary would hold their cake auction and anyone who wanted to donate a cake for that auction could do so, that the money was used for scholarships and she would place the form and phone number over on the table. She stated it was really interesting, that some of these cake go for up to \$300.00.

Council Member Diaz stated that the highest they had ever had was last year and it was \$1,000.00.

Mayor Nunez advised that our former Mayor, Chris Diaz, bought it and like she said, it was exciting even if you didn't bid and it would help with the scholarships.

Mayor Nunez advised that she had ask council if they could meet for a workshop on Tuesday, April 17th at 6:00 p. as there were several things they needed to discuss and if they had anything they would like to put down to let the city secretary know by noon on Friday and they could combine all of it at one time. She went over some of the items that were to be discussed, she thought this would be a good meeting and it was open to the public.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Maner stated that things were going well but if they know of something that is not, please let us know and we will try to correct it. He stated that the one thing he wanted to point out to the public, that some of them might not know it yet, they had the grand opening this week and there is a full service Department of Public Safety Driver's License Office that has opened up right across the Freeway by Subway. He advised that they closed the Mesa Road office and opened it over here and that would be good for our folks.

He stated that he didn't have anything further in his report but he did get with Kyle and Lon and they talked about this asphaltting project that Commissioner Morman is doing out here for us and we thought this would be a good time to take just a few minutes to bring the Council and the public up to date on the project as a whole. He advised that we were getting over 1.5 million dollars worth of street work done by the County at no cost to us and it was about 8.5 miles of streets being completely recovered but at any rate, Lon and Kyle had prepared a short presentation on it that will just take a few minutes.

Lon Squyres stated that first and foremost this project was a Precinct 2 project, there was no Jacinto City tax dollars that were going into it, none of our budgeted funds. He stated that if you pay county taxes, those taxes were being used for this sponsored by County Commissioner Jack Morman. He stated that about three or four months ago, they approached Mayor Nunez and told her they would be doing some asphaltting in the city and put this piece of paper down on the table

and there were 29 streets listed from top to bottom. This was a list of candidate streets or potential streets, not saying they were going to do these particular streets and the same sheet went on for 20 pages to the right, they gave us more information about those streets than we knew that existed, down to how many little reflectors on the street and from that point, they scored each one of these streets. He showed a score card, stating this was not the actual score card they used but was the type of card they used, they graded each street from having virtually no damage all the way up to a street that was so damaged that it needed dug up and replaced, every street got some kind of score and obviously the money was limited and we couldn't do all 29 of the streets they suggested so they went in and they wanted to find what we referred to as a sweet spot on the scale they suggested and the circle on the power point represented that sweet spot, it was the streets that needed moderate work, not ones that we had paved real recently and were pretty good, certainly not ones they couldn't afford to do much with because they required too much base work but ones that required moderate work, maybe a little bit of base, maybe taking a little of the pavement off the top and resurfacing it, so three or four of those bars in the middle represent that sweet spot, the job that fits the profile that the County is looking for so they went out for bids on quite a bit of this work, our community, Galena Park, South Houston, etc. and he thinks it is about 10 million dollars they are spending overall and we are getting about 1.5 million of the work, which is a big share of it, but they bid out x number of linear feet that fits this profile and it gave us a little bit of flex room and based on this scale, they came by to us with this list of streets (as shown on the power point presentation) and when we presented this to the public works department, Kyle and his staff examined it and they discovered that some of the streets listed, we weren't in agreement with, for example Wiggins had been done by the city a few years ago, Burman and Oats had been done by the city just a few years ago, Challenger 7 was in good shape so some of these here we suggested that we remove, Wiggins, Burman, Oates and Munn and we threw that back to the county and ask if we could take those off because we didn't feel that they scored in that sweet zone they were talking about and put some other streets on it and we suggested adding Mercury South of Market, Fairfax from Mercury to Kerby, Chazen, Verano, Siesta and Muscatine from Flint to Siesta. We felt that those streets met that sweet spot and some of them might be saying, wait a minute, my street is worse than any of those and you are probably right but it may well be so far off the right of that scale that it needs more work than this particular project can do but either way, it had to be streets that met that criteria and based on that, they came back to us with a counter proposal including 24 streets, they really didn't take much off but they included all of the ones we suggested and that sort of brings us update until recently and we had been negotiating with them a little bit more, they had told us originally about 1.2 million and we are now up to the 1.5 million mark, maybe a little over and 8.7 miles worth of paving on our streets and showed a picture of what that would look like in the city and the city wasn't picking the streets, they had an independent group of engineers come out, and they may have seen all kind of marks on the streets and that was marking the bad spots, etc. and that is how they came up with this, they gave a little and budgeted a little here and there and came up with more than we were originally going to get but the city doesn't have the power to say, well look here, you are going to do this street or that street.

Mayor Nunez ask Lon if he would let them know about the information sheet that went out with the water bills.

Lon advised that there was a insert in the Water bills to give everyone a heads up that this work would be taking place and cautioned everyone that if they see they are on one of these street, they might be very careful about parking their car on the street during the day time because if they can't get it moved, they are actually going to tow it, they won't tow it to a storage lot of anything but will take it around the corner to get out of the way and probably tow it back when they are done.

Mayor Nunez thanked Lon, stating that he had done a great job.

There was no Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Robert Belt with Belt Harris Pechacek presented the audit for FY 2010-2011. Mr. Belt stated that it was always a please to come and present the city their annual financial report and this was for the year ended September 30, 2011 and he wanted to recognize the staff and all the hard work they had done throughout the year, it was easy for them to come in and do the audit when they had done all the heavy lifting throughout the year and they made the job much easier for them and he wanted to commend them for all their work. He stated that the next thing he wanted to do was present the actual results of the audit, it was a clean and qualified opinion, which was the highest level of assurance they could provide to the council that all of the disclosures that are required by accounting principals have been included and the financial statements are materially correct. He stated there was a great deal of financial information within the report and he was just going to point out a few highlights to them, that back on Page 21, Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances, he stated the General Fund was presented about half way down the page in the column to the far left and about mid way down the page they would see the total revenues and total revenues for the General Fund for the year was \$4,711,248.00 and total expenditures were \$4,680,852.00 and after taken into account other sources and uses they had a positive increase of \$130,396.00. He stated they began the year with a fund balance of \$7,601,807.00 and ended the year with a fund balance of \$7,732,203.00 and as they know, a good indicator of financial health for a governmental entity is that you want to keep at least 90 days of your total operating expenditure in fund balance as a reserve, the city is well in advance of that so the city is in great shape financially. He stated there was one other comment to make to them was over on Page 27, which was the result of their Water and Sewer Fund operation, total revenues came in at \$2,803,182.00 and total expenses came in at a little bit over 2.8 million dollars giving you an operating loss of \$27,846.00 and then after taken into account other operating expenses there as a net reduction of \$196,165.00 which was covered by an operating transfer in of \$417,393.00 and overall there was a total positive increase in the water and sewer fund operation of \$221,228.00 for the year. He stated again that there was a tremendous amount of information in the audit and he was not going to go through all of it with them and would stop at this point and ask if there were any questions he could answer.

Mayor Nunez stated that she thought that what they were going to do was take time out and go through the whole report and like they normally do, if they have any questions, they will get back with him and that what she really like was what he said about the City Hall staff making sure that all the money that is spent or received is kept in the right place and right accounts and she thinks that our staff needs to hear a round of applause from the public, she named Jack, Joyce, Kathy the bookkeeper and the young ladies that take in the money every day for the water and fines, making sure that everything comes up accurately and ask Jack if she was not right on this and he stated she was, they do a good job.

2. Mr. Richard Nino stated that he was here in 1976 and that was almost 40 years ago and advised that he and Jack had some battles together and he was the only one left of the city council in 1976 and we had been battling since then on that part of Lane street. He stated that he had some documents here where this part of the city was dedicated in 1924 and everybody that he ask, City Council, Harris County always tells him that he has to talk to Jack so he guessed that he came here to talk to Jack. He ask if they would like to see this paper and pass it around and was advised that they would.

Mayor Nunez advised Mr. Nino that he could start with Mr. Gonzales as he was the Councilman over streets.

Council Member Gonzales stated that he and Mr. Nino had several meeting but he didn't want to take Mr. Nino's time, let him go ahead and get his time in.

Mr. Nino stated that he had been fighting everybody, all the councilmen and he was hoping that somebody would step up but it seems like everybody says you gotta talk to Jack, even Harris County all the way to Baytown. Mr. Nino went over some of the paper work that he had brought to show the council.

City Manager Maner ask Mr. Nino if he would bring the paperwork to city hall so that we could copy it at his convenience.

Mr. Nino stated that he would and he thinks that we are going to have a road before he and Jack died. Mr. Nino stated that this had been very aggravating and he thought that they all knew he was right.

Council Member Lee ask Mr. Nino if he could tell all the council that were new what he was asking for.

Mr. Nino stated that the city rezone the property back behind Switzer Apartment for multiple dwelling back in 1976 and then Cooper said at that time that we were going to have a flooded area over there it will put a drain and ask if they remembered that guy Cooper and was advised they did. Mr. Nino stated that Jack had a road crossing both sides of his house, he was a pretty

happy man and all he wanted was a road out there in the back. He ask if they knew that the last time they repaired that road was in July of 2008 and ever since then the only repairs done was by him and whatever they put over there they put on the other guy's property not his, it was instigating a fight but he stated he would not come out and fight Jack.

Mayor Nunez advised Mr. Nino that they were going to have a workshop on this and we would have our City Attorney advise us on the legal matters on this as to whether it belongs to the city or whether it belongs to the flood control or the Corp of Engineers but we would get back with him and she ask him if he wanted the city secretary to make copy of the paper work he had for the council.

Mr. Nino advised that the papers works came from the Harris county office and he would bring it to the city hall tomorrow and stated don't erase things.

Mayor Nunez advised him that he could watch us make the copies.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Maria Osorio, 10325 N. La Crosse, stated that she had come to council last year in November and she had been speaking to them about her neighbor, where Ms. Rivera and Mr. Herman lives. She stated this Sunday was Easter Sunday and she was walking out, with her children, to the snow cone place and it was not fair for her 3, 5, 10 and 18 year old to be listening, on Easter Sunday, at this man cursing them out and when the cops get there, because she called and it took them ten minutes to get there, like always. She stated that four cops, one after the other, stopped by and started asking her what happened and she told them. She stated that Mr. Herman told the officers that she was cursing at him and she was not crazy, she was fed up with this man. She stated that she called the Chief on Monday, left a message for him to call her back and he ask her what happened and she told him what happened and he said he was going to take care of it, she understands that he has a lot of things to do but she wanted an answer in ten day working days from today.

Mayor Nunez ask if she filed a report with the police.

Ms. Osorio stated that she filed a report and the guy told her she didn't have anything to report about because he was saying she was cursing at him and that she didn't have proof, what proof did she have, her husband has it on his cell phone, her cousin has it on his cell phone. She stated her daughter got fed up, like everybody has a mother in here and they start cursing at your mother and what are you going to do, you are going to jump up like a rockwielder and that is exactly what she did and so she just wanted help. She stated that she got an estimate to get her fence fixed again and she was going to write him a letter tonight and go to the post office tomorrow and she was going to give him ten working days to move his boards from her fence and she wanted her fence fixed the way it was.

Mayor Nunez ask if he had damaged her fence.

Ms. Osorio advised that her fence damage was \$2,630.00 and she was fed up with this man, she needed help, she needed somebody to tell her who was going to help her toward this person, that is the reason she came out here, she wanted to know who was going to help her from them as she lives in the city and she did not move from Houston after 18 years to move here and have problems with this man and you could go to the city over there and ask for her record and she has a clean record, you could ask for a police report and she has a clean record, she had never had a problem, she lived in her house for 13 years, she was a single parent for 8 years and never had a problem, she moved here because her kids are growing and she wanted to live in a better environment and now she has hell with this man.

Mayor Nunez advised Ms. Osorio that her three minutes were up and she was very sorry for the problems she was having and Ms. Osorio stated she understood but she needed help.

Mayor Nunez ask Chief Ayala about this, that she knew it had been going on for some time and Ms. Osorio stated two years.

Chief Ayala stated that concerning the criminal mischief to the fence, that had been quite a bit of time ago, he would say maybe five or six months and they had told her what to do and she had never sent the letter, by certified mail, as they advised.

Mayor Nunez ask who she was supposed to send the certified mail too and he stated Mr. Herman.

Chief Ayala stated that they had ask for a copy of the letter and they had never received it, however, it is a civil issue and she need to consult with her attorney but what they are going to do once they receive that letter, they will go to the District Attorney office and present the case because the District Attorney is going to tell us that she needs to send that letter with a copy of the report but he did feel that it was going to end up being a civil issue but they were going to take that extra step, however, he was never presented with anything about vulgar language, he wasn't informed of that and he understands that she says she has these tapes and he would like for her to come to the police department and bring them down there so they could make copies of them and then they could go ahead and put it with the case file and we would know what direction to go with it, he would like to hear those.

Ms. Osorio advised Chief Ayala that his officers had the tapes. Chief Ayala stated that she didn't tell him that when he talked to her. Ms. Osorio stated that he was an officer, he was the Chief (There was more than one person speaking at the same time and the recorder did not pick up all of the statement). Chief Ayala stated that he was just going by what she told him and she could come and see him tomorrow, he would be more than happy to talk to her and he would check on the tape but she said that her family members has those tapes and he would like to hear them.

Mayor Nunez advised that Council Member Lee was the liaison for the Police Department and she thought that he might want to be there and be able to talk to her also and we would try to help her because she knew that she had small children and this had been going on for some time and

something needed to be done and she was sure that if right procedure was followed that the Chief would take care of things.

Larry Schion, 506 Hare Cook Road, Crosby, Texas, stated that Ms. Osorio has called him for a bid to see what was wrong with the fence and he had 30 years of experience in cameras, electronic fences, etc. so he went over today and looked at her house and what he would suggest was that everyone of them go look at her fence and if you see what that man has done to her fence, you would be the same way she is. He stated that he went and looked at it today and the man told him that if he touched his ----- gate that he would call the law on me and I told him to get back on over there and shut up. He stated that he don't play like she plays, he was there to give a bid and he approached him cussing him. He stated that Ms. Rivera was ok, that she tried to calm it but that guy was mouthy and he was lucky that he didn't live next door to him, he would tear that stuff down and throw it on over the fence and dare him, he was tearing up her fence and explained that she had a six foot fence with barb wire, which is a commercial property, and he said he was going to sue her to take the barb wire off the top, it was a commercial piece of property and he knew the grandfather clause, that wire could stay there, that if she put another one up, she might have to take it down but what was there had been approved by the city so under the grandfather clause she was ok. He stated that what was happening was he stuck silver board, half inch plywood, 4x8 sheets all the way up and silver facing her house, pure dam meanness, it was ugly and he told her it was on her fence, to take a board and push it off and tell him to not put it back up, he would do it for her because he was going to do her fence and he was going to take it all down anyhow, it was on her fence, he didn't pay for the fence. He stated Mr. Herman said it wasn't her fence it was the people before her and that he told him that when she bought house, she bought the right to that fence. Mr. Schion stated she was a good lady, her kids were respectful, her husband was nice and her house and yard was clean, it didn't look like everybody else's and he was making her house look like trash and he challenged everyone of them to go take a picture and then come back and then send him a letter to come down here and let him explain to them why he won't take that stuff down. Mr. Schion stated that the Chief needed to go over there and tell him that was her fence and she didn't want it on there to take it down. Mr. Schion advised how the boards were attached to her fence and pushing it down. He stated that the man cussed him and he challenged him to be here tonight but he didn't see him. He stated that it was going to cost \$2700.00 to replace her fence and he shouldn't be putting anything back on it and it shouldn't be a civil matter, it should be an issue for the city because they have rules and guidelines and he is tearing up her property and she wants it off.

Nancy Gosney, 1726 Belin, stated that it was good to see all these streets being fixed in Jacinto City, compliments of Jack Morman's office, she was loving it but she had a problem that they hadn't had any complaints but one, Mr. Ochoa calling Harris County and complaining about his street not being done. She stated that was damaging to our city, that she thought they he should have just allowed them to do whatever and we could have got it out of our budget to do their street that she thought that we needed to not cross wires with Harris county because more than likely they might not come back and help us again by calling them up and getting them out here because your street wasn't done, she didn't appreciate that because she thought it was about our future.

Council Member Ochoa stated that first of all it was not his street, it was a city street and it belongs to the city and all the citizens on that street, not him.

Ms. Gosney stated that was right, this was a gift from Harris County and she thought we should just let them do what they want to do.

Council Member Ochoa stated that they did what they wanted to do.

Ms. Gosney stated that she was just letting him know that she didn't appreciate it. She ask everyone to come out this weekend and support Chris Diaz, who was running for Constable, Precinct 2.

Council Member Diaz stated she had a question and ask Council Member Ochoa if his street was on the list to be done or she guessed the sweet spot that Lon talked about.

Council Member Ochoa stated that he talked to the Mayor about his street and he talked to Kyle about his street and he did that because he was receiving citizen's complaints about streets not being repaired and we talked about other streets too and the next thing he knew, his street was being done and he told Kyle specifically, don't do my street because I'm asking you to do it, I'm not asking you to do my street, I'm asking you to do the worst street in the city and Kyle agreed that his street was a bad street, so he didn't ask Kyle to do his street, he told him he had some complaints of several streets, including Chadwick and he ask him why they were doing the 700 block of Chadwick and not doing the 300, 400 and the 500 block of Chadwick which had been really bad and passed over for years along with other streets that he mentioned to Kyle and Kyle told him he would see what he could do. He stated that his question to Kyle was did he do any other streets besides Chadwick because there was other streets that needed to be done.

Mr. Reed stated that he was not going to comment on anything, he stated that he had nothing to do with this stuff, thank God Harris County is doing this for the citizens and he thinks everyone should run to Commissioner Morman's office and kiss him, that he was not arguing about these streets, they were kind enough to give us these streets, they said that they didn't want to do but two blocks on Chadwick, he didn't say that, ok. He stated this was Harris County's money, that he had enough responsibilities out here without having to deal with their problem or have problems created because that is their project, not his and that was all he had to say.

Council Member Ochoa ask Kyle if any other city official called him about streets.

Kyle stated that he had not heard from any other citizens, other than compliments, except the one on Flaxman question about the water line project.

Council Member Ochoa stated that he told him that he had a lot of complaints about why their streets weren't being done, that was our conversation.

Kyle stated that he never had anyone complain about the streets being done, they had ask questions about why theirs wasn't being done and he told them it was a county project.

Council Member Ochoa stated that he told Kyle, when he called him, that there was a lot of citizens complaining and he agreed there was a lot of citizens complaining and as a city councilman he had the responsibility to contact him.

Kyle stated not to him and he never told him that and he wasn't going to comment anymore about this Harris County project to anybody, this was Harris County's project, thank them for doing this.

Council Member Ochoa stated that he thanked them, that he absolutely thanked them for doing every street. He stated that he was not here to defend himself, a question was ask by one of the citizens here, why did I call Harris County, he stated that he thought he had a right to call Harris County, everyone of these council people had a right to call Harris County when they have a question and he did and he spoke with Jessie Rodriguez and he spoke with a field supervisor who advised him and told him that there were streets in the city that were being done and didn't have to be done, that they would have extra material if they did not do those streets and when he called Kyle, he told him about that and Kyle said well we will see what we can do. He stated that this is a political thing that people are bringing up and he was trying to do a good job for the city and that was the only reason he called to try to get more streets, there were more streets that need to be done and they should be done and Kyle, as director of public works, should be trying to get those streets that do not need to be repaired off the list and put streets that do need to be repaired on the list before this project is over and that is what he had to say.

Council Member Diaz stated but there was a list already done that Harris County made that were bad and needed to be done so basically he was not on the list and that was what she was trying to get.

Council Member Ochoa stated no he was not on the list, that when she says it's not his street, Chadwick, the 300, 400 and 500 blocks were not on the list and they haven't been on the list for ever.

Council Member Diaz stated that she was going to tell them that her dad's street, Norvic, they did all of Norvic except his block and he didn't have a problem with that because he said it looked fine.

Council Member Ochoa stated that was why they didn't do it because it look fine but Chadwick didn't look fine.

Council Member Diaz said that was what she was saying, was his street that bad and he replied that yes, it had been that bad for ten years or more. She stated that what she was saying was that it wasn't determined because it was not on the list.

Mayor Nunez stated that we had an option to change and bring up streets that we felt needed the repair more than others that Mr. Reed and Mr. Squyres could change when she met with Mr. Rodriguez, Lon and Kyle.

Council Member Ochoa stated that he wanted to tell them that it was not his choice for Chadwick and he told Kyle that, don't do Chadwick because I'm asking or telling you that I have complaints about it, do it if you think it needs to be done, that was Kyle's decision. He stated that we are elected offices here to make decisions, if we need to call in the middle of the night and say Kyle we have a problem, we can do that, if we need to call Harris County during normal working hours and ask a question, we can do that, you can do that, don't get on him for doing that, that is his job, he needs to call and find out what is happening in this city, it is not a bad thing it is a good thing and he wished Jack would call tomorrow and say, do we have extra, does your street need to be done. (there were comments from the public that were not picked up by the recorder and Mayor Nunez gavelled down comments) Mr. Ochoa ask if Belin needed to be done, that he would call tomorrow and say that Belin needed to be done, that Nancy Gosney called him.

Mayor Nunez ask them to let her say something, that this was something that the county was doing for us while we are making it seem like we are fighting among ourselves, we can't do that.

Mr. Ochoa stated it was political, it was election time again.

Mayor Nunez stated we need to be appreciative of what is being done without having this kind of discussions because it is the county, it is not the City of Jacinto City paying and she would hate for Mr. Morman to say my God, those council people up there are not happy with what the county is doing for them, we need our streets and it is not costing Jacinto City a penny so lets just make sure that we all please work together and show the County Commissioners that we can work together, that we are doing for Jacinto City, what we are supposed to do as council, mayor, city attorney and city manager, that we can work together for the people of Jacinto City because this benefits, not only us sitting here but also the people of Jacinto City which are the ones, they are our boss, they elected us, she stated the people at this council table was not her boss, they were, so lets just remember that we don't want the county to hear that we are bickering and fighting among ourselves over something the county is paying for, 1.5 million already spent. She ask that we just work together that they had a little piece of information asking you to call Kyle Reed or Mr. Morman's office and the guys that are working out on the street will be more than happy to hear you. She stated that she had complaints and she went and talked to them, a supervisor came out and she told him that people had complained about this and that and they were very appreciative that you are bringing this to their attention. She stated that all she was asking was that we please, please work together.

Council Member Ochoa stated that again, all he wanted to stress to the citizens and the people listening here and the people who are going out and talking about Chadwick, that Chadwick was not the only street that got done that was not on the list originally, Verano was not on the list originally, Siesta was not on the list from what he understood. (Council Member Ochoa was interrupted)

Council Member Garcia ask to make a correction, stating that she had a copy of the original map that was sent last month, she has it highlighted and that was on the original plan and as a matter of fact S. Lacrosse, N. Oswego, S. Oswego, Dacus, Muscatine and parts of Chadwick and Chazen were not included and she had been on the project, her director was Kyle Reed so she was in constant contact with him, just the same way with Ms. Osorio, even though that was not her department and out of respect, she had involved Reverend Lee because that was his department, and same thing, this was Street Department and she didn't know if Mario was made aware, this was his department and she just meant that she was asking as a fellow councilman, that we were all responsible for the city but whoever is over a certain department, out of respect, it would be nice to talk to that councilman and involve them, that is a form of communication and she didn't know if Mario was made aware or not.

Council Member Gonzales stated that he actually sat in on the meeting with Harris County and Lon and they actually went over the map that they had proposed to do and we agreed that there were some streets that needed it more than others and they went and re-valuated and the actually went and put them on the map so we knew going in that not all the streets were going to be done and at that point we realized that we were not going to make everybody happy, some people were going to complain. Being that this was a good jester by Harris County, at no cost to us, we allowed it and he thought that most citizens benefited from it but not all of us and of course some of us were going to get mad but you know we still have time to fix the ones that didn't get included and that was their intent to try to make it better.

Council Member Garcia stated that some streets like, Ana had just mentioned, and like Lon did in his presentation, he explained that some streets had to be removed because there were worse streets than others, that was clearly explained in the presentation, she understood that and like she said, there were several streets, there wasn't just one street, it wasn't just Chadwick that had been added after the original plan.

Council Member Ochoa ask if he could finish his statement and stated again that he had spoke with the Mayor and Kyle just to see where the project was going and in talking to Kyle, he told him out of his two lips that there were extra streets being done and I told him that was great, do the ones that need to be done and that was what he was for. He stated that if you have extra material do more streets that need to be done, do not do the streets like they mentioned here, they took off Burman and they took off Wiggins, that is extra material that needed to go somewhere (he was interrupted and he ask that he be allowed to finish) and it went first, according to Kyle, to Verano, Muscatine and to a few other streets that he mentioned and he had the list and so it wasn't just Chadwick, it was other streets and we all appreciate it and we all appreciate what Harris County has done.

Council Member Garcia stated that part of Palestine as also taken off from what she was looking at.

Councilman Ochoa stated that hopefully they will do some more before it is all over, they will take some more streets off and they will put it where it needs to be done and anyone here in city council chambers tonight, if your street is bad and you see that they are working on some other

street that doesn't need to be worked on, report it to us, that he would be a champion for them and go talk to Mr. Jack Rodriguez and he would also talk to Kyle. He stated that Kyle ask him to ride with him and he said he would be happy to do that if he had time. He stated that we have to work together that we don't want to accuse me or accuse Carmela because Verano or Siesta is not getting done, we are trying to get the streets done, we are going to look at Mr. Nino's street to see if we can get it done, that is the point here.

There was general discussion on the street subject that was not picked up by the recording system.

Council Member Ochoa stated well that is where Kyle should have took it, he ask him to take it where it needs to be and he didn't know what streets he took it to but he was pretty sure that those people who got it were appreciative.

Donna Dailey, 1701 Chazen Dr., stated that the street that she wanted to talk to them about was Horatio Dr., that in the past 60 days there had been two accidents there because they have been taking that curve so fast and ask if there was any way they could get some speed bumps or something up there because they were going crazy over there. She stated that one car flipped complete over and took off again and this had all happened in the past 60 day and if you drive down Horatio, coming from Jennifer, you can see the tracks in the peoples yards so it was kind of bad and she would like for them to take a look at Horatio. She stated that she would also like to say that she appreciated everything that Harris County is doing for us, it is a gift and somebody said you don't look a gift horse in the mouth and you don't question them, you just say thank you and so she says thank you to Harris County for whatever they do, where ever they do it.

Jimmy J. Rivas, 1301 Horatio, advised that he was running for City Council Position 1, that his family and he had lived in Jacinto city for about 23 years, his wife's name was Shelly Parrot Rivas and they had two kids, Jimmy Jr. who was 22 and daughter Jenna who was 18 and they had both graduated from Galena Park and he and his wife both attended Galena Park. He stated that he was currently employed with Kender Morgan Pipeline and had been with them for ten years, that he was a team worker and he looked forward to working with the citizens, city employees and council members. He stated that his mission was to provide the citizens with new energy, great prespective and some fresh ideas, he thanked them and again stated that his name was Jimmy (JJ) Rivas.

Mayor Nunez adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,



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City Secretary