

COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2011, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, March 10, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Claudio Ochoa, Rachel Nunez, Jose Ramon, Christopher Ochoa and Mario 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 Nunez and seconded by Council Member Christopher Ochoa to approve the minutes as presented. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Captain Demont advised that Chief Ayala was on vacation and all was going well at the police department.

Councilman Ramon ask Captain Demont what the estimated time of completion on the storage container was and he advised that it should be completed within the next month.

Chief Squyres advised that all was fine on the fire and EMS side. He reported on the TDRA Grant, explaining the process and that TDRA was no longer handling the grant and had hired HNTB, which had hired all the people from TDRA so the process would remain the same for the most part, we had ask them what this change was going do to us, was it going to delay us and we had ask to have a meeting with them, which they didn't really want to do, because they didn't know all the changes yet and still didn't, but after a lot of insistence they called and said they would stop by and visit with us and this report was based on that conversation. They said the day to day operation would stay pretty much the same, nothing was going to change and the school he and Ms. Raines went too would still apply, all the forms, etc. so that was good, he stated that the only negative that we heard was the environmental work, because every project that is in environmental review is still four to five months out and that would mean four to five months before we could do anything so we kicked, screamed and hollered and the one gentlemen that was there, who still worked for the TDRA, the liason between TDRA and the new company, said that can't do that because we literally called the environmental guy on the phone during our meeting and he was the one that said four or five months, so at that point, the TDRA guy said he thought we could limit them to three months, put a cap on it, so they are going to try to do that and we were going to going to have a plan B which basically says that everything is moving forward and as soon as we are ready, from our vantage point, to go out for bids on it, we are going to approach the Council and say can we go out for bids on this even though we don't have the environmental review, TDRA has told us we can go out for bids, receive the bid and then table it, make our decision and the moment we have the review, we can award the bid and by doing this, we could probably shave about six weeks off the project, so we were looking for every way we could to shorten this process, especially on the large water project.

He stated the other things he need to discuss was the Gateway Project, there was a little problem, that we were originally told it would be in the County easement right-a -way and now we are told

It is in the TxDOT right-a-way and it was getting a little more complex. TxDOT had put out standard on the Gateway Projects so if it has the letters JC on it, it has to go to Austin for review, which could take an extra two months so we were waiting on a ruling from them as to whether or not we could build it without the JC on it and have public works attach the JC afterwards and they were going to give us a written reply as to whether we could do that or not. He stated that the one on Holland didn't need that approval because nobody had told us it was in the right-a-way and we were told they would probably be getting started this month on that and we were hoping that meant breaking ground on it but we haven't see that happen and we are corresponding with them to get an explanation but he did talk to Chris McBride, the guy who designed it, and he was advised they were already working on the machine part of it so even though we don't see anything, the construction has begun.

Councilman Claudio Ochoa thanked Lon for giving us an update on this.

Kyle Reed, Public Works Director, stated that he has an item on the agenda for a pipe bursting project but he would like to say that he thought we were going to have an early mosquito season and probably next week they would start running the mosquito truck, that he had gotten some complaints and he know they are out there, they were waiting for the medicine and as soon as they receive it, they will start spraying. He stated they have been having some bad water leaks and he ask that if the citizens see one please call, they repair 24/7, that water conservation was very important and they need to get them repaired as quickly as possible.

Mayor Diaz stated that he was ask a question the other day by a citizen that lives over off siesta, which was another runway, if there was any way we could get some speed bumps over there.

Mr. Reed stated that we could put speed bumps anywhere the citizens wanted them but they normally went through the police department because of the traffic study, just like they did on Munn, if the police department approves it, they will go talk to Mr. Maner and would be glad to put them anywhere.

Councilman Gonzalez stated the he and Kyle had talked about the sidewalk repairs at Jacinto City Elementary and the problem they are having with people parking on the sidewalks and he guessed what he was asking was did he have any new information, that he knew we had about two months of school left and that they wanted to do this during the end of the school year because of safety issues and ask what they had to do, put in on the agenda for council approval. Mr. Reed stated that he had actually talked to our engineers about it, that the sidewalk was very necessary and we had talked about it a couple of meetings ago, that was a bad sport, that the fire chief and police chief could vouch for that, that he had some very basic numbers, that we needed to get our engineers involved and it needed to be put on the agenda for council approval and he had suggested that we need to do it at the end of the school year and to get that project done that quick, we needed to have it on the agenda, that he could get some paper work to the council before the next meeting and we would have to authorize our engineers to draw up some plans and specs and the project wouldn't take that long.

Kim Bellotte, Parks and Recreation Director, stated that she was sure they had all gone around the ball fields over here on Muscatine, Challenger Seven and also in Smith Park and as she reported last meeting, Kyle's guys had been working very hard for all the upgrades. She stated she wanted to make a note on a joint project between the city and the ball league, that was to do cement work Under the bleachers at Wilkie Park, Bernard Valdez, Martin Valdez, the President and Vice President of the league and all the volunteers who had worked very hard along with the city workers to get this project done and she wanted to thank everyone who participated in that project. She stated they put up a new gate at Smith Park and repaired the old gate and everything had been painted down there as well and it looked really nice and hopefully it will be better for the police department when they close up down there at night and help with preventing some of the vandalism. She stated the baseball and softball leagues were preparing for the opening day on March 26th, they were having a parade along with opening day, the league has invited everyone out and will be having fund raising activities all during the day and if anyone wants to volunteer to coach, they still have room.

Mayor Diaz ask how many teams we had this year and Ms. Bellotte advised that the softball leagues turned in 152 kids and she had not received the final report for baseball league, they had just finished their try outs and were trying to get all their paperwork together, but they had three four year old teams and five to six t-ball teams and are looking for another coach and she hadn't got a report on the older guys but the baseball league was bursting at the seams this year, the only problem they had was not enough practice fields.

Cindy Miller, Heritage Hall Director, reported that Chief Ayala, Detective Walker and Detective Silva came down on the 28th and talked to the seniors about safety and it was a very good program, and they wanted to try doing that once a month. She stated that yesterday, Councilwoman Nunez took all the seniors that helped with stuffing the stocking for Santa on the Fire Truck to lunch at Rio Grande and they really enjoyed it. Cindy report that Albert, the meal delivery driver was out ill and she wanted to thank Kim and Kyle for their help with meal delivery Etc., that a lot of homebound seniors would not have gotten their meals without everyone helping out, that she had very good co-workers and she really appreciated them helping out, to just call when they needed her and she would be there.

Councilwoman Nunez stated that was what we called working together.

Mayor Diaz ask Cindy how our new part time employees were working out? Cindy stated so far so good that everyone need to come by and meet them.

Mayor Diaz stated that he would like to recognize one of our long time city employees, Bernard Perez, that Bernardo lost his father a couple of weeks ago and ask everyone to keep the family in their Prayers. The Mayor recognized Marquez McMillan, who works with the engineers for the Port Authority.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Diaz stated that under the Mayor's Report everything was going well and again he would like to thank all our Department Heads and City Council for working together and all the citizens that come out and participate in the programs that we do have and he would like to say that our city is probably one of the cities that is in excellent financial shape and that is because we do work together and we do cross train and he would like to see that continue in the future.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Maner stated that everything was going well and he would like to report back to the council and the public that we went over the bids that were received for the HVAC work down at Town Center and that we did find that the low bid from Beyond Controls did meet all the specifications and are qualified and so pursuant to the council's orders, we have gone ahead today and given them a go to work order and they should be starting very soon and it was not going to be a long project.

Councilwoman Nunez advised Mayor Diaz that he forgot to mention on his Mayor's Report what he made it possible for them to do on Friday for over 250 kids to get school supplies.

Mayor Diaz advised that he received some school supplies from Fiesta, over 250 packages, and Friday, himself, his wife Ana, Park and Recreation's Kim Bellotte and Councilwoman Nunez gave these school supplies out to children in our community and this will help take the burden off the parents as far as buying school supplies for next year and also the grandparents, but anything the businesses do for us we really appreciate it and we like to go out and give our children that chance, we want to plant that seed and give them that chance just like people did for us and he can appreciate that and thanked Councilwoman Nunez for reminding him.

Councilwoman Nunez stated the people were very appreciative, that those packages were worth \$45.00 so for us to be able to give that many packages out we wanted to thank him personally for doing that.

Councilman Ramon stated that he had a question for the City Manager, that on this list the police officers were going around issuing citations to the citizens, he would like to know who initiated that and City Manager Maner replied that we have a dangerous building taskforce that consists of Lon Squyres, Kim Bellotte, Kyle Reed and Chief Ayala and he thought that was a result of them just driving the city and getting those addresses and he asked the Chief if that was correct.

Chief Squyres stated that if that was the same list that he asked him for.

Councilman Ramon stated it was an updated one where citations had already been given to the citizens and his concern was that there were a lot of properties that were not addressed and they were in violation and he got about five different calls from citizens that there was some selected enforcement going on and he just wanted to know.

City Manager Maner advised that as with anything else, people miss things, there are speeders in the city, the police don't catch them all so him or any citizen in the city that wants to report we are always open for reports about any property that is a problem.

Councilman Ramon stated he had a couple of properties that were brought to him by citizens.

Chief Squyres stated that if he might, that he was getting an ear full over here as Captain Demont is telling him that it is not necessarily the same list that they submitted, that a couple of council members ask about that after the last council meeting, and he thinks this is a combination of any complaints that come through city hall or basically anywhere that the code enforcement officer goes out and gets and does a referral to the police department, so there is no one list, it is a revolving list of the homes or properties that get referred to the police department that he has and Officer Demont had the same list.

Councilman Ramon stated ok so the different addresses here were called to him by citizens.

Chief Squyres advised that he could bring it to city hall and the code enforcement officer takes first pass at them, he will normally put a door knocker on it, if that can resolve it, we try to do it at that level, if that can't resolve it then it gets a police department referral.

Councilman Ramon stated that one of these properties, we know it, because it has been on the list, it was pointed out by us to the dangerous building.

Chief Squyres ask him to just bring it to us and we would run it through city hall, through the code enforcement and if that doesn't resolve it, it would probably be on that same list by next time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

City Manager Maner opened and read the following bids received on sewer line rehabilitation by pipe burst method on various blocks on the north side of Market Street.

T-Construction, LLC	\$143,980.00
PM Construction	\$144,412.00
Lopez Utility Contractor	\$158,200.00
Horseshoe Construction	\$148,050.00

City Manager Maner stated that what he would request was that the council allow our engineers, Kyle Reed and himself to go over these bids and award it to the low bidder meeting specification.

A motion was made by Councilman Christopher Ochoa and seconded by Councilman Mario Gonzalez to allow the engineers, Kyle Reed, City Manager Maner and City Attorney DeFoyd to review the bids and award the bid to the low bidder meeting specifications. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

Councilman Ramon stated that he had a question for Mr. Reed and ask if the contractors bidding on the pipe bursting normally provide their own heavy equipment. Mr. Reed stated they provided everything and Councilman Ramon stated so they don't use any city equipment whatsoever.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Diaz advised that he was going to mover Item No. 6 up to the top of the agenda at this time.

6. Andrea Kubiak stated that she was the owner of Wellcare Family Medical Clinic and they had been in the city for three years and a lot of people didn't know they were at that location because there was about seven doctor's offices before you got to theirs. She advised that they were open seven days a week and they were offering a \$20.00 office visit right now and normally their office visits were only \$40.00. She advised that all their workers were bilingual at the clinic, that they see children 6 months and up and usually there is no wait time to get in and the best time to get in was lunch time and they do everything there but xrays, for that they would send you right down the street to Eastside Imaging. She advised that in addition to the \$20.00 office visit they were also offering a \$20.00 lab workup. They would like to get people to come in and check out their facility, they were a walk in facility, they didn't take appointments and were there on Mondays and Tuesdays until 6:00 p.m., Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m and Sunday 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m... She stated they had a family owned business which included Redi-Med Pharmacy and introduced her partner Sherry and stated the pharmacy was located in Baytown, Texas, but your Doctor could call or fax the prescriptions in and they would deliver them to your home that very same day, if they would out of the medication, they would have it the next day. She explained what they offered and prices and that they did medication packaging at no charge as long as all your subscriptions were with them.

There was general discussion and questions.

Councilman Ramon thanked them for investing in our community, stating that he was familiar with their business, he saw it when it was a laundry mat and she had invested a lot of money in it and thanked her for having faith in our community and hoped that we could get more people like her in our city.

Mayor Diaz stated that one thing he would like to do was welcome our new business and he had mentioned to them that maybe they could get involved with the Chamber of Commerce and maybe we could participate in some kind of ribbon cutting for the new business and he felt sure the city officials would like to be involved and make it a big event. He stated that he didn't know many doctor's offices that were open on Sunday but one weekend they were out of town and his son has a minor accident, they were coming home and saw her office open and they stopped by and they checked him out, did x-rays and that saved us having to go to the emergency room and they do a really good job and we thank them for that.

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1. City Attorney DeFoyd read Resolution No. 2011-2R setting the general city election for Mayor and two Council Positions for May 14, 2011, stating that the council would need to fill in the judge and alternate for each precinct.

Mayor Diaz advised that what we have done in the past is appoint our Harris County Precinct Chair for Precinct No. 163 and 229 and the reason is because they have all the required training that it takes to execute the paper work and opening and closing the poles and he stated that the Precinct Judge for 163 was Mr. Wayne Nichols and for Precinct No. 229, he understood that Ms. Rose Springs had retired and the county had appointed Scott Dowlearn and he ask if we had alternates and was advised that the alternate for 163 was Rayetta Weathers and that Reverend Lee has helped with the election a number of time.

Councilwoman Nunez made a motion seconded by Councilman Claudio Ochoa that we approve Resolution 2011-2R setting the general election for May 14 2011 to appoint Wayne Nichols as Precinct Judge for Precinct 163 and Rayetta Weathers as the alternate and Scott Dowlearn as Precinct Judge for Precinct 229 with Reverend Lee as the alternate.

Councilman Ramon stated that he would like to make a comment, that out of two precincts we didn't have a single Hispanic judge or alternate judge and he thought the city ought to do something about it in a city that was 90% hispanic that we needed to make an effort because there had been a lot of problems involving the election misunderstanding about the Hispanic community what to do and not to do so it was only fair that the council needed to think about that.

Mayor Diaz ask if the council had any recommendations. Councilman Ramon said to table it and Mayor Diaz was advised that there was a motion on the floor and they had to vote on it and that tomorrow was the last day to call the election.

Councilwoman Nunez ask Mr. Wayne Nichols if he didn't normally have Hispanic speaking clerks to help him with the elections because he normally comes to her and ask for recommendations for clerks. Mr. Nichols advised that yes he did.

Councilman Ramon stated that he didn't think it was unreasonable for him to ask to have at least an alternate judge that was bilingual that he had a lot of problems in the past as far as pole watchers and we needed to move into the 21st century, we have 90% Hispanic community and their needs are not being addressed by this city.

Mayor Diaz stated that we need to see if we could get them set up to go through the training for next year. Councilman Ramon stated that he agreed.

Mr. Wayne Nichols stated that anyone he was willing to recommend that wanted to go through the classes, he was willing to give them a try because it was hard trying to get someone to come in and work for 12 to 14 hours on that day.

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Councilman Christopher Ochoa stated that Cindy Miller had just pointed out that Scott Dowlearn was bilingual. Mayor Diaz and Councilman Christopher Ochoa stated that maybe we could get some people involved as helpers.

City Manager Maner stated that what he would suggest was if they knew some people who would be interested in doing this, have them contact the Precinct Judges, Mr. Dowlearn and Mr. Nichols and volunteer so that next year they can take the training, he was sure they could use the help.

Councilman Claudio Ochoa ask if they could take the training and be ready for election day, that they said next year.

City Secretary Raines advised that we always have to have Hispanic clerks there and we do have a class that we teach here, the county come out, but basically what they do is just teach how the machines are operated and all and then we have our own class where we teach them from the videos that we get from the Secretary of State's office on how to qualify the voters and how to handle the paper work that we have to handle but I think the country requires them to go to the county classes for the precinct chairs and Mr. Nichols replied that was correct.

Mr. Nichols stated that as he said earlier, to give him the names of anyone interested and he would be happy to talk to them.

Councilman Ramon stated that he was referring to the administration, that we needed to make an effort to train these people and get involved and not being the same old people who had been doing it for 20 or 30 years.

Councilwoman Nunez stated that she would have to correct him on that, that she had been alternate judge with Mr. Wayne Nichols many time before she became a council person.

Councilman Ramon stated he knew she had been a council person for 10 years, Ms. Nunez stated She said alternate judge. Councilman Ramon stated he understood what she said and she had been on council for 10 years and she should have seen the need for this a while back. Councilwoman Nunez stated she let the presiding judge decide and she helped them get Spanish speaking people to help on the election, that every time we have an election she has people come and talk with Mr. Nichols and half of the time they don't even show up on election day and we have to be running around looking for people. Councilman Ramon stated that we need to advertise and get the people involved, that was all he was saying.

Mr. Nichols ask Councilman Ramon if he would like for them to ask for a resume and he stated no, just get different people in the community involved, he just hates the fact that the same people do it over and over, that he had problems in his election and that was why he brought it up.

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Mayor Diaz ask the council if they agreed on the Precinct Judges and Councilman Claudio Ochoa stated that we did agree on the Precinct Judges but his understanding was that we could recommend someone to be in there to help with the clerks.

Vote: 5 For 0 Against

Councilman Ramon corrected the Mayor, stated that he didn't vote for that.

Mayor Diaz corrected the vote. Vote: 4 For 1 Against (Councilman Ramon)

2. City Attorney DeFoyd read Resolution 2011-3R establishing the Early Voting Ballot Board for the May 14, 2011 election, stating that the names of the board would need to be filled in.

City Secretary Raines advised that we normally use the Presiding Judge from each precinct and they bring one or two of their clerks with them.

Mayor Diaz stating Presiding Judge Wayne Nichols and Scott Dowlearn and Reverend Lee.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Nunez and seconded by Councilman Christopher Ochoa to approve Resolution 2011-3R establishing the Early voting Ballot Board for the May 14, 2011 election. Vote: 4 For 1 Against (Councilman Ramon)

Mayor Diaz stated that he was going to move down to Item No. 7, Police Department to present 2010 Racial Profiling Report.

Captain Demont stated that at the same time each year they were required to submit the Racial Profiling Report and we were consistent every year in the way we do our business, we have had no complaints against our officer for racial profiling, no internal affairs, etc., it was a good report, that Chief Ayala ran a good department. He stated the report was public record, there was a copy at city hall and the Mayor and Council had copies as well and the public was free to review it and if anyone had any questions, they could contact him or Chief Ayala.

3. Nancy Gosney, 1726 Belin, stated that the last couple of months she had met a lot of unique people from La Marque, Texas to Cleveland, Texas to Boise City to Baytown, that these people are doing recalls just like us and it was amazing, each city has had the same problem we have had, councilmen don't understand their charters and they don't understand the government. Each one of the cities, including us, went to court, La Marque had to go to court, Cleveland had to go to court and it all went back to the people, the people govern the city, She stated it was quite amazing the experience she has had, especially the one in La Marque, that she actually went to the hearing and the Mayor they were recalling had the same exact speech that Jose Ramon had, that she was just appalled in the court room, that she didn't know who he got his speech from, but she had the same speech that day. Ms. Gosney stated that Cleveland's recall, they had hired Sheila Jackson's attorney, some State Representative and they didn't understand the law either, Cleveland got their recall, they were doing the same thing, it was all about the people. She stated that
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Baytown had the best provision there is, they can recall a councilman if they don't like the way vote, we need to have that put in our charter because if we have a reckless council, we definitely want to be able to recall him, that was the best provision she had ever seen in a charter, matter of fact, Baytown had no problems getting a recall done, a 5 -0, no court dates, nothing and she

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would definitely like to see that in our charter change because that could become a complication in the future.

Ms. Gosney stated that as far as what Mr. Ramon was talking about, the Spanish speaking, this city has always had bilingual people available for those who don't speak English. She stated that one of the things she had found and she thought Carmela would agree with her on this and probably everybody else who was on the recall committee, the majority of the people in Jacinto City speak English, we have very few, we do have illegals here, we ran across them, we spoke to them and welcomed them to our neighborhood but the majority of the people speak English and our city provides for everybody across the board, we are equal opportunity, it is amazing but to sit here and listen to this tonight, and as a matter of fact, Mr. Nichols has invited several of our neighbors, that we have a neighbor who complains about everything in the city, and he has ask her to help him many times in these elections because she is bilingual and she won't help him, so it is the people, not the administration of the city that is the problem, it is the people that don't want to get involved.

Ms. Gosney stated that all these ordinances she is hearing, all these properties that have problems that were turned in on this list that has been brought forth in the council meeting, that she saw Mr. Wooten's complaint, that he had shown it to her last week, they are complaints and she doesn't understand why we can't work together as a city, all they are doing is door knockers to try to get people to clean up the city, she stated that she just doesn't get why councilmen want to file complaints on people, that we are one community that needs to come together. She stated that one of the things she liked about Ms. Nunez was that she had never seen her, in 11 years now, file a complaint or heard her file charges on anyone in this city, employees or citizens, she works for the people, that was what the council was, liaisons for the people and to work with the employees and until she see each one of the councilmen work with these employees that we have, that do great jobs for us, and work with them and the citizens, she wasn't going to shut up, she would be on every agenda talking to them because this was important, we were supposed to be a community that comes together and we are not, that we have to come together, that was why they were doing the recall, these complaints. She stated to Mr. Ramon that they had never complained about the trailer on his property being rented out and if she was not mistaken, that was against the ordinance.

Councilman Ramon stated no it wasn't and Ms. Gosney ask if he had gotten a variance for that.

Mr. Ramon stated that he would let the official explain to her but it was not against the ordinance.

Ms. Gosney stated it was not zoned for that and being on the Zoning Board, she had notice that but never had said anything to him but she hears all these complaints from him. Councilman Ramon stated that he welcomed her to file anything but it was not, Ms. Gosney stated that she wasn't going to file anything, she was just asking questions. Councilman Ramon stated if she could,

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she would have filed. Ms. Gosney stated no she wasn't that way or she would have filed charges that night he assaulted her, she didn't file charges on him. Councilman Ramon stated that he had never assaulted anybody for the record.

Mayor Diaz gaveled the conversation down.

Councilman Claudio Ochoa stated again this city council meeting was turning into verbal attacks, both from each side and he didn't think it was city business and he would ask the Mayor to please tone it down.

Mayor Diaz ask Ms. Gosney if she had anything else she wanted to say.

Ms. Gosney stated she was discussing what we were talking about here, all these complaints and stuff, she was addressing what had been addressed in this council meeting and she was not complaining about that.

Mayor Diaz advised her to go ahead, that she had a right to. Ms. Gosney stated that she knew she did, that she had her 10 minutes and her 1st amendment right and she was asking questions.

Councilman Ramon advised the mayor that we were in violation of the city charter, Article 5, Section 15 and he read from the charter “the city council shall hold at least two regular meetings each month and as many additional meetings it deems necessary to transact the business of the city” he stated he didn’t see how the business of La Marque and he didn’t see how the business of Cleveland is any of our business, we were violating the charter mayor just for the record.

Councilman Claudio Ochoa stated that just for the record also, he didn’t see that his trailer is part of city business also, he understood that trailer had been there a long time.

Mayor Diaz stated that tonight she had something that she was going to say, and she was going to get it out and anyone could comment on it.

Councilman Ramon stated that what they were telling him was she was violating the city charter because this was not city business.

Ms. Gosney stated she was not an elected official. Mayor Diaz advised her to go ahead and finish up what she was going to say and if the council would like to make a comment, they were welcomed to.

Ms. Gosney stated she was addressing what had been addressed with our police department, our task force, with our councilmen, that is all she is doing, just addressing those issues and she thinks she is entitled to do that if she wasn’t mistaken and talking about recalls, she thinks she has the right to talk about recalls, we are in a recall here in Jacinto City for Mr. Ramon, Position No. 3, that was city business, was she wrong or right. Mr. Ramon stated he believed that was in the courts.

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Mayor Diaz advised her to just go ahead and finish her business, if they would like to make a comment, let them make the comment and we would move on.

Mr. Gosney stated that she wanted to address the people that work for our city and as long as she see the councilmen not working with our city employees and not coming together as a community,

She would be up here speaking every council, she stated that she cares about her city, she cares about people, her neighbors and everybody that lives here and she thinks it is very important factor here that we come together.

Councilman Christopher Ochoa stated that he would just like to ask the city employees, and he ask Captain Demont if they had worked together before, had they conversed and he stated they had, he ask Chief Squyres if they had conversed and worked together on several issues in the city, water projects, loans, grants etc. and he replied yes, he ask Bernardo Perez if he had been out to the barn before and spoken to him and worked with him in the city, he addressed Mr. Kyle Reed if he had worked with him and rode along with him and discussed issues that are in our community that our citizens faced and they advised that he had. He ask Ms. Bellotte had he done the same with her in different projects and ask Ms. Cindy Miller if he had worked with her and they replied that he had. Councilman Christopher Ochoa stated that what he would like to say Ms. Gosney, was that she was labeling this council as a council that does not interact with our city directors, our city department heads, our city administration. He ask Mr. Maner if he had come into his office and ask him questions and corresponded with him through e-mails and he replied yes sir. He ask city Secretary Joyce Raines had his consistently responded to her in e-mails and worked with her and inquired about things and she replied that he had and he ask Mr. DeFoyd the same question.

Ms. Gosney advised Mr. Ochoa that she had one question for him, had he gone down there to the water department and taken a tour, a full length tour since the time that she ask everyone of the councilmen if they had taken a tour. Councilman Christopher Ochoa stated sure and the Mr. Reed could answer that. Ms. Gosney ask if Mr. Reed remembered back in August when they ask if they had taken a tour of our water department, had they done that yet. Mr. Reed stated that he didn't like to be put on the spot like this, that he would tell her that there were two council people up there that had toured the public works department but he didn't like to be put on the spot like this. He stated that there was three of them that had not done the tour of the projects that he thinks she is speaking of, however if he could finish, they know what they have and haven't done and to directly answer your question, with the exception of two, no. Ms. Gosney thanked Mr. Reed.

Councilman Christopher Ochoa stated that he agreed with Mr. Reed, that he hated to be put on the spot, but he was an elected official and he feels that it is necessary to let the public know that he, for one, as a councilman was doing his job and the perception is that the council, as a whole, Isn't doing their job and he just wanted to set the record straight because there are council people who do care for this city, that do feel that this is pretty much our city that we have control over that we can make a better place up here and that is what we are destined to do as city council members so I don't think that is the type of comments that Ms. Gosney is making is something that

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is really necessary, you can call me on the phone if you feel like he is not doing his job as a representative.

Ms. Gosney advised Councilman Christopher Ochoa that she really wasn't talking about him. He stated that he feels that she was just classifying this whole council because she keeps saying those phrases, the council up here should be working and until the council interacts with the department heads she was going to continue speaking up here, so if she wasn't, he apologizes but he felt like she was talking about the council as a whole. Ms. Gosney stated she just said the council, she didn't point anyone out here. Councilman Ochoa stated that she had pointed out people in the past and all he was saying was that she had addressed, as well as other people have addressed positions up here

so please be specific if you are going to be pointing people out because this didn't even have to be mentioned if she did that.

Councilman Claudio Ochoa ask Ms. Gosney if he could ask her if he was one of the council persons she was talking about, could she express that and she stated yes it was him. Councilman Ochoa ask what in particular was she speaking of when she says he is not doing. Ms. Gosney stated that it was two council meeting ago, the way he addressed our city employees in a council meeting, that she just didn't appreciate it and felt like it was out of place so therefore she would speak up about it because to her, these are her people. Councilman Ochoa stated that she had her right to feel how she felt and he appreciated she was expressing she didn't like it, that she had that right, but to come up here and say that I'm not doing my job, that is not correct, this is the public forum where he can address everyone one of these departments heads like she addresses everyone of these city council persons, so it was not out of order for him to do that so just because she doesn't like it doesn't mean it is wrong. Ms. Gosney stated well she could speak about it as much as she liked too. Councilman Ochoa stated yes she could, he just wanted to set the record straight. Ms. Gosney stated that she would get off the agenda when she see it, that she saw Ms. Nunez praising everybody up here and she had heard nothing but good everything that had been spoken and until she see everyone being treated that way in the city they would be hearing from her. Councilman Ochoa stated that he did not have to prove anything to her, that he had talked to each one of these employees and when he was talking to them two week ago, he said thank you for the information, he talked to Kim last night and he thanked her for all the good work that she had done, but did he have to get her cell number and call her every time to them so that she would be satisfied and she replied no.

Mayor Diaz stated that we were going to have to move on.

Councilman Claudio Ochoa stated that he thought that she was just inciting people.

4. Mr. Larry Schion stated that he thought he would pick up where she left off and ask how many of them had been to the barn, to please raise their hand. Mayor Diaz ask what was the barn, Mr. Schion stated went through the water department and went through the tour like they should, that she didn't ask that, he would ask in a different way, either they had or hadn't, that if she meant that one way, she didn't know, he would ask it another way. He stated that if he ask them

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if they had taken the tour like she ask, how many of them had been there, so that let the people know which ones had or hadn't so that settled that.

Mayor Diaz stated that just for the record, anyone that wanted to take a tour through the barn, you are tax payers so you are welcome too.

Mr. Schion stated that he had and it wasn't anything exciting, that it was just a big barn where they keep equipment. Councilman Claudio Ochoa stated that he understood and he had not taken the tour. Mr. Schion stated that he thought just to keep everybody from gripping, he should. Mr. Ochoa replied ok, he agreed with him now. Councilman Ramon stated that he hadn't taken the tour either and he didn't think it was going to make him any better or worse councilman whether he takes it or

not. Mr. Schion stated that the more you know about the city the better off you are. He had been here 45 year and he knew a lot about it, but anyhow, on the recall (Councilman Ochoa stated that he promised he would go take the tour and Mr. Schion replied he believed him and he recalled an incident of seeing Ms. Nunez out in the rain with a bag on her head looking at a Job site and it made him respect her even more because he doesn't really see that many people out in the rain watching how they are doing a job and this had been many years ago but he still remembered it because of the sack on her head and that was his point, that it might not have needed to be said, but it did impress him and also Ms. Nunez was running for Mayor and he wouldn't vote for anyone else, she had his vote and all his backing and she would be the best Mayor, he thinks, Jacinto City ever had. He stated that most of the council up there was good people, Mr. Ochoa he had know for a long time and Ms. Nunez for a long time and most of them up here he had know for a long time and he could deal with all of them up there, it was the negativity of Position 3, the way he talks to people, it was the attitude, you ask for a vote, everybody votes but he had rather not vote and with the Hispanics, he went twice to the poles, he got there at 5:00 a.m. in the morning and he left at 9:00 p.m. at night, he didn't know how many hours that was but it was for no pay, he did it because he lived in the city and he didn't live in the city but he would tell you that every time he went to the pole and he voted every year when he lived here, and he hadn't never seen anyone leave out of there that didn't get to cast their vote, the vote machines are in English and Spanish and you choose your language and they do have people there available, Mr. Ramon throws that up but you know Jacinto city is 90% so why don't all of them up there hit the doors and start finding four or five of them and say we have you ready so the next time we don't have to bring it up, it isn't a racial thing. Mr. Schion stated he didn't think this recall was that big of a deal, it shouldn't have had to go all the way to court like Ms. Gosney was saying but nevertheless, that was \$5,000.00, that was how much it cost to get us to where we are now and with that said, he thinks that Position , 3 and 4, that was their way to vote but it went to the court and the court said yes it should be recalled because the people did what they needed to do and with that being said, the 400 people they got, the council should have put it right on through so if we are going to change that charter and if we take things out of that charter so that we can't recall you'll, then you take things away from the people and the very reason they live here and the reason they love this city so much and would like to stand up for them, shake their hand and pat them on the back if they do a good job and if you don't, they need to be able to do the recall and he knew that outside he had two signs and someone in the room told him that he need to take those signs down, that it might start a riot but he had lived here for

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45 years and he had never seen a riot on any occasion, that was just part of the recall, he ask Mr. Ramon to step down so they wouldn't have to and he gave him a chance to answer and he said what part of no don't you understand, that was his answer so that was his answer to no and if you think it is bad now, wait until it gets on into election day and then you are going to see a 1000 of those signs.

Councilman Ramon advised the Mayor that he just wanted to make things clear, that Mr. Schion was not a resident of Jacinto City, he doesn't live here, he owns a home here, like a lot of people but as a council person, he didn't feel like he had to do what a resident of Crosby, Texas tells me to do and he didn't think any city council persons here should be inclined to follow orders from a resident of Crosby, Texas. He thanked Mr. Schion for coming to our city and owning property in our city but he was not a resident of Jacinto city.

5. Mr. H. G. Wooten stated that he would like to ask the Mayor, City Attorney and Position No. 3 what the city ordinance was for him moving his wagons out of his yard. He stated that he would tell them the history on those wagons, that one of them was built to use in the parades here in Jacinto City and the other one was built for Nolan Ryan and he got that wagon, it was a piece of junk, he would go along with that, but he wanted to rebuild the wagon just exactly as it was built for Nolan Ryan and he would like to know if there was an ordinance, and he pretty well knew the ordinances, that covers that. He stated that he would agree, and he got a complaint this week from the police department, opens records, about high grass that needed to be cut and that was true but as far as rodents or anything he didn't think so because there was a lot of cats around there but he got the grass cut and that was a legitimate complaint as far as he was concerned but did they have an ordinance, that he didn't know about, covering wooden wagons in his yard, this was what Mr. Ramon complained to the police department about.

Councilman Ramon stated that he didn't complain about his yard, the police department was giving citations to everybody in the city and one of the citizens called him about different properties including his, which in his case was unhealthy conditions on the premises, which is what they cited two different people in the same block that were not nearly as unhealthy as his and their concern was why was your property not cited and he needed to know and the police was handing out citations and we ask the officer, that is all there was.

Mr. Wooten ask Mr. Ramon if he knew why his grass was not cut and Mr. Ramon replied no sir. Mr. Wooten said he had a lawn mower that was in perfect shape that had a computer on it and he can't get up on it and off of it to cut the grass and he had been trying to get someone to come and cut the grass and finally he found some guy who was on dialysis down here and has one leg and they cut his grass and they are going to do it every two weeks. Mr. Wooten stated that he wanted to apologize to everyone in the city because his grass got a little bit too high but he had been trying to get someone to cut it but he didn't see any city ordinance on those wagons.

Councilman Claudio Ochoa ask to make a comment, stating that he thought that might be considered some type of special vehicle and ask City Manager Maner if he could comment on that.

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City Manager Maner stated not that he was aware of and referred to the City Attorney, who stated that he thought it was just a yard decoration and he didn't see anything wrong with it.

Councilman Ramon stated to answer Mr. Wooten's question, the call that he got from the citizen was that his house was as bad, if not worse, than the people whose house got cited and they were asking why. He stated that he had a list of all the properties, including his house, that were brought to him and his intent was to give it to the officials because he had a concern about selective enforcement of city ordinances, if they are going to cite these people they should cite everybody or they shouldn't do it to anybody. He stated he was not the one that was going to be selecting enforcement of ordinances of the city only to certain people you punish and you don't punish so and so, either you do it or you don't otherwise you are breaking the law.

Mr. Wooten advised Mr. Ramon that he didn't have the authority to enforce it anyway. Mr. Ramon stated no, but he could ask the people that do, like the police and that was all he was doing.

Mr. Wooten stated he would tell him what, that he who lives in a glass house better not cast the first stone. Mr. Ramon stated that he agreed with him and he tells that to everybody in the city. Mr. Wooten stated that he had pretty much left him alone up to now, but he had his picture made with those two signs out front. Mr. Ramon advised Mr. Wooten that he was not going to treat him any different than any other citizen. Mr. Wooten stated that he certainly was. Mr. Ramon called him attention to a list he had where all these people were cited. Mr. Wooten ask who was that, was it the one that signed that thing to kick him out. Councilman Ramon stated no, that was the people that were in violation of city ordinances. Mr. Wooten stated there were a lot of people doing that, he was doing a little bit of it himself, kinda like malfeasance in office, when he should have been taken care of business up here that was the way it looked to him and he would tell him to stop harassing him, if he had a problem, come tell him and he could handle it. Councilman Ramon stated that he was not harassing him, it was not his job to enforce this ordinance and he was not harassing him, all he was telling the police and the city officials is to equally enforce these laws or don't enforce them at all. Mr. Wooten stated that if he had just said his weed were high, he would not have said a word because he knew that was true. Mr. Ramon stated that it was not his place to go to him. Mr. Wooten told Councilman Ramon that he had a nice place up there and he keeps it clean and apparently his wife or somebody cuts his grass and he would have to compliment him on that and ask him if he owned that trailer next door to him. Mr. Ramon replied yes and Mr. Wooten ask how about the tall weeds and grass around it. Councilman Ramon stated that when he rents the property, the lease requires the tenant to maintain the property. Mr. Wooten ask if he wrote him up and Mr. Ramon replied that the city could.

Councilman Mario Gonzales ask the Mayor if we could move on.

Councilman Claudio Ochoa advised Mr. Wooten that if he needed him to help him with anything, cut his yard, etc., he could get a group of young kids to go out there and help him out anytime.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

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Donna Dailey, 1701 Chazen Dr., stated that she hadn't been up here for a while but she did have a comment to make, that she wanted to defend Mr. Wooten just a little bit, that we had a senior citizen who had a lot of health issues and if anybody saw his grass was too high why weren't you over there volunteering, why wait until he gets a citation and then volunteer. She stated you could drive down Munn St. all the time and if you can see something wrong and if you know it is a senior and an unhealthy senior go help them, let's not make a political thing out of it trying to make somebody look bad because he might not be in your corner or something, standup and help them. She stated that one thing she wanted to say about Mr. Ochoa or Christopher, he has helped people in the city and she wanted to commend him for that, but she did agree that we had, at least, a councilman that was very negative and loved to look for what was wrong with this city, well there might be some things wrong with the city but there were a lot of things right about it and she would like to hear more of the positive things, this is why there was a recall, they were tired of this negative thing, that we all need to work together, she stated that she might be an anglo but she never heard of being called an anglo in town, she was called a citizen until somebody from up here wanted to call us anglos, stop trying to divide us this way because we are not anglos and Hispanics, we are citizens

of Jacinto City and we work together. She stated that usually she had found that when somebody keeps on and on about a subject it is because maybe that is the way they believe and she could care less what race anyone is as long as they are working for the city and the people of the city and you are doing your job, she will back you, Jacinto City is a home town, we work together.

Councilman Ramon stated that he would like to make a comment, he said Mayor Diaz had sent him on a couple of errands to go and help some elderly people with trees and he had gone, they were anglos, it didn't matter because they were older people who couldn't do it and he went and helped them clean a tree in the yard or whatever. He stated then we have Ms. Gosney coming up front saying I'm dividing you and he went to her house and ask her if she wanted to be part of his Keep Jacinto City Clean because he wanted to pickup newspapers and she refused saying that she didn't want to be part of it which is fine, they still do it every other month, he didn't have that many volunteers, she was right, it was hard to get volunteers to come and help but he still does it. So it was not like he was an entirely negative person, he understood that she was protecting certain people, afraid that he might not get along with but the Mayor can tell you that if you ask me I will help, Mr. Valdez and Mr. Martinez , Raul Rodriguez had helped him in the past so it was not like they were painting him as this guy who refuses to do anything, that he tried to meet the people in the community, this lady who was here tonight, he had been to her business, he did get involved, he didn't harass people and people can say anything they want. He stated that he was surprised that the Mayor's wife said he came over here one time when they were handing out food baskets and that he was gathering information from the people, he had done business with the Mayor, he has his social security and he has his business bank account number, he gave them to him, he had it in the past and ask him if he had ever missed any money from his account and the Mayor replied no. Mr. Ramon stated that he handed him his account statement and his social security and why his wife would be afraid of me looking at someone else's documents, it doesn't make sense to him, it was just a political deal and he didn't want to name anybody but if he was such a bad person, the mayor wouldn't trust me with that kind of information.

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Carmela Garcia, 11010 Verano St., stated that just listing to Mr. Wooten's story, her story might inspire you, that back about a couple of weeks ago, her neighbor surprised her and she didn't know it was her, that when she got home her yard was cut and she was over here trying to find out who cut her yard , she thought it was a relative but no and she finally found out it was her neighbor and that was an act of kindness and that is all it takes, we don't have to go to the next step of reporting or anything, an act of kindness doesn't cost anything and she didn't know if that story inspired them or not but she just wanted to share it because it went along with what Mr. Wooten said. The stated the second thing, the Spanish leadership class they were doing in the district, they have had over 60 people show up and very good comments, they have said that we should have it for kids as well, they had two more classes to go and it was going great, they even had some of the district official coming in to speak to the parents. Ms. Garcia announced that she did plan to run for Position 4 for everybody's information and she did plan, as she had been a positive role model in the GPIS District, she plan to be the same thing within this community, she was no different, she was just an honest person, loyal, dedicated and it was the same thing she planned to do, make a difference here in the community, that she had done part of the job back when she taught here in the city but it didn't matter, she was teaching out of the city now but still planned to the do the same thing and she had taken that tour and she wasn't even a councilwoman and she believed in any kind of educational

opportunity that you have, take advantage of it, it doesn't matter if it is free or if you get a degree of some kind, anytime you have the opportunity to learn something, take advantage of it if you learn one thing, that is a plus.

Councilman Ramon stated he had a question, was she still planning on suing the city, when she was on Spanish tv, she said she was suing the city regarding the recall. Ms. Garcia stated she thought he was mistaken, he had to go back and check it out and see how it was worded. She ask him to bring it in and she would look at it but as far as she knew it was not worded that way there was a lot of things that he misunderstood and he replied that it was recorded and she ask that he bring it in.

Larry Schion said he heard him talking about the Mayor trusting him with his social security and to him that sounded like some kind of business deal or money you owe him or he owes you, that is the only reason you would need a social security card if you are paying somebody money otherwise you don't need it, so if he trusted you that much with it, at what point did the friendship not be there anymore because you dog him pretty bad, at what point was it not a money thing and not a friend thing and he didn't even have to answer that because that was what God put in his head just a few minutes ago, he did trust you but somewhere down the line something went very wrong and he would imagine it was all the wrongful charges he filed on people and they go to court and spend a lot of money so he thinks that is the fine line that at one time he did have the social security card and it meant something but I don't think now it is the same meaning. Mr. Schion stated why did he have a say so here, because he spent 45 year of his 52 years here, more than him, so when you spend that much time in this city, he had given thousands in cash and different items, you name it and he has donated it to this city council to help get our kids whatever they needed, bats, balls or whatever they need, that he didn't like to brag but he did do it, so what gives him the right to say and do, because he gave it and he deserves it, he stated that he expects respect when he does all these things and all this council up here will tell you because they know that he had done it and he

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didn't want anything for it, but he did do it because nobody else did. He stated that Bernardo built a building for the children. He stated that he thought that he deserved the respect and he had the say so here, why would he want to be from his home in Crosby if he didn't care for the city and what he was forgetting or not understanding, that he care for the city or he wouldn't be here, and it made him mad and furious for him to sit up there and tell him that he didn't have any rights, that he lived in Crosby and he had every right that he did and probably had more friends than he did.

Councilman Ramon stated that he would like to tell him something, it was like a relationship, if he loved it, he wasn't going to leave it, he was going to stay there, that if he left, he had his reason and he didn't doubt but the fact of the matter was that he was not a Jacinto City resident, he didn't live here and that wasn't being sarcastic or smart like he called it, it was just a fact of life, you are not a Jacinto city resident, that he didn't know who was paying him, he didn't know what brought him here, he didn't live here and he couldn't change that or he could if he moved here but as of right now, he didn't live here.

Mayor Diaz ask that we move on.

Nancy Gosney, 1726 Belin, advised Mr. Schion that he was welcome in this city any day, 24/7, 365, that he had done a lot for this community. He was an American citizen, so he was welcome here and she

wanted to say this city, in the last ten years, had been rebuilt and there was one thing Ms. Nunez had said in the council meeting that we have gotten ten million dollars in grants and we were going to jeopardize this one day with this type of leadership, there was a lot here that had been done in this city, our parks had been redone, our infrastructure, and she didn't know but was Heritage Hall built with grant money too, she was advised it was. She stated there had been positive in this city for a long time, there was literature put on our streets this last election with all this rust and grass growing out of these places and that was negative, that is where we have the problem, that is why we keep speaking up. Councilman Ramon stated that the rust and grass had been corrected, was that not correct. Ms. Gosney stated that it didn't need to go on literature and deface our city. Councilman Claudio Ochoa stated the parks look great today. Ms. Gosney stated our city has been doing great for a long time, we had just had a lot of negativity. Councilman Claudio Ochoa ask if we had a lot of negativity before the parks were fixed. Ms. Gosney stated the problem was there was just too much defacing our city in the public, there were ways to have things done and going around putting literature on the doors (Councilman Claudio Ochoa stated he wasn't the city councilman at that time but now that he was) Ms. Gosney stated the last ten years it had been a welcome to our city, as a matter of fact, she was one of the first girls playing on the soft ball fields, she was in the young group compared to the ones that had the reunion and her thing was that she had seen these parks blossom but we still do need to change the restrooms out, they have been there since she was a kid. She stated this city was growing, it was nice and she was glad these ladies came tonight to explain their business and she named other businesses that she is seeing open up and it was amazing the people that are moving here, there is a reason why they move here because they like what they see and we are a growing community, we have been a growing community but there are just a few people who have raked our city through the coals and we would like to see that stopped.

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Councilman Claudio Ochoa stated that in reference to campaign material, he guessed that was what she was talking about, and that had been done in the past, negativity, positivity, people run campaigns a little differently, that he put in his campaign literature because he thought it was important for the people to know that he was going to correct those issues when he came into city council and if they had been by the parks, the parks look very good thanks to initiative this city council has taken, approving money for the pavilion and everything Kim has done is great and it looks good today. He stated that he can't answer to prior years, but he could tell you those pictures don't lie and those parks were in pretty bad shape so that is basically why he ran, he thinks our kids deserve better than it was at that particular time, now it has been renovated and they are enjoying the park, we have lights and we have a lot of positive things happening, not because of him but because of this city council because we are moving forward and this is a new time, we are going to succeed and together, we are going to make this city better.

Councilman Ramon stated that he had a comment in regard to the weeds on the roof at the police station, the picture that was taken was the way it used to look before. He stated that prior to getting elected, he had a meeting with Congressman Gene Green in regard to getting a grant to get a police station, he was real positive about it, and since he has been elected, he has had two meeting and he is all positive about it, he stated that he had a meeting with Sylvia Garcia and everybody was for it and he didn't know how keeping this city council they were jeopardizing the grants when everybody he talks to are all for it. He stated that he knew we could not build the police station in

two years but he was doing what he could, he got some containers to get the evidence that was in the hall ways, contaminating the building, the electrical problems that were there for years were corrected and he ask if there were any electrical problems in the police department that Captain Demont knew of right now. (unable to pickup Captain Demont's reply on the tape). Councilman Ramon stated that he wished he could get the grant moving faster, he can't, he has communicated with Congressman Green,s office and that was the way it works, it is slow but he didn't see how anything negative is coming out from the people like she said, how were we going to lose grants.

Mr. Vernon Hagan stated that he had been here 67 years, that his father's name was out there on the memorial board, that he was the first elected city councilman in Jacinto City and the first council meeting was held in his living room that he still lives in, and they would both turn over in their graves if they knew this was happening in Jacinto City today. He stated that the negativity that had been talked about is not what Jacinto City is about, it is not about negativity, it was about people helping one another. He stated that things that have been talked about, programs have been initiated, that young Mr. Ochoa had helped him get his house painted that had needed it for a long, long time. He stated he was a senior citizen 70 years old with health problems like Mr. Wooten and they could see what was happening to him just by looking at him but he would like the council to challenge Mr. Ramon, if he's got problems that have been spoke about in these meetings, if he has all negativity about things why does he live in Jacinto City, why does he want to be on the city council, that it was just appalling that the things that are happening here are happening, that he didn't understand it, it didn't have to be, if you need something, if you see somebody that needs something, help them, there are programs that have been spoken about here

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tonight, nobody knows them, you have to put the programs out there for the public for anything to be done, it was a shame, he had been encouraged for 20 years, by different people, to leave Jacinto city and he was not going to leave Jacinto city, this was his home and somebody was going to have to come take him out of his home and put him somewhere before he will go, he didn't care if it was because of a vehicle, because of grass, he didn't care what it was but when he hears somebody here talk about what is happening in this city and always saying, well this person is doing this or whatever, it was just appalling like he said, that he would still like to challenge Mr. Ramon to do some things, he didn't know what they were, he didn't understand it but he did see a city that was not going to be a city much longer if this keeps up. He stated he didn't care who they were, we had to work together people. He stated that he hadn't come to many city council meetings but he would tell them what, he was going to be at them from now on because this was not going to continue to happen, it can't happen.

Mr. H. G. Wooten ask Position No. 3 if he was insulting the Mayor's wife a while ago with the statement he made. Councilman Ramon stated no, that he was saying that a police report was filed by his wife saying that I came into this building and was looking into some peoples information and that it wasn't safe and that they didn't trust me and what he said was that if the Mayor didn't trust him, he would never have trusted him with information like his social security and bank account so what he was saying was that it was political reason, they were trying to make him look like he wasn't a trust worthy person when the Mayor and his wife knows that he was, because if he wasn't they would never have trusted him with that information, that was what he was saying. Mr. Wooten

question, they gave you that information and Mr. Ramon replied that it was a business transaction and they did. Mr. Wooten replied that he wouldn't do that but he wanted to be sure that he wasn't insulting his wife, Mr. Ramon stated that he wasn't insulting anybody, all he was doing was clarifying an issue, that was a lot of the problem, miscommunication, that all he was saying was that it was political. Mr. Ramon advised Mr. Wooten that he was upset because they were giving these citations to these people and the way the economy is right now, you know the only one that is hurting, all these people on this list are worried and concerned and are calling him.

Mr. Wooten stated that he did not get a citation and Mr. Ramon stated but some of them did and they don't have the means to pay them and they ask him why they are being targeted and so and so is not and he was trying to give an explanation and trying to get it from the officials because he didn't know. Mr. Wooten stated that sometimes he didn't give a good explanation. Mr. Ramon stated that what he was saying was he didn't know what was going on because he didn't know what the city officials did on a day to day basis, he wasn't informed, he didn't know this was going on so he had to ask and a lot of times they didn't tell the officials what they had been doing and when the citizens get the citation, they call him and a lot of times they don't know what is going on and that is what he was trying to find out and then he came. Mr. Wooten stated that he wouldn't have called him, he would have called the judge. Mr. Ramon stated that he agreed with him but different people, that he would have called the police chief. Mr. Wooten stated he didn't do all of that did he and Mr. Ramon replied no, that when he found out he went and got a copy from the fire chief and the police department and they gave him a copy of the people that had actually been cited and this was yesterday and that is what happened.

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Rita Sanchez stated that she knew it was late but she just wanted to make a real quick comment, that for a long time, Chris and she and the other member of their board, Keep Jacinto city Beautiful, they really wanted to created this organization and thanks to Jim for helping them create their nonprofit status and they were going through a lot of paper now for their exemption but for a long time she had wanted to do something like this, her dad was 83 years old and he was a World War II veteran, she loved him to death and she would do anything for him and she had a very special place in her heart for senior citizens and that was part of the reason they started this organization so they could do rehabilitation programs and she just wanted to put it out there, she knew they hadn't really pubed it too much but they were going to start and they were working very hard and everyone bringing up their concerns, it really made her think, that if they needed anything, any senior citizens or if they knew of any, they could take her number and she would get some flyers out for next time and she gave out her phone number. She stated that she did plan to do a lot of good things wherever she went and this organization was going to be here for a while and we do love this city and we do appreciate all the citizens and just please come to them if they ever need anything, whether you are a senior citizen or not and she just really wanted to promote that building of community.

Robert Hernandez,10245 Chadwick, ask for some clarification on the grass, that shouldn't they send out a warning first and give a few days before they sent out a ticket or what was he missing here.

Mayor Diaz stated that he believed that what they were doing was giving out warnings and then if it goes on and nothing is done about it, they do issue a citation.

Captain Demont explained the process the police department goes through before issuing citations.

Mayor Diaz ask if we were talking to these citizens, knocking on the door and seeing what their situation is. Captain Demont stated that they make records of every contact they make and it was public record, they could see that they make a report, every thing is documented.

Councilman Ramon stated that he had a question and ask Captain Demont if he remembered when the last time a massive effort like this was done in the city to enforce the unhealthy conditions of the houses. Captain Demont stated that he could personally say that he watched Chief Ayala make list of numerous residents monthly and he had been doing that since he had been with him for 11 years and lists are turned by public works code enforcement, by citizens that call in, by council persons, officers on the beat and there are efforts made thorough out the year and it is a fair effort and it is all done in a fair manner.

Dale Pollock, 10325 S. Oswego, stated his concern was that he had talked to them about his sidewalk, that it was slanted real bad and he related incidents that had happened because of the condition of the sidewalk and he was told that when they put the sidewalks on the budget to be fixed, they get taken off, he stated that he knew they were busy but it was mainly his sidewalk because his sister takes his animals out to use the restroom and he worries about her because of the

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condition of the sidewalks plus what is causing it is the poor foundation and it need to be done, that he wasn't demanding, he was just saying (Mayor Diaz ask him to hold on just a second and he ask Public Works Director Kyle Reed if he was taking notes) Mr. Reed stated that about two meeting ago, Councilman Ochoa was talking about this and he advised Dale that they intended on fixing his sidewalk but the problem with his sidewalk was not actually the sidewalk, that they were going to have to put culverts in that ditch, rework the base under it and then pour it and he had to be a little careful when he was riding his bicycle, that was the way that sidewalk had been for about 45 years, or that was his understanding, that he intended on fixing that sidewalk, he would like to get this project that we just talked about on the next agenda and that should leave him about \$20,000. In sidewalk repair, however, that City Manager Maner, Councilman Gonzales and himself had rode all these sidewalks and that sidewalk was not that bad, not near as bad as a lot of them in the city, it was on his list but he was sure that he would agree that we needed to do the worst one first. Dale stated that he did agree, that he sees where he is coming at, it was just like when he comes home from school or practice, he really don't know when it is going to get fixed because a lot of people walk up and down his sidewalk. Mr. Reed ask him if he did it within two year was that good enough, would he give him two years.

Councilman Claudio Ochoa ask Kyle how much sidewalk was that or how much did he think that was going to cost, could he get the numbers and maybe city council could do something, he stated that we had community here, we had Bernard, we had a few people that would probably make an effort to try to maybe fix that sidewalk. He ask Kyle to get this together for them.

Councilman Gonzales advised Dale that it would be taken care of.

Mayor Diaz ask the Council if they would like to address the citizens before we close the meeting.

Councilwoman Nunez stated that last council meeting, the Mayor announced that he was not seeking re-election because he was running for Constable in Precinct 2 and that she had signed up to run for Mayor, she had just wanted him to announce it first before she said anything so she was running for Mayor, that Larry had let the cat out of the bag before she had a chance to say anything but anyway, we wished the Mayor very much success in his run for Constable and she wished herself success in her run for Mayor.

Councilman Claudio Ochoa stated that he was supporting Rachel and anyone running against her would have a problem winning and he was not running for Mayor.

Councilman Gonzales stated that he would like to make a comment also, that his specialty was listening, you listen to all these accusations and pointing the finger and everything and all that does is creates that negative atmosphere here in the council between the citizens, the council and even the department heads and there is just no room for that, this city can't function properly if we aren't all on the same page and he sits here and thinks how can we fix that, you know what can we do to make this better and the thing that pops up to him is look at yourself in the mirror, everyone, and think about what you are going to say when you are at the meeting, what is it going

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to do, is it going to hurt more than help, is it going to divide more than unite, let's not do that, let's do the right thing.

Cameron Ochoa, 10406 Chadwick, stated that he would like to say on behalf of Galena Park High School they were selling coca cola beverages and he would like to thank everybody who purchased some because it was going to project graduation and they were in dire need of funds for that and he would also like to announce that he would be in the back selling them if they would like to come and purchase some.

Councilman Ramon stated that he wanted to thank everybody for coming to the meeting and he apologized for taking this long for the meeting but thank them for participating.

Councilman Christopher Ochoa stated that he was not going to be long, he promised, but he did think it was necessary to say that we need to come together as a community and he couldn't agree more with Councilman Gonzales on the statements he made. He stated that he really wanted to challenge every council member here to just listen, listen to the citizens and let's not talk as much because he thinks if we just not talk as much, we could probably get through these meeting a lot quicker but Mr. Hagan hit the nail right on the head, there are people in this community that are suffering, there are many things that are facing this community that we can improve on, we had a business that just came into day and announced that they have a promotion for our city, we need to support our businesses here, we need more businesses to come but if we keep coming up here arguing about the same things and putting our city in a negative light, we are not going to attract our businesses, we are not going to attract people to come into the city and give back to the city. He stated that his fiancé mentioned Keep Jacinto City Beautiful and he didn't mention it because he didn't want any recognition, it was a program that was needed in the community and he just kept

thinking to himself, that he really wanted to help Mr. Wooten out, he doesn't need to be riding on a lawn mower, it is hot outside and he is not elderly, but he was up in age, but he was still a youth but you know we have youth in this community and our youth need to come up and support our elders here and he planned on doing that, he had been doing it and he was going to continue doing it. He announced that he was running for re-election and this wasn't a campaign speech, just something that he had been doing in this city and he was going to continue to do it even if he didn't get elected because he cared for this community, that you could ask his fiancé, everywhere he went, every stop light it is we can do this here, we can put a bike trail here, he had a vision for this community, like Mr. Hagan was saying, the first council meeting was held in his home and we have progressed, let's not set ourselves back, let's focus on the future, move forward, collaborate together. He stated the department heads were doing a great job, the administration was doing a great job, we had funding coming our way from the TDRA Grants, we had a great water wise program that was coming our way, we were doing things in this community, all of us collective and we are listening, we are supposed to be listening, we should listen more to our community and our constituents so he thanked them for sticking through this meeting and he was asking for their support for the election on May 14th.

Mayor Diaz ask Mr. Hagan if he knew what the date was they had the first council meeting.
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That we would have to look back on some minutes and maybe do a proclamation.

City Manager Maner stated that he had the privilege of knowing Mr. Hagan's mother and father both and they were stalwarts of the community, that he knew them long after he was a council person but they were great people and we are happy the Hagans are still in town.

Mayor Diaz stated that he would like to ask our next city council and new mayor to present Mr. Hagan with a proclamation, that he would not be here after May but would like to see this done, probably in June, that he had looked back and he thought the first council meeting was in June.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

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