

COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2021, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Rivas. Robinson, Lee and Gonzales; City Manager Squyres and City secretary Raines. Council Member Garcia arrived after Roll call and City Attorney Defoyd out of State.

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

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Rivas to approve the minutes from the previous meeting as presented. Vote: 4 For 0 Against

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Ivan Rojas, Parks & Recreation Director, advised they were staying busy.

Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall Director, had no report.

Chief Ayala had no report.

Kyle Reed, Public Works Director, advised that the contractor was working on the water line on the North Side and would start on tie in this weekend and the water would be off for about two hours on Sunday starting at 6:00 a.m.. he stated that on October 3rd, we had approximately 3" of rain in 15 minutes and the 10200 block of Munn as well as some other area flooded caused by a cave in on Turkey Run Gulley, that we had already contacted the contractor and it would be taken care of and while he was on vacation in September we had a storm come through, not much rain but quite a bit of wind and we had two weekend for residents to drop off their tree limbs to be mulched and

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we had about 40 yards of mulch for the parks to use if they wanted too. He advised that Harris County had been helping us out with mosquito spraying for the last two weeks.

City Manager Squyres advised that on the North Side Water line project the County was picking up our share of the project and this was about one million free to the city.

He stated that the city would be receiving a truck load of MRE and we would store some for the city and pass out some to organizations.

He advised that the city had provided flu shots for full time employees today and that City Officials and part time employees could get in touch with Chief Mier for the shots and he stated they were discussing a way to provide free COVID testing for residents and the flooding issue that Kyle talked about we hope to be able to take care of some of the problems with the two GLO mitigation grants we will be signing the contracts on in a couple of weeks.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Ms. Requena, 10345 Pillot, stated she was here about the vehicle that had been parked in the city easement and would like to know what the status is.

City Manager Squyres discussed the gentleman filing on us for towing the vehicle, that he filed in the wrong JP Court and then did not show up on time and the Judge ruled in favor of the city but he still had citations that he would have to appear in our court on.

Chief Ayala stated that they were working on it but they had to be very careful to protect everyone's rights.

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Mayor Diaz advised Ms. Requera that we were working on it and that Chief Ayala would monitor it.

Mr. Cortez, 1021 Kerby ask about the stripping on Market Street, it was very bad and in some area you could not see it at all.

City Manager Squyres advised that Harris County is responsible for this and we have approached them about it, the last time they stripped the paint they used was not very good and it did not last very long.

Mayor Diaz advised that we had talked with the County about this.

Mr. Squyres advised that the County handles Market street, Mercury and Holland.

Mr. Cortez thanked the city for the good work they are doing.

Chief Ayala introduced Officer Cuitlajuac Cazares and congratulated him on his promotion to Detective, stating that he had been employed for two years and a police Officer for 16 years and eight months.

Chief Ayala advised that they had an incident here in the city that put their lives on the line, they got an alert on a vehicle coming into the city, we had been looking for him on a homicide felony warrant and that Officer Cazares pursued vehicle and finally pulled him over and his quick action prevented a bad situation from happening and stated that the following officers came to his assistance, Mark Longrigg, A. J. Seydler, A. Veles, Ronnie Barker and Dispatcher Leslie Solis.

Chief Ayala presented Detective Cazares with his Detective Badge and A Certificate of Appreciation.

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Mayor Diaz Congratulated Detective Cazares and the other officers and Thanked them for their services.

There was No Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Resolution 2021 – 8R nominating a candidate for a position on Board of Directors of Harris County Appraisal District.**

City Manager stated that the only name submitted was Mike Sullivan, who was currently on the board and in December the Appraisal District would send out a ballot with the names of nominees from other cities (if any) and they could change if they liked, this was a nomination only.

A motion was made by Council Member Lee and seconded by Council Member Robinson to nominate Mike Sullivan. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

Mayor Diaz advised that the city would have a Halloween drive through at City Hall on Friday, October 29th from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. to be sure and come by.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Rivas congratulated the officers and to have a good weekend and enjoy the weather.

Council Member Robinson congratulated the Officers, cautioned everyone to be safe and have a good weekend.

Council Member Lee thanked Officer Cazares and all the officers for the good job they do and God Bless all.

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Council Member Garcia stated it was a great day to have these recognitions of our Officer past and present.

Council Member Gonzales congratulated Officer cazaras and thanked all the officers that it could have been a bad situation but thankfully it was not.

Mayor Diaz stated today was Ms. Joyce's birthday and we needed to sing Happy Birthday to her and GO ASTROS.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joyce Raines". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the "Respectfully submitted," text.

**Joyce Raines
City Secretary**