

## **COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2022 6:00 P.M.**

**The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Rivas, Robinson, Lee and Gonzales; City Manager Squyres, City Attorney DeFoyd and City Secretary Raines. Council Member Garcia arrived after roll call.**

**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 of the previous meeting as presented. Vote 4 For 0 Against**

### **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Kyle Reed, Public Works Director, stated that the work on the waterline on Mercury was a nightmare because of the weather, that they would be starting on the feeder road next and tomorrow they would be putting in fire hydrants and Rumar street was already receiving water through the new lines. He advised that the mosquito problem was ok now because of the cooler weather but the sprayer was ready to go when that changed.**

**Chief Ayala passed on his report.**

**Ivan Rojas, Parks and Recreation director, advised that they were staying busy working on the ball fields.**

**Mayor Diaz question when the parade and opening day was and was advised it was March 26<sup>th</sup>.**

**Chief Mier passed on her report.**

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**Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall Director, advised that the senior center would not be opening on Valentine's day, that the Mayor of Houston felt it should be delayed for a while and that they had only had 15 people signed up to start back on February 14th and they have now contacted all the members and advised there would be a delay in opening.**

**She stated that they miss them but they have to stay in compliance and hopefully they will be able to take them to the Rodeo parade.**

**Mayor Diaz stated that we are not opening but they are having a rodeo parade.**

**Someone from the audience ask why the Mayor of Houston had any thing to say about when we opened.**

**City Manager Squyres advised that we received Federal funding through the City of Houston but may be looking into changing the funding and we may have a couple events for them such as bingo, etc.**

**Mayor Diaz stated they were ready to come back.**

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**City Manager Squyres stated that the big water line project that Kyle was talking about is Federally funded for over \$1,000,000, that it was not costing the city anything.**

**He advised that a good friend, Joe Gebhardt Jr had passes away, that he had started out as a junior fire fighter in our department in 1978 and had worked part time until 2000 and had lost his life to COVID, that COVID was still here.**

**Mayor Diaz welcomed everyone, stating that we had some candidates in the audience and ask them if they would like to speak.**

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**Mr. Gary Harrison advised that he was running for Harris County Commissioner Pc. 2, that he lived in the area, discussed his qualifications and what he would like to do if elected, that we had discussed the senior citizen program and that was one of the things that he wanted to support and would appreciate the support of the community.**

**Council Member Rivas ask him what problem did he see in that position now.**

**Mr. Harrison stated personnel problems.**

**Mayor Diaz stated that we don't always agree but are willing to listen and work together and ask him to leave some of his cards on the table and people could pick them up after the meeting.**

**Dr. Carla L. Wyatt advised that she was running for Harris County Treasurer, gave a short bio of her qualifications and what she would like to accomplish if elected and that she would appreciate their support.**

**Mayor Diaz stated there was no Unfinished Business.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Resolution 2022-1R Ordering General City Election for (3)  
Council Members for May 7, 2022**

**City Attorney DeFoyd read the Resolution with the council proposing the name of Wayne Nichols as Election Judge and Matt Shuptrine as Alternate Judge.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Lee to approve Resolution 2022-1R. Vote 5 For 0 Against**

- 2. Resolution 2022-2R Creating an Early Voting Ballot Board for the May 7, 2022 General City election with Wayne Nichols as Presiding Judge and Matt Shuptrine as alternate Judge.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Gonzales to approve Resolution 2022-2R. Vote 5 For 0 Against.**

- 3. Resolution 2022-3R Amending the contract with the City of Houston for the amount of surface water purchased**

**City Manager Squyres advised that when we entered into the contract in 1993 we were purchasing a minimum of thirty million gallons of water Per month and due to a change in consumption and after reviewing the Contract we found that we could change the amount we purchased one time a year and in 2009 we reduced the amount to twenty-five million gallons and we only go over that maybe two month out of the year we are asking that we reduce the amount we purchase to twenty-one million gallons a month and this would save the city approximately \$9,000 a month.**

**Council Member Rivas ask why were we at thirty million gallon to start With.**

**City Manager Squyres advised that we were are going to pump all we are allocated to from our well, that the Harris County Subsidence Districts will only allow us to pump 20% from our well and we were forced to buy surface water from the City of Houston and the rate was reasonable at that time but Houston has continued to raise their rates.**

**Council Member Rivas ask if we would go over.**

**City Manager Squyres stated that with the water conservation in the city and the fact that as soon as there is a leak public works has it fixed that should not be a problem.**

**Council Member Lee ask if we would have to have more chemicals to treat it.**

**City Manager Squyres stated that we would have to treat and we also have to treat the surface water we purchase but the water from our well would not require as much treatment.**

**A motion was made buy Council Member Rivas and seconded by Council Member Garcia to approve Resolution 2022-3R to reduce the amount of surface water purchased from City of Houston. Vote 5 for 0 Against**

- 4. Council to consider changing March 10, 2022 Council Meeting to March 3, 2022 to receive bids on wastewater treatment plant**

**City Manager Squyres stated that we needed to receive the bids on Phase 2 on the wastewater treatment plant because there were several big jobs going to be advertised and if we get ours out there first we stand a change of getting a better contractor and better pricing. He advised we could have a Special meeting on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and the regular Council meeting on the March 10<sup>th</sup> or move the meeting from the March 10<sup>th</sup> to March 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**Council Member Garcia stated she would rather a have a Special meeting on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and the regular meeting on March 10th because People were used to the meetings on the second and fourth Thursday.**

**Council Member Lee stated that he would prefer to move the meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> to March 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

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**A motion was made by Council Member Rivas and seconded by Council Member Gonzales to change the March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting to March 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**Vote: 5 For 0 Against**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**Mayor Diaz ask the Scout to come up and introduce himself.**

**The sound system did not pick up his name but he stated that he was working on a project.**

**Mayor Diaz advised him that if he needed anything from us to just come by or give us a call.**

**Council Member Rivas suggested everyone enjoy this weather while it was here, there was more bad weather to come, be safe, don't forget Valentine's Day and God Bless.**

**Council Member Robinson – enjoy the weather, Happy Valentine's Day and be safe.**

**Council Member Lee wished everyone Happy Valentine's Day and God Bless.**

**Council Member Garcia wished all a Happy Valentine's Day and God Bless.**

**Council Member Gonzales wished all a Happy Valentine's Day and enjoy the weekend.**

**Mayor Diaz encouraged everyone to come out to the Market on Saturday and buy their Valentine gifts.**

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

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**Respectfully Submitted,**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joyce Raines". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

**Joyce Raines  
City Secretary**