

COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 22, 2022, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, September 22, 2022 with the following member present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Rivas, Robinson, Lee and Gonzales: City Manager Squyres, City Attorney DeFoyd and City Secretary Raines. Council Member Garcia absent.

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

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Lee to approve the minutes as presented. Vote 3 For 0 Against

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Chief Ayala reminded everyone that National Night Out was coming up On October 4th and they would be hosting a party at the police department and there would be one at Big Bass Resort, 9701 Market, First Baptist church, 10701 Wiggins and one at 1713 Holland Ave. He stated that they had been busy, but nothing major.

Kyle Reed, Public Works Director, Welcomed everyone to the first day of fall and gave an update of the rehab on the wastewater treatment plant advising that they had removed all the concrete and the first thing they would do was remove the gas and will work on chlorine, that they were having a few problems getting materials and they had been working on the old library building. He advised that the pipe bursting project was complete and had money left over but didn't have time to use it. He stated that they weren't getting any complaints about mosquitoes but his men were telling him how bad they were when they were mowing and the truck would be on the streets tomorrow and over the weekend but they needed complains from the residents in order to spray.

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Chief Mier stated they didn't have a lot going on this month but in October they would be doing fire protection programs in the schools.

Mayor Diaz ask when they would be doing Jacinto City Elementary that Would be a good time for them to take doughnut to the staff, to let them know what date and time.

Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall Director, stated they were keeping the Seniors busy and the attendance was increasing with the majority of them from the city. She advised that they brought in a hair stylist and she did about 19 haircuts for free.

City Manager Squyres stated that the project at the sewer plant that Kyle was talking about was a long term project, approximately 460 days.

He stated that it was taken a lot of time to gets materials, that we have had a Ford truck on order for 14 months, the funds were incumbered and it was due in November.

He advised that where Kyle was talking about all the concrete being removed at the sewer plant it was all green grass now and really Looked different.

He advised that we would need to have two special meeting in the next two months, that the paper had posted the wrong public hearing in the paper for one of our public hearings and the County wanted to get the new North Side Watermain and Fire Protection project awarded in October so we would have to have a special meeting for these items. He stated that we appreciated the Mayor and Council being willing to do this.

There were no comments from the public.

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Mayor Diaz ask about the work that was going being done on the high road and City Manager Squyres advised that was a Pct. 2 project, that We didn't get anything out of that except the sign placed in front of City Hall, that Galena Park had some paving done.

Mayor Diaz stated that Adrian Garcia had not done anything for us.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1. Second and final reading of Ordinance 2022-7 adopting a budget for F/Y 2022-2023**

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Gonzales to approve Ordinance 2022-7 adopting a Budget for FY 2022-2023 on the second and final reading. Vote 4 For 0 Against

- 2. Second and Final reading of Ordinance 2022-8 Amending Chapter 10 "Utilities" at Section 5E Garbage Collection Fees**

A motion was made by Council Member Gonzales and seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve Ordinance 2022-8 Chapter 10 "Utilities" at Section 5E Garbage Collection Fees on the second and final reading. Vote 4 For 0 Against

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Resolution 2022-8R Approving the submission of applications for the State of Texas Governor's Office-Justice Assistance 2022 Bullet Resistant Shields Acquisition Project for FY 2022-2023 Budget Year.**

A motion was made by Council Member Rivas and seconded by Council Member Lees to approve Resolution 2022-8R submitting an application

for State of Texas governor's office-Justice assistance 2022 bullet resistant shields acquisition project for FY 2022-2023 budget year .

Vote: 4 For 0 Against

- 2. Council designation of representative and alternate to Houston Galveston Area Council 2023 General Assembly.**

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Gonzales to appoint Council Member Garcia as Representative and Council Member Gonzales as Alternate. Vote: 4 For 0 Against

- 3. Council to authorize issuing Request for Proposals (RFP) on Northside Water Mains and Fire Protection Phase 2**

City Manager Squyres advised this project would be from Mercury to Flint and it was approximately \$1,000,000.

A motion was made by Council Member Gonzales and seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve issuing the (RFP) for the Phase 2 Northside Project. Vote: 4 For 0 Against

- 4. Council to consider amending Budget Code 11-6907 for Purchase of new copy machine for City Hall in the amount of \$7,736.55**

City Manager Squyres advised that the machine was purchased as a used machine in 2012 and the vendor had advised that they no longer made parts to repair the machine, that we had paid \$6,500 for it as a used machine and the one we are looking at is a new machine and has a lot more features.

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A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Gonzales to amend Budget Code 11-6907 in the amount of \$7,736.55 for the purchase of a new copy machine for city hall. VOTE: 4 For 0 Against

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Rivas advised that the Little League had given him a call to let him know that the little league's shed had been broken into and they lost about \$350.00 in equipment, but they were going to be ok and they appreciated what the city does for them. He advised there was a storm brewing and we need to be watching it, to have a blessed and good weekend.

Council Member Robinson cautioned everyone to be safe and he would see them at National Night Out.

Council Member Lee thanked everyone for coming out.

Council Member Gonzales thanked everyone for coming out.

Mayor Diaz Stated the City's Christmas Parade would be on December 3rd, and a number of Galena Park High School Organizations would be participating and that the high school home coming parade would be on Monday.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joyce Raines".

**Joyce Raines
City Secretary**