

## **COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY AUGUST 10, 2023, 6:00 P.M.**

**The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, August 10, 2023 with the following members present: Mayor Diaz. Council Members Rivas, Robinson, Lee, Garcia and Gonzales; City Manager Squyres, 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 Robinson and seconded by Council Member Lee to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. Vote 5 For 0 Against**

### **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Chief Ayala passed on his report.**

**Public Works Director Thomas Rogers advised that work was progressing on the wastewater Treatment plant and that the Northside Waterline project continued to be ahead of schedule.**

**He advise that Ramiro and Taylor were in Baytown doing a shoot, that Ramiro now has two and Taylor has 3, that they have to do five shoots and then they can take a test and get their pyro tech license.**

**He advised that they had responded to 8 water leaks in the last week.**

**Parks & Recreation Director Ivan Rojas advised that the pool would be open this week and hopefully on week ends until after Labor Day if we have enough lifeguards.**

**Heritage Hall Director Elizabeth Flores stated that they continued to get new members and for the first time they had got charity tickets to the Sugar Land Space Cowboy baseball game.**

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**City Manager Squyres discussed how many water lines breaks we used to have and the Council was to be commended on getting all the new water lines in the ground to reduce the leaks.**

**Mayor Diaz stated that the books were here with the Christmas Decorations if the Council would like to look at them, that we had the shooting stars on Market Street and thought that we should continue with the shooting stars and she was passing it along to Lon that we needed to get them ordered and ask Lon if he would be ordering them next week and he advised that we would be ordering them tomorrow.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Chief Ayala passed out the report for July 2023, stating that they 309 Calls for service, 52 arrest and went over the other charges.**

**He announced that they were have a candle light ceremony for Steve Hernandez on August 13<sup>th</sup> at 918 Mercury Dr. at 7:30 P.M.**

**Council Member Rivas ask about the low number of warrants and Chief Ayala explained the process.**

**There was no Unfinished Business.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Council to consider amending budget code 18-6800 in the amount of \$26,243.00 in order to make repairs to the damaged traffic signal system at Market and Holland Avenue.**

**Mayor Diaz ask if we could look at the cameras to see who did this.**

**City Manager Squyres advised that they have looked at all the films and can't find anything, if we can find them we can get it from Insurance and we will continue to look.**

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**Mayor Diaz ask if we could put cameras at all the inter sections.**

**City Manager Squyres stated that we may not be putting in the Flock gun shot program, that it might be cost prohibited and that we were looking into another program that might be beneficial.**

**Council Member Lee ask who would be doing the work and City Manager Squyres advised Southwest Signal.**

**There was general discussion about the cost and it was questioned if it could be repaired.**

**Public Works Director Rogers advised that it would probably cost more to repair due to the age of the system and we would have a warranty on the system.**

**City Manager Squyres ask if we could salvage parts that we could use for repairs and Thomas stated they were saving it and there might be a few parts that could be used for repairs.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Gonzales and seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve amending the budget in the amount of \$26,243.00 for repairs to the damaged traffic signal system.  
Vote: 5 For 0 Against**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**Council Member Rivas cautioned everyone to stay hydrated, have a good weekend and GO ASTROS.**

**Council Member Robinson cautioned everyone to be careful, that it was hot out there and thanked them for coming out.**

**Council Member Lee thanked everyone for coming out and God Bless.**

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**Council Member Garcia – The Sound System did not pick up her comments.**

**Council Member Gonzales cautioned everyone to be safe**

**Mayor Diaz stated that kids were waiting at bus stop or walking to school in the morning while it was still dark and to please watch out for them.**

**There was general discussion on safety issues for this problem.**

**Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:24 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joyce Raines".

**Joyce Raines  
City Secretary**