

## **COUNCIL MEETING, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2021, 6:00 P.M.**

**The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Pro Tem Robinson, Council Member Rivas, Council Member Lee, and Council Member Garcia. Mayor Diaz, Council Member Gonzales and City Attorney Absent.**

**The meeting was opened with Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Rivas to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. Vote: 3 For 0 Against**

### **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Thomas Rogers, Public Works Director, advised that they had finished putting up the Christmas Decorations and was getting ready for the parade. He stated that progress was being made on the Waste Water Treatment Plant.**

**Chief Davis had no report for the Fire Department.**

**City Manager Squyres advised that they were getting ready for the next phase of the Waste Water Treatment plant by making sure that everything will go smoothly from Phase 1 into Phase 2, that we would be going out for bids on the next phase probably in January.**

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

**Luisa Banda, 1425 Cheston, stated that this last weekend she ran into a problem, her 18 year old son had been playing music outside and the Police stopped and advised him to turn the music down and she was upset, there were other things going on, what about the dogs running loose in the neighborhood and the family disturbance on the street and**

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**When were they to stop this. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.**

**Council Member Robinson advised Chief Ayala that we needed to check into this and let her know.**

**The Chief advised that there was another house down the street from her that was playing loud music and he was given a citation, that he would check into the dog problem and they received a report about the family disturbance and they had a lot of officers there today for a long period of time.**

**He gave the police department report for November, 218 calls for service, 17 arrest, 183 citations and theft of five motor vehicle 16 cock-tiles along with their cages.**

**There was no Unfinished Business.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Council Action on Variance Board's recommendation on request for variance by Anubhay Narang to open a vape and smoke shop at 11420 East Freeway Ste. No, 180.**

**City Manager Squyres advised that the Variance Board had met on November 14, 2023 and had voted 0 For and 3 Against allowing the vape and smoke shop.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Rivas to deny the request for the vape and smoke shop. Vote: 0 For 3 Against**

**Council action on Variance Board's recommendation on request of Rafael Plata Jr. to build Option 1. 4 unit town homes or Option 2. 3**

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**3 unit townhomes at 1310 Kerbey.**

**City Manager Squyres advise that the Variance Board had heard this request on November 14, 2023 and had voted 3 For 0 Against on Option 2.**

**Mr. Plata Jr. provided additional plans of the project.**

**Council Member Rivas ask how big the lot was and Mr. Plata advised that the lot was 150 x 135.**

**There was general discussion and these units would be single family dwellings and they were 2 story.**

**City Manager Squyres stated that he had plenty of room but each unit would have to have it's own drive way, that he really would not have had to have a variance for the buildings, the only thing the variance Board had to consider was the setback line.**

**Council Member Garcia ask if there would be one address and was advised that it would.**

**Council Member Rivas stated that he had no issue with it.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Lee to approve the Variance Board's recommendation of Option 2 for 3 buildings. Vote: 3 For 0 Against**

**Council action on Variance Board's recommendation on request of Of Clear Channel Outdoor, LLC request to increase the height of the existing billboard at 9705 Market Street.**

**City Manager Squyres advised this request was on an existing sign and that Texas legislation had changed the rules to allow additional height up to an additional height.**

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**Council Member Rivas ask why was it on the East Side instead of the West Side and was advised that depended on the property owners.**

**Council Member Garcia stated that Houston did not allow digital signs.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Lee to approve the request for the additional height on the sign.  
Vote: 2 For 1 Against (Council Member Rivas)**

**Council action on variance request by Clear Channel Outdoor, LLC to install a digital billboard at 11040 East Freeway and they wanted to raise it to 74 ft.**

**City Manager Squyres stated that the Variance Board vote 3 For and 0 Against**

**A motion was made by Council Member Lee and seconded by Council Member Garcia to approve the variance request for the sign at 11040 East Freeway. Vote: 2 For 1 Against (Council Member Rivas against)**

#### **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**Council Member Rivas stated that it was cold and wet out there, be Careful and enjoy your time off and God Bless.**

**Council Member Lee advised everyone to stay warm and be careful that covid was going around again and God Bless.**

**Council Member Garcia wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and to stay warm.**

**Mayor Pro Tem Robinson thanked everyone for coming out and don't forget the Parade.**

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**Mayor Pro Tem Robinson adjourned the meeting at 6:35 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 phrase "Respectfully submitted,".

**Joyce Raines  
City Secretary**