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MARIO GONZALES
CARMELA GARCIA
ALLEN LEE
JIMMY "JJ" RIVAS
GREGG ROBINSON

CITY MANAGER

LON D. SQUYRES

CITY SECRETARY

CHRISTAL RODRIGUEZ

CITY ATTORNEY

JIM DEFOYD

May 18, 2024

Minutes

The Mayor and City Council met in Regular Session on
Thursday, May 9, 2024 at 6:00p.m. in the Council Chamber at 10301 Market Street.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

3. ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Rivas, Robinson, Lee, and Gonzales.
City Manager Squyres, City Secretary Rodriguez.
Councilmember Garcia and City Attorney Defoyd were absent.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

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: **For:4 Against:0**

5. REPORTS OF OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND COMMITTEES

Mayor: Ana Diaz

* No Report at this time.

City Manager: Lon Squyres

* No Report at this time.

Public Works: Thomas Rogers

* No Report at this time.

Police: Chief Joe Ayala

* No Report at this time.

City Hall: Kathy Greiner

* No Report at this time.

Fire: Interim Chief Mo Davis

* Submitted in writing.

-Attended GPISD's Job Fair and noticed that they were the only Fire Department there. Would like to recruit more from our area.

-Contacted the Library about the Summer Reading Program for June and July.

-Two members of the Fire Department attended 2 Bob Page Classes 12 lead EKG advanced, Slap the CAP and Stethoscope advanced usage.

-Training this month is Ventilation.

-Will Provide a class for the Senior Center on Heart Related Emergencies on May 20th at 9:30am.

- CPR Classes have been completed for the city staff and will be contacting the School Districts to give classes to the staff.
- Contact Union Pacific Railroad about Emergency Procedures for Locomotives.
- Active Shooter Classes for city employee's the week after next. Due to waiting till after the budget meetings. After that is completed and then offer to state representative staff members.
- New Lifeguard Training CPR/AED and Spinal Immobilization both in water and out of the water.
- "With this being said, it is the Fire Department's ongoing commitment to be involved in all aspects of improvements to the city and the citizens, for it is our pleasure to serve."
- In conclusion, "The staff of the Fire Department and myself would like to personally Thank the Head Lifeguard, Library staff and members of GPISD for allowing us to partner with them in such endeavors."

Heritage Hall: Elizabeth Flores

* No report at this time.

Parks & Recreation: Ivan Rojas

* Swimming Lessons and Children's Summer Program Registration now occurring at the Gym.

Jacinto City Branch Library: Delaney Daly

* Not in Attendance today.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

* Wayne Nichols, 11502 Lane

Expressed concerns regarding a house located on the 108-9 hundred block of Munn Street. Mayor assured him that the city is aware and is working to resolve the situation.

* Andrea 10341 S. Oswego

Expressed concerns about variance notices being sent out only in English. The Mayor and City Manager assured her that the issue had already been brought to their attention and are working to remedy the language issue.

7. NO UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution 2024-3R Canvassing Returns of the General City Election held on May 4, 2024.

Read by City Manager Squyres declaring the following persons duly elected at said election:

Council Member Position No. 1 – Jimmy "JJ" Rivas

Council Member Position No. 2 – Gregg Robinson

Council Member Position No. 3 – Allen Lee

Motion made by Council Member Rivas to resolve Resolution 2024-3R Canvassing Returns of the General City Election held on May 4, 2024.

Second was made by Council Member Robinson

Favor: 4/0

2. State Representative Ana Hernandez Administered Oaths of Office to Council Members Rivas, Robinson, and Lee.

3. Council Re-Appointed Gregg Robinson as Mayor Pro Tem for another year due to request from the bank due to the extensive paperwork required at every change.

Motion made by Council Member Rivas to re-appoint Council Member Robinson as Mayor Pro. Tem.

Second was made by Council Member Gonzales.

Favor: 4/0

4. First Reading of Ordinance 2024-1 Setting Salary for Mayor & Council.

Read by City Manager Squyres setting salary rate the same as last year at a rate of:

Mayor: \$400.00 + \$425.00 Auto Allowance

Council Members: \$350.00 + \$425.00 Auto Allowance

Motion was made by Council Member Robinson to keep the same salary rate as last year.

Second was made by Council Member Rivas

Favor: 4/0

5. Economic Alliance Port Houston Region presented their Annual Report to Mayor and Council. Covering their mission which he stated never changes and is "To Grow our Economy", development, Port Houston Activities and Growth over the last 10-15 years, Improvements, and Workforce Development. He also stated that they were able to get a grant approved for Jacinto City from the \$5,000.00 *Matching Grant Program* and presented the city with a \$5,000.00 check to have two signal boxes painted with good artwork.
6. Council to consider approving Variance Board's recommendation for the following addresses:
1502 Belin, 11025 Invierno, 11106 Invierno and 10325 S. Oswego.
- * **1502 Belin:** Variance requested by Jaime Alvarez to request permission to install a 42' Driveway and cut approximately 17' of curb in order to move his vehicles off of the street and onto his driveway. The Current ordinance allows for a maximum of 24'. Public Works and the Building Official has reviewed and have no concerns. A general discussion was held on the matter. The Variance Board Voted in Favor 3/0.
Motion to Approve the Variance Board's recommendation to approve was made by Council Member Gonzales.
Second was made by Council Member Robinson.
In Favor: 3/1
- * **11025 Invierno** Variance requested by Maria Garcia to request change the zoning from Residential to both Residential and Commercial in order to continue using the house as residential and the existing shed as storage for "Nopalitos Dona Maria". A general discussion was held on the matter. The Variance Board Voted in Favor 3/0.
Motion to Approve the Variance Board's recommendation to approve was made by Council Member Rivas.
Second was made by Council Member Robinson.
In Favor: 4/0
- * **11106 Invierno** Variance requested by Brenda Deleon to request change of zoning for the Residential Lot to Commercial to be able to use as Parking Lot for "Nopalitos Dona Maria". A general discussion was held on the matter. The Variance Board Voted in Favor 3/0.
Motion to Approve the Variance Board's recommendation to approve was made by Council Member Rivas.
Second was made by Council Member Robinson.
In Favor: 4/0
- * **10325 S. Oswego** Variance requested by Laquesha Hilton to request permission to demolish existing house on a 9,100 sq ft lot and split the lot into 2 lots of 4,550 sq ft each and build a house on each lot. Each house would be 1,100 sq ft and held to the same requirement of distance between each house as all other houses in the city for fire safety's sake. One house would face S. Oswego and the other would face Dacus. Each house would also have their own Driveway. The Current ordinance requires each residential lot to have 5,000 sq ft in order to have a house. The Variance Board Voted in Favor 3/0.
A general discussion was held on the matter in both English and Spanish.
Andrea Rojas, 10341 S Oswego came up to the podium to express concerns regarding safety due to added vehicles that two houses would bring to the street and also because vehicles already go too fast at that corner.
Male resident came up to the podium and expressed concerns regarding preventing vehicle congestion on the street.
Motion to Deny the Variance Board's recommendation to approve was made by Council Member Rivas.
There was No Second.
Motion to Approve the Variance Board's recommendation to approve was made by Council Member Robinson.
Second was made by Council Member Lee.
In Favor: 3/1
7. Council to confirm Stephanie Ramirez Mendez as Full Time Police Officer.
(She is a young graduate and lives locally. Chief Ayala recommends the city to hire her.)
Motion made by Council Member Rivas to approve Stephanie Ramirez Mendez as Full Time Jacinto City Police Officer.
Second was made by Council Member Lee.
Favor: 4/0

9. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Re-Elected Council Members thanked the voters and assured them that they will continue to do their best for the city. The other Council Members congratulated the Re-Elected Members. All Council Members Welcomed the new Police Officer and wished the citizens a Happy Mother's Day.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 7:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "C. Rodriguez".

Christal Rodriguez
City Secretary