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Minutes

The Mayor and City Council met in Regular Session on Thursday, January 23, 2025, at 6:00p.m. in the Council Chamber at 10301 Market Street. **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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

CITY MANAGER
LON D. SQUYRES

CITY SECRETARY
CHRISTAL RODRIGUEZ

JIM DEFOYD

1. Call to Order: at 6:00pm

- Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:
 The meeting was opened with Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.
- b. Roll Call:

The following members were present: Mayor Diaz; Council Members Robinson, Lee, Garcia & Gonzales; City Manager Squyres & City Attorney Defoyd.

Councilmember Rivas & City Secretary Rodriguez were absent; Assistant City Manager Greiner filled in for Christal.

2. Mayor & Council Comments:

- The Mayor thanked Public Works for being available and working through the winter storm.
- The Mayor also thanked Police Chief Ayala for having patrol out and about during the freeze.
- The Mayor & Council all hoped everyone is enjoying the winter wonderland that we are experiencing, it was good to see the children enjoying the snow.

3. Public Comments:

Dale Pollock (JC Little League Vice President) addressed the Mayor & Council regarding the Little League.

4. Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meeting(s):

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson & Seconded by Council Member Gonzales to approve the minutes of the previous meetings as presented. Vote: **For: 4, Against:0**

5. Reports/Announcements of City Departments:

City: City Manager Lon Squyres

- We're working very diligently on those 3 Glo Grants. We spoke with GLO today, and they are looking forward to receiving our applications between now and mid-April. They are very detailed & elaborate but each is about \$2,000,000 that we're trying to get so, it's worth the work.
- All Departments did very well during the freeze and snow. We have voice-over IP phones which
 allow us to forward office calls to the staff at their home. It's normal business as far as the
 caller is concerned & we're still able to take care of them. This process has worked well through
 hurricanes, floods, freezes & everything else without having to put anyone at risk by bringing
 them into the office. Kathy & I were the only ones coming into the office over the last few days.
- Last week Captain Longrigg & I went to San Antonio for a meeting for a Grant that the State, DPS put out to help with prevention of catalytic converter theft & we are getting at least \$40,000. We're going to try and augment that budget. This is for additional Flock Cameras. These are high resolution cameras that will zoom into large parking lots and the four big intersections throughout the city. They store about 30 days of high-res images. It really ought to be a nice investigative and prevention tool. A lot of good planning has gone into this.

Heritage Hall: Elizabeth Flores

All seniors were marked safe during the winter storm.

Parks & Recreation: Ivan Rojas

- Busy making sure everything is ok from the freeze.
- Will begin tending to the fields/grass as soon as it dries up a little.
- Staying busy making sure everything is safe for the kids.

City Hall: Kathy Greiner

No Report at this time.

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Public Works: Thomas Rogers

- We did quite well during the storm, The majority of the calls received were "resident-side" leaks. The power staying on, the houses staying warm helped. We really did not have any issues, however we did still have personnel available around the clock. The call volume was less than 1/2 of those received in the last freeze event.
- This morning, we had the Pre-Bid Meeting for the 2nd phase for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. There were about 4 or 5 contractors in attendance, hopefully the bids will come in so we can get started on that next phase.

Fire: Interim Chief Mo Davis

- Thanked Public Works for their assistance in correcting the issue of the apparatus being able to exit and enter the facility, we had No slowdowns of service because of what Public Works did for us; We really Appreciate that.
- We have our Training Class coming up on Saturday.
- Today, I met with the manufacturer that's building our Booster Truck, our High-Water Vehicle Truck: He's finalizing the drawing, we should have that on Monday for you all to witness.
- The Preparations went well for us. Lon and I discussed plans for warming centers. I believe a large part of the County & the City of Houston did not have that. We had plans for a couple, so your constituents were well taken care of during the winter storm.

Jacinto City Branch Library: Nyla Vela

- Thanked Ivan and his team for fixing some building issues at the library.
- Programing is going very well, we've been getting people in the library, which is exciting.
- We have a Blood Drive coming up February 4th from 1:00pm-5:30pm.

Police: Chief Joe Ayala

- We had a DOA, one of our residents at 9701 Market.
- We had a "shots fired" call at Garber 107-hundred block, didn't find anything.
- Couple burglar alarms-no thefts that I'm aware of.

6. Unfinished Business:

No Unfinished Business.

7. New Business:

- a. Mayor and Council to take action on Variance Board Recommendation for Variance 2025-001 for Trevino, Eduardo who is requesting permission to build an office-warehouse, typically zoned as industrial in a commercial zone at 11941 Market St.
 - -Variance 2025-001 Meeting was canceled due to the freeze and will be rescheduled for a later time.
- **b.** Mayor and Council to Approve Resolution 2025-1R. Authorizing the Award of Administrative/Project Delivery Service Provider Contract(s) for the Disaster Recovery Reallocation Program (DRRP) to GrantWorks.
 - -Resolution read by City Attorney Defoyd.
 - *Motion to approve Resolution 2025-1R, Made by Council Member: Gonzales *Second was made by Council Member: Garcia

 - *Favor: 3/0 (Councilmember Robinson Stepped out briefly)
- c. Mayor and Council to Approve Resolution 2025-2R, Authorizing the Award of Engineering/Architectural Service Provider Contract(s) for the Disaster Recovery Reallocation Program (DRRP) to LJA.
 - -Resolution read by City Attorney Defoyd.
 - *Motion to approve Resolution 2025-2R, Made by Council Member: Robinson
 - *Second was made by Council Member: Lee
 - *Favor: 4/0
- d. Mayor & Council to Approve Procurement Process for HUD Community Project Funding Grant B-22-CP-TX-0876, South Side Water Main & Fire Hydrant Construction & Railroad Lines, Phase 4.
 - -Synopsis provided by City Manager Squyres-This is 1 of the 2 of the Earmark Grants we got a few years ago, it came from Garcia's Office. This is authorization to go out for bids for the construction. It is already designed, Grant Works was hired to manage it some time ago through the same process, this is their wording on the way they want an authorization to do this. Every one of these Earmarks is handled a little bit differently and they give us the language to put on your agenda.
 - *Motion to grant the Contract to the recommended firm, LJA, Made by Council Member: Robinson *Second was made by Council Member: Gonzales

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:18pm.

Respectfully submitted, C. Rodriguez Christal Rodrigue City Secretary