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Minutes

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The Mayor and City Council met in Regular Session on
Thursday, March 12, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the
Council Chamber at 10301 Market Street.

1. Call to Order: at 6:00 p.m.

- a. 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 Pro Tem Lee; Council Members Rivas, Robinson, Garcia (6:02) and Gonzales;
City Manager Squyres, City Attorney Defoyd and City Secretary Rodriguez. Mayor Diaz was absent.

2. Mayor & Council Comments:

- There were no council comments at this time.

3. Public Comments:

- There were no public comments at this time.

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

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

5. Reports/Announcements of City Departments:

Department Heads in attendance, Police Chief Joe Ayala, Fire Interim Chief Davis, Heritage Hall Director Elizabeth Flores and Assistant City Manager & Finance Director Kathy Greiner had no reports at this time.

City: City Manager Lon Squyres

- City Manager Squyres noted that Thomas is out on vacation and there is no Public Works representative present due to the water disruptions being caused by current construction. The city currently has more construction work happening at one time, than ever. We just installed a line under the railroad track, which is very difficult and we're also working on another one on Switzer. We also have a significant \$5.3 million drainage project, that's the big dig that we're doing right now and when you hit something, you have to cut off and isolate lines. Due to the large heavy equipment and digging, disruptions are occurring, particularly with water lines. Although these disruptions, such as temporary water outages, are problematic, they are part of ongoing improvements. Council members are advised to reassure constituents that these issues are temporary growing pains associated with necessary infrastructure enhancements.

6. Unfinished Business:

- a. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance 2026-1 Declaring Unopposed Candidates in the "May 2, 2026 General City Election", Elected to Office, Cancelling the Election, Providing a Severability Clause and Providing an Effective Date.

Second & Final Reading of Ordinance 2026-1 read by caption by City Attorney Defoyd.

Motion to approve the Second & Final Reading of Ordinance 2026-1, made by: Councilmember Garcia.

Second made by: Councilmember Gonzales.

Favor: 4/0

7. New Business:

- a. Mayor and Council to consider and take action on "Order of Cancellation" for the May 2, 2026 General City Election.
Order of Cancellation read by City Attorney Defoyd. No further action is needed.
- b. Mayor and Council to discuss and take action to notify citizens of the "2026 GRIP Filing Notice" delivered to the City by CenterPoint.
*(Mayor Pro Tem skipped this item in the agenda order and moved on to 7c & 7d, then came back to it (7b).)
City Manager Squyres gave a brief synopsis of this filing. No further action is needed.*

- c. Mayor and Council to consider Budget Amendment to Capital Outlay Code 16-6925, in the amount of \$8,220.00 for a copier for the Police Department.

Synopsis provided by City Manager Squyres

"For years and years, when cities need copiers, we've always leased copiers. The copier that the police department's using has roots towards the end of its lease, and it's giving some mechanical problems. We are no longer going to be leasing, and the reason is because there's new accounting standards called Gaspay Standards that make us do additional procedures and have additional auditing done on anything that's leased. If we lease something to somebody, like space on the water tower, that's got to be audited. If we lease something from somebody, like a copier or anything else, vehicles, we're not leasing those anymore, because it costs additional funds to lease it because all of the auditing processes that go with that, and the complexities of audits. You've heard that a lot lately. It's called a can't keep our accountant from retiring kind of situation. Because it's driving us nuts. We're working ourselves to death, trying to get audits done nowadays. So we're going to, the preference is to purchase it, and this is what it's going to cost to purchase a new copier of the same caliber, high-end copier, you can scan, it'll automatically email the things you scan from the police department to city hall, to each officer, whoever you want it destined to. And so it's a high speed machine, color machine, and it's also cheaper per copy than what we typically pay. It's cooler technology in the billing on the per copy. It used to be if you copy something with one period that you put in a red font, that's a color copy and you pay for color copy. And now with this one, we pay the percentage of the paper that's color instead of for a full color copy. That alone, we're going to be seeing a pretty significant savings on the per copy." Councilmembers inquired who the vendor is, who will have the maintenance contract & the copier's longevity.

City Manager Squyres replied that:

- Maintenance contracts are included with copiers purchased.
- The city is considering two or three vendors without a preferred choice.
- The city aims to utilize cooperative purchasing agencies for their expertise in copiers.
- The procurement process does not require an RFP due to the bid being well under the criteria.
- The objective is to achieve approximately 10 years of service from the copier.
- The police department has heightened cybersecurity requirements compared to other city departments.
- Old copiers must have their hard drives destroyed to protect sensitive information, as they retain copies of all scanned or copied documents.
- The expense of copiers is partly due to these law enforcement standards.

Motion to approve budget amendment to capital outlay code 16-6925, made by: Councilmember Garcia.

Second made by: Councilmember Rivas.

Favor: 4/0

- d. Mayor and Council to confirm Adrian A. Barrera as Full Time Jacinto City Police Officer.

Police Chief Ayala introduced Adrian Barrera, providing a summary, speaking on his achievements and qualifications.

Chief Ayala then recommended Adrian A. Barrera as a Full Time Jacinto City Police Officer.

Motion to confirm Adrian A. Barrera as full time Jacinto City Police Officer, made by: Councilmember Robinson.

Second made by: Councilmember Rivas.

Favor: 4/0

Adrian A Barrera was sworn in by Mayor Pro Tem Lee.

Mayor Pro Tem Lee adjourned the meeting at 6:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Rodriguez
Christal Rodriguez
City Secretary