

**THE STATE OF TEXAS** §  
**COUNTY OF DIMMIT** §  
**CITY OF CARRIZO SPRINGS** §

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT** the City Council of the City of Carrizo Springs, Texas has called a **Special Session** at the Carrizo Springs Civic Center, 405 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Carrizo Springs, Texas, 78834 on **Tuesday, June 15, 2021**, commencing at **5:30 p.m.** for considering the following items of business:

### **CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

Mayor Oscar E. Puente called meeting to order at approximately 5:30 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL & ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

The Council conducted their own roll call and declared the following Councilmembers present:

<b>Oscar E. Puente</b>	<b>Mayor</b>
<b>Sofia Morones</b>	<b>Mayor Pro Tem</b>
<b>David Balderas</b>	<b>Councilor</b>
<b>Ashley Moreno</b>	<b>Councilor</b>
<b>Mario Ruiz</b>	<b>Councilor</b>
<b>Ronnie J. Guest Jr.</b>	<b>City Manager</b>
<b>Melissa M. Guerra</b>	<b>City Clerk (Absent)</b>

A quorum was established.

### **STAFF:**

Venette Aguirre, Receptionist                      John Camarillo, Public Works Director  
 Alfredo Castaneda, Marshal Deputy

### **WELCOME & RECOGNITION OF GUESTS**

Mayor Oscar E. Puente welcomed and recognized all guests present.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The City Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**

No citizen's comments.

## **1. DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION IN REGARDS TO 4TH OF JULY EVENT**

City Manager Ronnie Guest, Jr. presents Council with a pay rate schedule of \$50 per hour for regular employees and \$55.00 per hour for law enforcement for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Event. There will be 12 regular staff employees and 2 Deputies scheduled to work the event.

Mayor Pro Tem Sofia Morones recommends paying employees \$60 per hour because of the short notice that was given to plan the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Event. Council Mario Ruiz supports the recommendation but would like HR Department

to check if salaried employees qualify to get paid the \$60 per hour and to extend the pay rate schedule to the Carrizo Spring Volunteer Fire Department.

City Manger Ronnie J. Guest, Jr. state that there will be an area for the team to take a break and stay hydrated.

Councilor Mario Ruiz inquires on the use of the BBQ pits. City Manager Ronnie J. Guest, Jr. states that the BBQ pits will be available to citizens to use at a first come first serve basis. Mayor Oscar E. Puente recommends closing the BBQ pits close to the stage.

Motion made by Councilor David Balderas, second by Councilor Mario Ruiz to approve a budget of \$30,000 from the HOT Funds for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Event and \$10,000 from the Council Contingency Fund to pay employees \$60 per hour.

Vote for approval 5-0 (unanimous).

Motion carried.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*CITY COUNCIL WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED MEETING AS AUTHORIZED BY THE PROVISION OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT. CHAPTER 551 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE. THIS CLOSED SESSION IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION: PERSONNEL 551.074*

Mayor Oscar E. Puente convenes into Executive Session at 6:00 p.m.

### **2. DISCUSSION IN REGARDS TO CITY MANAGER RESUMES**

#### **OPEN SESSION**

Mayor Oscar E. Puente reconvenes into Special Session at 6:32 p.m.

### **3. DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION IN REGARDS TO CITY MANAGER RESUMES**

Motion made by Councilor Mario Ruiz, second by Councilor David Balderas to schedule a meeting on July 6, 2021, to interview all the candidates.

Votes for approval 5-0 (unanimous)

Motion carried.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Sofia Morones, second by Councilor Mario Ruiz to adjourn.

Vote for approval 5-0 (unanimous).

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned approximately 6:33 p.m.

/s/Oscar E. Puente  
**Oscar E. Puente, Mayor**  
**City of Carrizo Springs**

**ATTEST:**

/s/Melissa M. Guerra  
**Melissa M. Guerra, City Clerk**  
**City of Carrizo Springs**