

**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, September 7, 2021, commencing at 6:00 p.m. for considering the following items of business:**

**CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

Mayor Oscar E. Puente called meeting to order at approximately 6:00 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>Ashley Moreno</b>	<b>Councilor</b>
<b>Mario Ruiz</b>	<b>Councilor</b>
<b>Terry McCalpin</b>	<b>City Manager</b>
<b>Melissa M. Guerra</b>	<b>City Clerk</b>
<b>Bobby Maldonado</b>	<b>Special Counsel</b>

**Absent:**

<b>David Balderas</b>	<b>Councilor</b>
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A quorum was established.

**STAFF:**

<b>Gloria Martinez, Finance Director</b>	<b>John Camarillo, Public Works Director</b>
<b>Brenda Reyes, HR Specialist</b>	<b>Juan Martinez, Marshal Deputy</b>

**WELCOME & RECOGNITION OF GUESTS**

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

Dimmit County Judge Francisco Ponce

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & PRAYER**

The City Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**

No citizen's comments.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION IN REGARDS TO SPEED HUMPS**

Mayor Oscar E. Puente states that the speed bumps maintain safety in the neighborhoods and that the city should leave the speed bumps in place.

Special Counsel Bobby Maldonado states to Council that the speed humps are necessary to control speed and recommends having proper signage where the speed humps are located. City Manager Terry McCalpin states that the speed humps propose a liability to the city.

Motion made by Councilor Mario Ruiz, seconded by Councilor Ashley Moreno to keep the speed humps in place.

Vote for approval 4-0 (unanimous).

Motion carried.

## **2. DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION IN REGARDS TO CONCEALED AND OPEN CARRY FIREARMS**

Special Counsel Bobby Maldonado recommends updating the city policy in conformance with the new open and carry firearms law passed on September 1, 2021.

Special Counsel Bobby Maldonado states that the current city policy does not allow employees to open and carry firearms on city property. Mayor Pro Tem Sofia Morones recommends updating the policy in conformance with the new law that was passed on September 1, 2021.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Sofia Morones, seconded by Councilor Mario Ruiz to have Special Counsel Bobby Maldonado update city policy in conformance with the new open/carry law and not allow firearms on city property.

Vote for approval 4-0 (unanimous).

Motion carried.

## **3. DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION IN REGARDS TO VIDEO & AUDIO CAMERAS**

Mayor Pro Tem Sofia Morones asks Special Counsel Bobby Maldonado if other cities have the video cameras audio on. Special Counsel Bobby Maldonado states that most cities do not have the video cameras audio on. Councilor Mario Ruiz asks if there is a policy in place for the video cameras.

Special Counsel Bobby Maldonado states that the customers need to be aware of that the video camera audio is on. Mayor Pro Tem Sofia Morones asks County Judge Francisco Ponce if the courthouse have video cameras. County Judge Francisco Ponce states that the courthouse does not have any cameras.

Special Counsel Bobby Maldonado recommends creating an audio and visual camera policy.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Sofia Morones, seconded by Councilor Mario Ruiz to have Special Counsel Bobby Maldonado create a policy to allow only visual and no audio on the video cameras.

Vote for approval 4-0 (unanimous).

Motion carried.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Oscar E. Puente convened into Executive Session at 6:46 p.m.

***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***

**4. DISCUSSION IN REGARDS TO PERSONNEL TML HEALTH BENEFITS - CITY MANAGER TERRY MCCALPIN**

**OPEN SESSION**

Mayor Oscar E. Puente reconvened into Special Sessin at 6:48 p.m.

**5. DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION IN REGARDS TO PERSONNEL TML HEALTH BENEFITS - CITY MANAGER TERRY MCCALPIN**

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Sofia Morones, seconded by Councilor Mario Ruiz to dismiss request.

Vote for approval 4-0 (unanimous).

Motion carried.

**BUDGET WORKSHOP (2)**

**6. CITY OF CARRIZO SPRINGS FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 BUDGET WORKSHOP (2)**

**A. OPEN BUDGET WORKSHOP**

Mayor Oscar E. Puente opened Budget Workshop at 6:48.

**B. CLOSE BUDGET WORKSHOP**

Mayor Oscar E. Puente closed Budget Workshop at 6:56 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:56 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**