



MINUTES

PRESENT:

Norie Gonzalez Garza, Mayor
Jessica Ortega, Councilwoman
Ruben D. Plata, Mayor Pro-Tem
Abiel Flores, Councilman
Alberto Vela, Councilman
Victor A. Flores, City Attorney
Randy Perez, City Manager
Anna Carrillo, City Secretary

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT:

Jim Barnes
Beth Barnes
Hilda Flores
Irma F. Lopez
Victor Anzaldua
Monica Salazar
Marta Pizano
Michelle Dominguez
Ricardo Morales
Julio Bravo
Faviola Sanchez

STAFF PRESENT:

Anais Chapa, Assistant City Secretary
David Flores, Asst. City Manager
Aida Lerma, Asst. City Manager
Juan Pablo Terrazas, Asst. City Manager
Angie Vela, Finance Director
Michael Elizalde, Grants Administrator
Susie De Luna, Planning Director
Alex Hernandez, Asst. Planning Director
Noemi Munguia, HR Director
Robert Hinojosa, Risk Management Director
Peter Geddes, Procurement Director
Joe Enriquez, Utilities Manager
Alex Fajardo, Media Relations
Charlie Longoria, Media Relations
Abram Ramirez, IT Director
Abel Bocanegra, P.E., City Engineer
Brad Bentsen, Parks & Recreation Director
Cesar Torres, Chief of Police
Adrian Garcia, Fire Chief
Frank Cavazos, Deputy Fire Chief
Joanne Longoria, CDBG Director
Yenni Espinoza, Assistant Library Director
Cynthia Lopez, Museum Director
Mario Flores, Golf Director
Rick Venecia, Boys & Girls Club Director
Angel Ramos, Veteran's Cemetery Director
Roel Mendiola, Sanitation Dept. Director
J. C. Avila, Fleet Director
Teclo Garcia, MEDC CEO
Kenia Gomez, Media Relations Director
Stephen Kotsatos, Health Director
Amy Tijerina, Events Manager

STAFF PRESENT:

Sarah Svedburg, Police Officer
Rosember Ramirez, Police Officer
Jesse Lerma, Civil Service Director

REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH QUORUM

With a quorum being present, Mayor Norie Gonzalez Garza called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

City Manager Randy Perez led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation by "It's Time Texas Community Challenge"

Randy Perez, City Manager, introduced Selene Guerrero, Senior Director of the It's Time Texas Challenge. Ms. Guerrero presented the City of Mission with a plaque for coming in 4th place in the mid-size community category. This was the first year that the City of Mission has participated, and she is looking forward to see how we do in the competition next year.

2. March 2023 Employee of the Month

Noemi Munguia, Human Resources Director, recognized Mr. Gustavo Garza as the Employee of the Month for March. Mr. Garza has great, positive attitude and always completes all assigned tasks with a smile.

3. Proclamation - National Crime Victims' Rights Week

Councilwoman Jessica Ortega moved to approve the Proclamation – National Crime Victims' Rights Week. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ruben Plata and approved unanimously 5-0.

4. Proclamation - National Small Business Week

Mayor Pro Tem Plata moved to approve the Proclamation – National Small Business Week. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ortega and approved unanimously 5-0.

5. Proclamation - Economic Development Week

Mayor Pro Tem Plata moved to approve the Proclamation – Economic Development Week. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ortega and approved unanimously 5-0.

6. Report from the Greater Mission Chamber of Commerce – Enriquez

Brenda Enriquez, Mission Chamber of Commerce CEO, reported on upcoming chamber events such as: April 27th SBDC: Payroll Compliance seminar, May 4th Ribbon Cutting for Wayland Baptist University, May 5th – Greater Mission Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament. Also will be having some events for Small Business Week.

7. Departmental Reports – Perez

Mayor Pro Tem Plata moved to approve the Departmental Reports. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ortega and approved unanimously 5-0.

8. Citizen's Participation – Garza

None

At 5:07 p.m. Mayor Garza requested to consider item 30 at this time.

PUBLIC HEARING

PLANNING & ZONING RECOMMENDATIONS

9. Rezoning: Lot 11, Block 176, Mission Original Townsite, (C-4) Heavy Commercial to (R-1) Single-Family Residential, Estevan Gabriel Rocha, and Adoption of Ordinance#5302 - De Luna

On April 12, 2023, the Planning and Zoning Commission held a Public Hearing to consider the rezoning request. The subject site was located 50' south of W. 11th Street along the west side of Perkins Avenue. There was no public opposition during the P&Z Meeting. The board unanimously recommended approval.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Mayor Garza asked if there were any comments for or against the request.

Jennifer Ann Rocha, one of the owners of the property in question, stated that she would like to get the property rezoned so that her brother could build a home for his family.

Upon motion by Mayor Pro Tem Plata seconded by Councilwoman Ortega and approved unanimously, the public hearing was closed.

Councilwoman Ortega moved to approve the Rezoning: Lot 11, Block 176, Mission Original Townsite, (C-4) Heavy Commercial to (R-1) Single-Family Residential, Estevan Gabriel Rocha, and Adoption of Ordinance#5302. Motion was seconded by Councilman Abiel Flores and approved unanimously 5-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 5302

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MISSION, TEXAS
GRANTING A REZONING LOT 11, BLOCK 176, MISSION ORIGINAL TOWNSITE,
FROM (C-4) HEAVY COMMERCIAL TO (R-1) SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL

10. Rezoning: Lot 1, Block 3, out of the Del Monte Orchards Company Subdivision No. 1 out of Porcion 51, (AO-I) Agricultural Open Interim to (C-3) General Business, Yvette Espericueta, and Adoption of Ordinance#5303 - De Luna

On April 12, 2023, the Planning and Zoning Commission held a Public Hearing to consider the rezoning request. The subject site was located approximately 1,024' south of W. Business Highway 83 along the west side of Schuerbach Road. There was no public opposition during the P&Z Meeting. The board unanimously recommended approval.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Mayor Garza asked if there were any comments for or against the request.

There were no comments.

Upon motion by Mayor Pro Tem Plata seconded by Councilman Flores and approved unanimously, the public hearing was closed.

Councilwoman Ortega moved to approve the Rezoning: Lot 1, Block 3, out of the Del Monte Orchards Company Subdivision No. 1 out of Porcion 51, (AO-I) Agricultural Open Interim to (C-3) General Business, Yvette Espericueta, and Adoption of Ordinance#5303. Motion was seconded by Councilman Vela and approved unanimously 5-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 5303

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MISSION, TEXAS
GRANTING A REZONING LOT 1, BLOCK 3, OUT OF THE DEL MONTE ORCHARDS
COMPANY SUBDIVISION NO. 1 OUT OF PORCION 51, FROM (AO-I) AGRICULTURAL
OPEN INTERIM TO (C-3) GENERAL BUSINESS

**11. Conditional Use Permit: For a Social Club/Night Club – Blackout Private Social Club
at 1522 E. Expressway 83, Suite 109, Lot 109, Re-Plat of Lots 3 & 4, Stewart Plaza
Subdivision, C-3, Yair Cruz, and Adoption of Ordinance#5304 - De Luna**

On April 12, 2023, the Planning and Zoning Commission held a Public Hearing to consider the Conditional Use Permit request. The subject site was located on the SW corner of Stewart Road and Expressway 83. There was no public opposition during the P&Z Meeting. The board unanimously recommended approval.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Mayor Garza asked if there were any comments for or against the request.

Mr. Ricardo Morales, was present to speak on behalf of the business and answer any questions if need be.

Upon motion by Mayor Pro Tem Plata seconded by Councilwoman Ortega and approved unanimously, the public hearing was closed.

Councilwoman Ortega asked Mr. Morales if there was alcohol was consumed on the premises after hours and if so, how did the guests get home and also if security was provided.

Mr. Morales stated that they do offer their guests Lyft and Uber services, and they do have security present at their after-hour events.

Mayor Pro Tem Plata moved to approve Conditional Use Permit: For a Social Club/Night Club – Blackout Private Social Club at 1522 E. Expressway 83, Suite 109, Lot 109, Re-Plat of Lots 3 & 4, Stewart Plaza Subdivision, C-3, Yair Cruz, and Adoption of Ordinance#5304 with the restriction that the business closes at 2:00 am. Motion was seconded by Councilman Flores and approved unanimously 5-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 5304

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MISSION, TEXAS
GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A SOCIAL CLUB/NIGHT CLUB –
BLACKOUT PRIVATE SOCIAL CLUB AT 1512 E. EXPRESSWAY 83, SUITE 109, BEING
LOT 109, RE-PLAT OF LOTS 3 & 4, STEWART PLAZA SUBDIVISION

**12. Preliminary & Final Plat Approval: Bravo Subdivision, Being a replat of a 1.04 acre
tract of land out of Lot 1 and 24, Basham Subdivision Unit No. 6, C-1, Developer:
Julio Cesar Bravo, Engineer: Spoor Engineering Consultants, Inc.- De Luna**

On April 12, 2023 the Mission City Council held a Public Hearing to consider the Preliminary & Final Plat Approval for Bravo Subdivision. The subject site was located approximately ½ mile North of W. Mile 2 Road along the East side of Inspiration Road. There was no public opposition during the P&Z Meeting. The Board unanimously recommended approval.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Mayor Garza asked if there were any comments for or against the request.

There were no comments.

Upon motion by Mayor Pro Tem Plata seconded by Councilwoman Ortega and approved unanimously, the public hearing was closed.

Councilman Flores asked Susie De Luna, Planning Director, why they were seeing the preliminary and final plat on one item.

Ms. De Luna explained that they were two existing tracts of land that were being combined.

Councilman Flores moved to approve the Preliminary & Final Plat Approval: Bravo Subdivision, Being a replat of a 1.04 acre tract of land out of Lot 1 and 24, Basham Subdivision Unit No. 6, C-1, Developer: Julio Cesar Bravo, Engineer: Spoor Engineering Consultants, Inc. Motion was seconded by Councilman Alberto Vela and approved unanimously 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

All consent agenda items are considered routine by City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember requests an item be removed and considered separately. The City Council May Take Various Actions; Including But Not Limited To Rescheduling An Item In Its Entirety For A Future Date Or Time. The City Council May Elect To Go Into Executive Session On Any Item Whether Or Not Such Item Is Posted As An Executive Session Item At Any Time During The Meeting When Authorized By The Provisions Of The Open Meetings Act

13. Approval of Minutes – Carrillo

Regular Meeting – April 10, 2023 and Special Meeting – April 17, 2023

14. Acknowledge Receipt of Minutes – Perez

Mission Economic Development Corporation – March 1, 2023

Parks & Recreation Board Meeting – February 14, 2023

Zoning Board of Adjustments – September 21, 2022 and November 16, 2022

15. Approval of Resolution #1827 of the City of Mission, Texas finding that AEP Texas Inc.'s application to amend its distribution cost recovery factors to increase distribution rates within the city should be denied; authorizing participation with the cities served by AEP Texas; authorizing hiring of legal counsel. – Flores

On April 5, 2023, AEP Texas Inc. filed an Application to Amend its Distribution Cost Recovery Factor to increase distribution rates within each of the cities in their service area. In the filing, the Company asserted that it is seeking an increase in distribution revenues of approximately \$39.7 million (an approximately \$1.63 increase to the average residential customer's bill from the rates approved in the Company's most recent DCRF case). Moreover, the Company was seeking to impose Rider Mobile TEEE Facilities to recover revenue related to mobile generation unit leasing and operation. The Rider would recover approximately \$30.67 million (an approximately \$1.30 increase to the average customer's bill).

The resolution authorized the City to join with the Cities Served by AEP ("Cities") to evaluate the filing, determine whether the filing complies with law, and if lawful, to determine what further strategy, including settlement, to pursue and authorized the hiring of Lloyd Gosselink and consultants to review the filing, negotiate with the Company, and make recommendations to the City regarding reasonable rates.

RESOLUTION NO. 1827

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MISSION, TEXAS FINDING THAT AEP TEXAS INC.'S APPLICATION TO AMEND ITS DISTRIBUTION COST RECOVERY FACTORS TO INCREASE DISTRIBUTION RATES WITHIN THE CITY SHOULD BE DENIED; AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION WITH THE CITIES SERVED BY AEP TEXAS; AUTHORIZING HIRING OF LEGAL COUNSEL; FINDING THAT THE CITY'S REASONABLE RATE CASE EXPENSES SHALL BE REIMBURSED BY THE COMPANY; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW; REQUIRING NOTICE OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE COMPANY AND LEGAL COUNSEL.

16. Authorization to solicit Request for Proposals for Stop Loss Insurance – Munguia

In 2022, the City of Mission entered into a contractual agreement with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas for Stop Loss Insurance. Due to industry standards, the contract term for this contract was for one (1) year. Stop Loss Insurance is needed for the 2023-2024 fiscal year to cap any excess costs exceeding our specific deductible for medical and prescription costs. Staff is seeking authorization to solicit proposals.

17. Approval of Resolution No.1828 authorizing the submittal of a grant application for the FY22 Operation Stonegarden Program from the Office of the Governor (OOG) and authorizing Mayor as the Authorized Representative- Elizalde

The grant would allow the Mission Police Officers the opportunity to work overtime to increase patrol presence throughout the City of Mission and especially around the U.S./Mexico border. The grant would further allow the Department to purchase three (3) SkyCop Towers that will serve for surveillance operations. The total amount of the grant request was \$350,000.00 and does not require a match.

RESOLUTION NO. 1828

FY22 OPERATION STONEGARDEN PROGRAM TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

18. Authorization to Solicit for Bids for the purchase of Cold Water Meters and supplies for the Public Works Department – Bocanegra

Staff was seeking authorization to solicit bids for the purchase of Cold Water Meters and supplies. Meters are needed by the Public Works department to replace non-functioning meters and for new developments.

19. Authorization to Solicit for bids for Chlorine Gas chemical for the Public Works Department North and South Water Treatment Plants- Bocanegra

Staff was seeking authorization to solicit bids for the purchase of Chlorine Gas. Chemical is needed by the Public Works Department as part of the Water Treatment Process.

20. Authorization to purchase patrol unit radars and a Wanco color matrix board trailer from Dana Safety Supply under BuyBoard contract 698-23 using funds from the 2023 Southwest Border Rural Law Enforcement Assistance Program Grant - Torres

Authorization to purchase unit radars and a Wanco color matrix board trailer from Dana Safety Supply (BuyBoard 698-23) grant funds from the 2023 Southwest Border Rural Law Enforcement Assistant Grant. Total cost of the purchase is \$81,633.30 and there is no cash match.

21. Interlocal Agreement between the City of Mission and County of Hidalgo for the use and occupation of Lots 4-9 BLK 205 Mission Original Townsite. – Carrillo

The County of Hidalgo has granted permission for the City of Mission to use and occupy Lots 4-9, BLK 205 MOT. The City will be responsible for the maintenance and operation of the use of the property as a storage facility and shall maintain insurance to cover their activities upon said property. City shall coordinate efforts for use of the property with a designated representative from the Precinct #3 office. Term of the agreement is for four (4) years and shall automatically renew for four (4) additional one (1) year terms.

Mayor Pro Tem Plata asked to remove item 18 from the list and be discussed individually.

Mayor Pro Tem Plata moved to approve all consent agenda items 13 thru 17 and 19 thru 21 as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ortega and approved unanimously 5-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Plata moved to approve item 18. Motion was seconded by Councilman Flores and approved unanimously 5-0.

APPROVALS AND AUTHORIZATIONS

22.Variance request to allow a septic tank system instead of the required sewer line connection at 2913 Los Ebanos Road, being 5.26 acres gross out of Lot 28-5, West Addition to Sharyland, AO-I, Nancy Leal, Inc.- De Luna

On April 12, 2023 the Mission City Council held a Public Hearing to consider the Variance Request. The subject site was located approximately 400' south of North Mile 2 Road along the western side of Los Ebanos Road. There was no public opposition during the P&Z Meeting. The Board unanimously recommended approval.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Plata moved to approve the Variance request to allow a septic tank system instead of the required sewer line connection at 2913 Los Ebanos Road, being 5.26 acres gross out of Lot 28-5, West Addition to Sharyland, AO-I, Nancy Leal, Inc. Motion was seconded by Councilman Vela and approved unanimously 5-0.

23.Final Plat Approval: Lantana Landing Subdivision, Being a 14.00 acre tract of land, same being out of and forming part or portion of Lot 31-3, of the West Addition to Sharyland Subdivision and 20.00 acres tract of land out of Lots 45 & 46, of Bellwood's Company Subdivision "D", Developer: Fortis Land Company, LLC, Engineer: Rio Delta Engineering. - De Luna

On February 28, 2022 the Mission City Council held a Public Hearing to consider this Preliminary Plat Approval for Lantana Landing Subdivision. The subject site was on the west side of Trosper Road ¼ of mile south of W. Mile 3 Road. There was no public opposition during the City Council. The Board unanimously recommended approval of the subdivision.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Plata moved to approve the Final Plat Approval: Lantana Landing Subdivision, Being a 14.00 acre tract of land, same being out of and forming part or portion of Lot 31-3, of the West Addition to Sharyland Subdivision and 20.00 acres tract of land out of Lots 45 & 46, of Bellwood's Company Subdivision "D", Developer: Fortis Land Company, LLC, Engineer: Rio Delta Engineering. Motion was seconded by Councilman Flores and approved unanimously 5-0.

24. Final Plat Approval: Laguna Oaks Subdivision, Being 11.861 acres out of Lot 16-1, West Addition to Sharyland, PUD (R-1 Single Family Residential), Developer: Emigdio Salinas, Engineer: M2 Engineering, PLLC. - De Luna

On December 13, 2021 the Mission City Council held a Public Hearing to consider this Preliminary Plat Approval for Laguna Oaks Subdivision. The subject site was located on the southeast corner of Inspiration and Mile One South Road. There was no public opposition during the City Council. The Board unanimously recommended approval of the subdivision.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Councilwoman Ortega moved to approve the Final Plat Approval: Lantana Landing Subdivision, Being a 14.00 acre tract of land, same being out of and forming part or portion of Lot 31-3, of the West Addition to Sharyland Subdivision and 20.00 acres tract of land out of Lots 45 & 46, of Bellwood's Company Subdivision "D", Developer: Fortis Land Company, LLC, Engineer: Rio Delta Engineering. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Plata and approved unanimously 5-0.

25. Interlocal Agreement between the City of Mission, Texas and City of Alton, Texas regarding sewer services for The Heights at Inspiration Subdivision (15.208 acres out of Lot 35-1, West Addition to Sharyland) – De Luna

The request was to allow a new subdivision (48 Single Family Residential Lots) within the City of Mission's ETJ/Sewer CCN to connect to the City of Alton's Sewer Main Line along Inspiration Road and Mile 4 North Road (W. St. Francis Avenue).

The proposed subdivision was located approximately 1332' south of W. St. Francis Avenue (Mile 4 North Road) on the east side of Inspiration Road. Unfortunately, the City of Mission sewer line elevation was not sufficient for gravity flow to service this site making the connection unfeasible. An alternative to this issue was to connect to the City of Alton's sewer system.

The City of Mission agreed that City of Alton may provide retail sewer service to The Heights at Inspiration Road (the "Customer") until such time as the City of Mission transitions the customer to City of Mission sewer service. The City of Alton shall not expand its sewer service beyond the service to the Customer or add any additional sewer customers in the City of Mission's Sewer CCN without prior written permission of the City of Mission.

The City of Mission shall provide thirty (30) days written notice to the City of Alton that it intends to provide sewer service to the Customer. City of Alton shall orderly transfer and relinquish sewer service to the customers and cease to provide sewer service to the customer's location immediately upon written confirmation from the City of Mission that sewer service is available for the customer.

In an effort to assist for a successful completion, we were seeking consideration to allow this development to connect to the City of Alton's sewer system.

Mayor Pro Tem Plata moved to approve Interlocal Agreement between the City of Mission, Texas and City of Alton, Texas regarding sewer services for The Heights at Inspiration Subdivision (15.208 acres out of Lot 35-1, West Addition to Sharyland). Motion was seconded by Councilman Vela and approved unanimously 5-0.

26. Approval of February Property Tax Report – Vela

Acceptance of monthly property tax report for the month of February 2023.

The 2023 total adjusted tax levy for taxes was \$29,056,737.54 and the amount of the collections as of February 28, 2023 is \$26,320,849.35 which represents 90.58% of the total 2022 tax levy.

The total adjusted tax levy for delinquent taxes was \$2,374,140.45 and the amount of collections as of February 28, 2023 is \$243,383.65 which represents 10.25% of the total tax levies from previous years.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Plata moved to approve the February Property Tax Report. Motion was seconded by Councilman Flores and approved unanimously 5-0.

27. Approval of February Financials – Vela

February 2023 Unadjusted Financials (attached)

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Plata moved to approve the February Financials. Motion was seconded by Councilman Vela and approved unanimously 5-0.

28. Authorization to purchase a Crane Carrier LET2-46 Chassis via Buy Board Contract #601-19 for Sanitation Department – Mendiola

Authorization to purchase a Crane Carrier LET2-46 Chassis with a Labrie 32-Yard Body from Kyrish Truck Center via Buy Board Contract #601-19 at a total cost of \$383,809.00. The cost amounting from the LET2-46 Chassis at \$191,195.00 and the Labrie 32-Yard Body at \$192,614.00, plus an additional \$400 Buy Board fee per purchase order. The acquisition of this Chassis will enable our department to continue improving its daily operations.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Councilwoman Ortega moved to authorize the purchase of a Crane Carrier LET2-46 Chassis via Buy Board Contract #601-19 for Sanitation Department. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Plata and approved unanimously 5-0.

29. Consideration of best and final offer for Lions Park Improvements Project and Authorize City Manager to execute contract incident thereto – Geddes

City Council authorized staff to engage in negotiations with the top three firms with the highest evaluation. Staff met with Davila Construction, Gerlach Builders and RG Enterprise dba G&G Contractors. Best and final offers were received, after further review staff is recommending that City Manager pursue final negotiations in value engineering with G&G Contractors, instruct the City Attorney to draft an agreement memorializing all the terms governing Lions Park Improvements Project.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Councilwoman Ortega stated she had some legal questions regarding item 29 and requested to discuss in executive session along with the other executive session items.

Mayor Pro Tem Plata moved to consider the best and final offer for Lions Park Improvements Project and Authorize City Manager to execute contract incident thereto. Motion was seconded by Councilman Flores and approved unanimously 5-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

30. TABLED 04/10/2023 - Authorize staff to engage in negotiations with firms deemed acceptable and qualified for delinquent tax collection services and authorize City Manager to award and execute contract incident thereto – Vela

On January 23, 2023, City Council authorized staff to solicit Request for Proposals (RFP's) for delinquent tax collection services in accordance with the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act (V.T.C.A., Government Code Section 2254.011). Proposals received were referred to an evaluation committee appointed to review and evaluate on the basis of demonstrated competence and qualifications to perform the services.

Staff received two (2) proposals. All proposals were deemed acceptable and qualified. All were evaluated on set criteria outlined in the RFP.

The firm names are:

- Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott LLP
- Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP

Staff and City Manager were seeking council direction.

Mayor Pro Tem Plata moved to remove item 30 from the table. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ortega and approved unanimously 5-0.

Councilwoman Ortega stated she had some legal questions regarding item 30 and requested to discuss in executive session.

At 5:07 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Plata moved to convene into Executive Session. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ortega and approved unanimously 5-0.

Upon conclusion of Executive Session at 5:18 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Plata moved to reconvene the regular meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ortega and approved unanimously 5-0.

Councilman Abiel Flores advised that he would not be voting in favor of either companies due to the fact that the current contract holder was not given a notice of termination.

Councilwoman Ortega moved to authorize staff to engage in negotiations with firms deemed acceptable and qualified for delinquent tax collection services and authorize City Manager to award and execute contract to Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP for a period of three years with a six month transition period. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Plata and approved 4-1 with Councilman Flores voting against.

ROUTINE MATTERS

City Manager Comments – RGV Food Bank Food Distribution on Tuesday April 25, 2023 from 9:00am-11:00am at Beto Salinas Park, City of Mission Job Fair on Thursday April 27, 2023 from 2:00-6:30pm at the Mission Event Center, Garden of Light – National Crime Victims Event Thursday April 27, 2023 from 6:00-7:30 pm at Bannworth Park, Annual Trash Bash Saturday April 29, 2023 from 7:15am-1:15pm at CWV Park. City of Mission has become an official affiliate of Keep Texas Beautiful and with this beautification efforts will continue throughout the city. The Spring Round up was a success and several hundred tires and tonnage of bulky items was collected as a result.

Mayor's Comments – Thanked staff for all their work at all of the city's events. City Council Comments - Councilwoman Ortega thanked Mr. Mendiola and the Sanitation Department, as well as other departments for their help in clearing out the debris after the storm earlier in the

week. She has seen a big difference in the service that is being provided. Mayor Pro Tem Plata expressed his appreciation towards all staff members that are always in attendance and helping at all city events. Councilman Vela thanked everyone who participated at the City's first Autism Event.

At 6:00 p.m., Councilwoman Ortega moved to convene into Executive Session to discuss item 29 and executive session items 1-3 pursuant to Texas Gov't Code Section 551.071. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Plata and approved unanimously 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Closed session pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with City Attorney) and Section 551.072 (Real Property) related to Project Founder. (City Attorney V. Flores and City Manager R. Perez)
 2. Closed session pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with City Attorney) and Section 551.087 (Economic Development Negotiations) related to Project Fusion. (City Attorney V. Flores and City Manager R. Perez)
 3. Closed session pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with City Attorney) related to various potential and/or pending litigation matters. (City Attorney V. Flores)
- Upon conclusion of Executive Session at 7:00 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Plata moved to reconvene the regular meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ortega and approved unanimously 5-0.

POSSIBLE ACTION ON ANY ITEM(S) AS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Consideration and action, if any, related to proposed Project Founder.

Councilwoman Ortega moved to authorize City Manager to order appraisal with a possible acquisition of real estate property as discussed in executive session. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Plata and approved unanimously 5-0.

2. Consideration and action, if any, related to Project Fusion.

No action was taken on this item.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:09 p.m., Councilwoman Ortega moved for adjournment. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Plata and approved unanimously 5-0.

Norie Gonzalez Garza, Mayor

ATTEST:

Anna Carrillo, City Secretary