



## 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

### ALSO PRESENT:

Irma Flores  
Victor Anzaldua  
Robert Dominguez  
Ricardo Salinas  
Jim & Beth Barnes  
Hilda Flores  
Teresa Toledo  
Martha Interiano  
David de los Santos  
Esther Salinas  
Taylor Bryant

### STAFF PRESENT:

Joel Chapa, Police Officer  
Kenia L. Gomez, Media Relations Director  
Patricia Sifuentes, Police Officer  
Jody Tittle, Assistant Chief of Police  
David Meza, Lieutenant

### ABSENT:

### 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  
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  
Douglas Williams, Interim Fire Chief  
Frank Cavazos, Deputy Fire Chief  
Joanne Longoria, CDBG 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  
Adrian Garcia, Fire Chief  
Amy Tijerina, Events Manager  
Roel Mendiola, Sanitation Director  
Yenni Espinoza, Assistant Library Director  
Adrian Garcia, Fire Chief

## **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 - Texas Law Enforcement Best Practices Accreditation Program Certificate of Accreditation to Mission Police Department**

Michael Kester, Chief of Police for the City of Harlingen, presented the Mission Police Department with a Certificate of Accreditation for Texas Law Enforcement's Best Practices Program. He stated that this program has a total of 173 rigorous standards, and the Mission Police Department met each one. He recognized our agency as operating under the best practices and for being one of the best agencies in the State of Texas. Cesar Torres, Chief of Police, also recognized his staff and department for all the hard work and long hours they dedicated and committed in order to receive this recognition.

#### **2. Recognition of Irasema Dimas, Secretary for the Code Enforcement Association of Texas**

Susie De Luna, Planning Director, recognized Irasema Dimas for being appointed as the Secretary for the Code Enforcement Association of Texas. Ms. Dimas attended the Code Enforcement Association's 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Beaumont, where she was nominated by her peers as Secretary for the organization.

#### **3. Report from the Greater Mission Chamber of Commerce**

CJ Sanchez, Mission Chamber of Commerce Vice President, reported on upcoming chamber events such as: March 16<sup>th</sup> "Language of Business" webinar, March 17<sup>th</sup> ribbon cutting for The Violet Beauty Studio, March 23<sup>rd</sup> "Let's Talk Business" webinar, March 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> Mission Day in Austin, March 28<sup>th</sup> "Effective Communication in Team Building" Lunch & Learn, March 21<sup>st</sup> Spring Market.

#### **4. Departmental Reports – Perez**

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

#### **5. Citizen's Participation – Garza**

Mike Silva, Mission Fire Department Union President, wanted to take the opportunity to thank City Attorney Victor Flores, City Manager Randy Perez and Civil Service Director Jesse Lerma for their contributions to the Meet & Confer revisions. He also applauded the city officials for their ongoing support and thanked them for their time and consideration.

Ricardo Salinas urged the council to intervene when it came to matters concerning the Cimarron Golf Course. He stated that the area was in very bad shape and that as a City, we should be able to do something about it before it gets worse. He fears that it could end up as

another “Meadow Creek” situation and would like for the city to take action on this prior to that occurring.

Jim Barnes spoke about an event that took place in Alamo in conjunction with an organization named STEP. He asked the City of Mission to not partner with this organization for events as he felt that they promoted the sexualization of children and that we should be protecting our children.

Irma Flores, 1201 Keralum, mentioned that this month is Social Work Month. She also was very pleased with the first Staycation event that took place at Astroland Park. Ms. Flores expressed how amazing the event was and how all the children enjoyed it. She felt events like these promote unity within our community.

Taylor Bryant, 411 N. Ware Road, spoke about CASC an organization that is not anti-LGBTQ nor involved in politics. He stated CASC is an organization that protects the best interests of children. He also spoke about STEP and how it promotes sexualization to children and that we should not work with them.

Jesus Mendoza spoke about how children are exposed to microwave electric sensitivity at a young age. He mentions that we should be prepared and know the symptoms and effects in an effort for early detection of EHS.

Randy Perez, City Manager, introduces Mr. Adrian Garcia who was hired as the new Fire Chief for the Mission Fire Department.

Adrian Garcia, Fire Chief, introduces himself as the new Fire Chief for the City of Mission and expresses his gratitude for the opportunity he was given to serve our community. He was a former employee of the Fire Department, and after 25 years, he’s back and looking forward to working with us.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **PLANNING & ZONING RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### **6. Rezoning: A 0.33 acre tract of land out of the East 100’ of the West 880’ of the south 143’ of Lot 29-8, West Addition to Sharyland Subdivision, (AO-I) Agricultural Open Interim to (C-3) General Business, Juan Reyes, and Adoption of Ordinance - De Luna**

On February 22, 2023, the Planning and Zoning Commission held a Public Hearing to consider the rezoning request. The subject site was located near Mayberry Road and E. Mile 2 Road intersection along the North side of E. Mile 2 Road. There was no public opposition during the P&Z Meeting. The board unanimously recommended denial.

Staff and City Manager recommended denial.

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

Juan Reyes, owner of the lot in discussion, said that he purchased the lot 5 years ago and had maintained it to keep it clean. He was now looking to develop the area into a small, commercial plaza. He has other plazas in Mission and would like to create something nice for this space as well.

Juan Medina, 612 Abraham Street, stated that he is a neighbor to this lot and realized that growth was needed in the area; however, he is opposed to it being a commercial plaza. He felt that a business would disrupt the neighborhood.

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

Councilman Alberto Vela moved to deny the Rezoning: A 0.33 acre tract of land out of the East 100' of the West 880' of the south 143' of Lot 29-8, West Addition to Sharyland Subdivision, (AO-I) Agricultural Open Interim to (C-3) General Business, Juan Reyes, and Adoption of an Ordinance. Motion was seconded by Councilman Flores and denied unanimously 5-0.

**7. Conditional Use Permit: Construct a Pool House on Property Zoned Large Lot Single Family Residential at 2508 Lilac Avenue, Lot 9, Falcon Crest Subdivision, R-1A, William Carl Davis, and Adoption of Ordinance#5289- De Luna**

On February 22, 2023, the Planning and Zoning Commission held a Public Hearing to consider the Conditional Use Permit request. The subject site was located approximately 310' north of Thornwood Drive along the east side of Lilac 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.

William Davis, 2508 Lilac Avenue, stated that this is a project they had been wanted to do for a while. The pool house would also serve as an independent space for their son who is handicapped.

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 Conditional Use Permit: Construct a Pool House on Property Zoned Large Lot Single Family Residential at 2508 Lilac Avenue, Lot 9, Falcon Crest Subdivision, R-1A, William Carl Davis, and Adoption of Ordinance#5289. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Plata and approved unanimously 5-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 5289**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MISSION, TEXAS  
GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT A POOL HOUSE ON  
PROPERTY ZONED LARGE LOT SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL AT 2508 LILAC AVENUE,  
BEING LOT 12, FALCON CREST SUBDIVISION

**8. Conditional Use Permit: To have a Restaurant in a C-2 zone – The Magnolia Tea Room at 1022 E. Griffin Parkway, Suite 107B, Lot 1, Bryan Road Medical Plaza Subdivision, C-2, Elizabeth Marie Romero, and Adoption of Ordinance#5290 - De Luna**

On February 22, 2023, the Planning and Zoning Commission held a Public Hearing to consider the Conditional Use Permit request. The subject site was located on the southwest corner of E. Griffin Parkway (F.M. 495) and Bryan 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.

Mayor Pro Tem Plata moved to approve the Conditional Use Permit: To have a Restaurant in a C-2 zone – The Magnolia Tea Room at 1022 E. Griffin Parkway, Suite 107B, Lot 1, Bryan Road Medical Plaza Subdivision, C-2, Elizabeth Marie Romero, and Adoption of Ordinance#5290. Motion was seconded by Councilman Vela and approved unanimously 5-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 5290**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MISSION, TEXAS  
GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO HAVE A RESTAURANT IN A C-2 ZONE –  
THE MAGNOLIA TEA ROOM AT 1022 E. GRIFFIN PARKWAY, SUITE 107B, BEING LOT 1,  
BRYAN ROAD MEDICAL PLAZA SUBDIVISION

**9. Conditional Use Permit: Outdoor Soccer Field at 719 Ragland, A tract of land out of the northwest 9.96 acres of Lot 203, John H. Shary Subdivision, C-3, Jorge Eduardo Careaga, and Adoption of Ordinance#5291 - De Luna**

On February 22, 2023, the Planning and Zoning Commission held a Public Hearing to consider the Conditional Use Permit request. The subject site was located 800' south of Business Highway 83 along the west side of Ragland 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.

Jorge Eduardo Careaga, owner, stated that he was present in case council had any questions.

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Plata moved to approve the Conditional Use Permit: Outdoor Soccer Field at 719 Ragland, A tract of land out of the northwest 9.96 acres of Lot 203, John H. Shary Subdivision, C-3, Jorge Eduardo Careaga, and Adoption of Ordinance#5291. Motion was seconded by Councilman Flores and approved unanimously 5-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 5291**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MISSION, TEXAS  
GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO HAVE A SOCCER FIELD AT 719 RAGLAND,  
BEING A TRACT OF LAND OUT OF THE NORTHWEST 9.96 ACRES OF LOT 203, JOHN H.  
SHARY SUBDIVISION

**10. Conditional Use Permit Renewal: Drive-Thru Service Window – Cocina De La Abuela Tere at 1500 W. Griffin Parkway, Suite E, Being the S. 105' – W. 180' – E. 440' out of Lot 25-5, West Addition to Sharyland & Lot 1, Block B, Cinco De Mayo Ranch, C-3, Yvette Castaneda, and Adoption of Ordinance#5292 - De Luna**

On February 22, 2023, the Planning and Zoning Commission held a Public Hearing to consider the Conditional Use Permit Renewal request. The subject site was located on the NW corner of Wednesday and Griffin Parkway. 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.

Teresa, 2001 Delilah St., stated she was present to answer any questions.

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 Conditional Use Permit Renewal: Drive-Thru Service Window – Cocina De La Abuela Tere at 1500 W. Griffin Parkway, Suite E, Being the S. 105' – W. 180' – E. 440' out of Lot 25-5, West Addition to Sharyland & Lot 1, Block B, Cinco De Mayo Ranch, C-3, Yvette Castaneda, and Adoption of Ordinance#5292 with the additional conditions of repairing the fence and maintain the landscaping. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Plata and approved unanimously 5-0.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 5292**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MISSION, TEXAS  
GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT RENEWAL FOR THE DRIVE-THRU SERVICE  
WINDOW – COCINA DE LA ABUELA TERE AT 1500 W. GRIFFIN PARKWAY, SUITE E,  
BEING THE S. 105' – W. 180' – E 440' OUT OF LOT 25-2, WEST ADDITION TO  
SHARYLAND & LOT 1, BLOCK B, CINCO DE MAYO RANCH

#### **11. Discussion and Possible action to Designate Honorary Street – De Luna**

Staff had received a written petition, dated February 6, 2023, from Mr. Steven Bazan requesting that the City of Mission consider the honorary street name of “Elias & Delia Bazan Drive” for Rose Marie Street, from Conway Blvd to Doherty Avenue, a distance of approximately 220'.

Mr. & Mrs. Elias & Delia Bazan married on January 11, 1970. In 1973, they decided to open their own restaurant. Taco Ole was founded in Downtown Mission, Texas. Both sides of the family worked to help build the business. Whether it was breakfast, lunch or dinner a family member was always there to provide a helping hand. Traditionally family recipes created the authentic taste that Taco Ole' became known for. Taco Ole' was recognized for serving “The Best Mexican Food in The Valley”.

Mr. & Mrs. Bazan immersed themselves in the community from baseball clubs, Lions Club, church organizations, and numerous prayer groups. Taco Ole' served as a meeting place for everyone to congregate. In 1986, Mr. & Mrs. Bazan moved into their new building on North Conway, their love for Taco Ole' built a family tradition. As the years progressed, Mr. & Mrs. Bazan enjoyed sharing their trade secrets with the next generation of family members, cousins, nieces, and nephews. Their dedication made Taco Ole' a place to enjoy special occasions. Whether it be meetings, birthdays anniversaries, or just family get togethers, Taco Ole' never failed to satisfy. Taco Ole' continued to thrive under the ownership of the Bazan Family.

Taco Ole' was celebrating its 50th year anniversary and the City of Mission had proclaimed February 22<sup>nd</sup> as Elias & Delia Bazan Day in honor of the couple that created “Taco Ole”, a true family tradition.

There was a brief biography attached for your review and consideration. This particular stretch of Rose Marie was the neighborhood in which Taco Ole' is located. An honorary street name will have NO change of address for anyone.

His family respectfully requested that an honorary street name be approved on this block stretch of Conway to Doherty 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.

Steven Bazan, 2316 N.Conway, asked that the city approve this request in honor of his parents and the legacy they created.

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 Designation of an Honorary Street. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Plata 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*

### **12. Approval of Minutes – Carrillo**

Regular Meeting – February 27, 2023

### **13. Acknowledge Receipt of Minutes – Perez**

Mission Economic Development Corporation – November 29, 2022, January 25, 2023

Keep Mission Beautiful Beautification Committee – February 7, 2023

Mission Civil Service Commission – February 21, 2023

Planning and Zoning Commission – December 21, 2022, January 25, 2023

### **14. Approval of Resolution No. 1820 re-establishing the adoption of the Municipality of Rio Bravo, Tamaulipas, Mexico as Mission's Sister City – A. Lerma**

Approval to re-establish the adoption of Rio Bravo, Tamaulipas, Mexico as a Sister City and authorizing Mayor Garza to act as the official representative of Mission to carry out this program. Honorable Mayor Profr. Teodoro Escalon Martinez was requesting to re-establish the Sister Cities with Mission.

The Sister City Concept was inaugurated by the President of the United States in 1956 to establish greater friendship and understanding between the people of the United States and other nations through the medium of direct personal contact. That the Council on behalf of the people of Mission accepts the people of Rio Bravo, Tamaulipas, Mexico participate with Mission as its Sister City for the purpose of creating greater mutual understanding between the peoples of our two great cities and nations.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1820**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MISSION, TEXAS RE-ESTABLISHES THE ADOPTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF RIO BRAVO, TAMAULIPAS, MEXICO AS A SISTER CITY.

**15. Approval of Resolution No. 1821 declaring the adoption of the Municipality of Gustavo Diaz Ordaz, Tamaulipas, Mexico as Mission's Sister City – A. Lerma**

Approval to declare the adoption of Gustavo Diaz Ordaz, Tamaulipas, Mexico as a Sister City and authorizing Mayor Garza to act as the official representative of Mission to carry out this program. Honorable Mayor Nataly Garcia Diaz was requesting to become Sister Cities with Mission.

The Sister City Concept was inaugurated by the President of the United States in 1956 to establish greater friendship and understanding between the people of the United States and other nations through the medium of direct personal contact. That the Council on behalf of the people of Mission accepts the people of Gustavo Diaz Ordaz, Tamaulipas, Mexico participate with Mission as its Sister City for the purpose of creating greater mutual understanding between the peoples of our two great cities and nations.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1821**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MISSION, TEXAS DECLARES THE ADOPTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF GUSTAVO DIAZ ORDAZ, TAMAULIPAS, MEXICO AS A SISTER CITY.

**16. Approval to accept the 2023 Southwest Border Rural Law Enforcement Assistance Program Grant funds from the Institute for Intergovernmental Research – Torres**

The grant would allow Mission Police to purchase surveillance gear, new radars for patrol units, and message board trailers. The total amount of this award was \$93,000.

**17. Authorization to purchase furniture from Texas Wilson via Buy Board Contract 667-22, Omnia Partners # 2019.001899 and Omnia Partners # 2019.001896 for the CEED Building – Garcia**

The CEED building needed to replace a few pieces of furniture in some areas of the building in order to better service its clients and tenants. An amount of up to \$60,000 was being requested.

**18. Authorization to award bid for Fire Station Exercise Gym Equipment – Garcia**

The City of Mission had accepted and opened eight (8) Bid responses for fire station exercise gym equipment, treadmills and stair climbers for the Mission Fire Department. Staff recommended awarding bid to Promaxima who was the lowest responsible bidder meeting all specifications at a cost of \$45,990.00 ARPA funds would be used for this purchase.

**19. Authorization to submit a grant application to the Texas State Library & Archives Commission for the Texas Reads Grant Program – Elizalde**

The Mission Speer Memorial Library was requesting authorization for the submission of a grant application to TSLAC for the Texas Reads Grant Program. The Library was seeking to

purchase sensory books and activities that would engage participants in an inclusive reading program. The total project request was \$10,000 and required no match.

**20. Authorization to purchase docking stations and accessories via Buyboard Contract # 603-20- Ramirez**

Staff was seeking authorization to purchase 17 docking stations and accessories to outfit patrol units that would allow for upgrade of mobile devices and technology from Dana Safety Supply at a cost of \$47,432.13 via Buyboard Contract # 603-20.

**21. Board Appointments: “Keep Mission Beautiful” Beautification Committee and Shary Municipal Golf Course Board – Carrillo**

“Keep Mission Beautiful” Beautification Committee appointed Roberto Trevino, Jr. to the vacant position term to expire December 31, 2024. Shary Municipal Golf Course Board appointed Carlo Garza to replace John Calvillo who resigned term to expire December 31, 2025.

**22. Approval of Resolution No. 1822 of the City Council of the City of Mission, Texas supporting Legislation relating to the provision of Solid Waste Disposal Services by Hidalgo County – Carrillo**

Access to safe and reliable sanitation services is critical to public health and safety which is a serious growing public safety concern. Proposed legislation would allow Hidalgo County to:

1. Create a mandatory sanitation program in the unincorporated areas of the County.
2. Create a mandatory sanitation program in the unserved extraterritorial jurisdictions of municipalities located within the County.
3. Collect sanitation fees via utility billing
4. Collect sanitation fees via the annual statement of tax-assessor collector
5. Collect reasonable penalties that may not exceed 10% of the service fee

**RESOLUTION NO. 1822**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MISSION, TEXAS SUPPORTING LEGISLATION RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SERVICES BY HIDALGO COUNTY

Councilwoman Ortega moved to approve all consent agenda items 12 thru 22 as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Plata and approved unanimously 5-0.

**APPROVALS AND AUTHORIZATIONS**

**23. Final Plat Approval: Tanglewood at Bentsen Palm Phase IV, Being a Resubdivision of 13.326 acres located in the south end of porciones 48, 49, 50, 51, and 52, out of Lot 14, Del Monte Irrigation & Construction Co., PUD, Developer: Mike Rhodes, Engineer: Melden & Hunt, Inc. - De Luna**

On October 25, 2021 the Mission City Council held a Public Hearing to consider the Preliminary Plat Approval for Tanglewood at Bentsen Palm Phase IV. The subject site was located approximately 450 feet north of Schuerbach Road and Military Parkway, east of Tanglewood Ph III with a continuation of Oriole Drive. 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 Final Plat Approval: Tanglewood at Bentsen Palm Phase IV, Being a Resubdivision of 13.326 acres located in the south end of porciones 48, 49, 50, 51, and 52, out of Lot 14, Del Monte Irrigation & Construction Co., PUD, Developer: Mike Rhodes, Engineer: Melden & Hunt, Inc.. Motion was seconded by Councilman Vela and approved unanimously 5-0.

**24. Request by Robert L. Calvillo to have City Council Authorize City Manager to Issue Building Permits for Speedy Trails Subdivision (un-recorded) prior to Plat's Recordation, Being a 20.30 acres tract of land out of Lot 28-5, West Addition to Sharyland – De Luna**

Staff received an email from Affordable Housing Executive Director - Robert (Bobby) Calvillo stating that the U.S Treasury CDFI Department had some funds that they could access that would provide some good subsidy funding for future low-income homebuyers in the Speedy Trails Subdivision. They could assist up to 25 families with each up to \$20,000. These funds were easy to access, easy to utilize and were available now. The challenge was, the funds had to be fully expended by September 30<sup>th</sup>.

The request before the City Council was to allow the City Manager to issue building permits prior to the subdivision being recorded in order to reserve the funding from the Treasury. On November 22, 2021, the City Council approved the Preliminary Plat for Speedy Trails Subdivision, which was under construction. The development's utility extensions were underway but not yet complete.

The City of Mission has worked well with such residential developers and have done this successfully several times, example: Rhode Enterprises, and Hunt Valley Development.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Plata moved to approve the Request by Robert L. Calvillo to have City Council Authorize City Manager to Issue Building Permits for Speedy Trails Subdivision (un-recorded) prior to Plat's Recordation, Being a 20.30 acres tract of land out of Lot 28-5, West Addition to Sharyland. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ortega and approved unanimously 5-0.

**25. Authorization to award bid for portable restrooms to Ready2Go Restroom Trailer Sales, LLC. – Bentsen**

Staff received four (4) competitive bids and was seeking approval to purchase two (2) portable restrooms from Ready2Go Restroom Trailer Sales, LLC. who was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder meeting all specifications. Portable restroom trailers to be purchased were one (1) ADA, single station trailer with hydraulic lowering device at a cost of \$41,857.00 and one (1) eight (8) station trailer consisting four (4) ladies toilets and two (2) men's toilets and two (2) urinals at a cost of \$60,125.00 at a combined cost of \$101,982.00.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Plata moved to authorize the award of bid for portable restrooms to Ready2Go Restroom Trailer Sales, LLC.. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ortega and approved unanimously 5-0.

**26. Approval of December 2022 Financial Statements – Vela**

December 2022 Unadjusted Financials (attached)

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Plata moved to approve the December 2022 Financial Statements. Motion was seconded by Councilman Flores and approved unanimously 5-0.

### **27. Approval of January 2023 Tax Collection Report – Vela**

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

The 2023 total adjusted tax levy for taxes was \$29,102,608.02 and the amount of the collections as of January 31, 2023 is \$24,294,666.91 which represents 83.48% of the total 2023 tax levy.

The total adjusted tax levy for delinquent taxes was \$2,373,433.13 and the amount of collections as of January 31, 2023 is \$198,671.73 which represents 8.37% of the total tax levies from previous years.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Plata moved to approve the January 2023 Tax Collection Report. Motion was seconded by Councilman Flores and approved unanimously 5-0.

### **28. Approval of Budget Amendment: Designated Purpose Fund – Vela**

Approval of the attached budget amendments:

Designated Purpose Fund – (\$93,000.00 Revenues/Expenditures)

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Plata moved to approve the January 2023 Tax Collection Report. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ortega and approved unanimously 5-0.

### **29. Approval of Amendment to Article 5 (Hiring, EMS & TCFP Certification) of the Meet and Confer Agreement between the Mission Fire Fighter's Association and the City of Mission that was originally approved by City Council on April 11, 2022 and declaring an effective date. – J. Lerma**

Approval of Amendment to Article 5 (Hiring, EMS & TCFP Certification) of the Meet and Confer Agreement between the Mission Fire Fighter's Association and the City of Mission that was originally approved by City Council on April 11, 2022.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Plata moved to approve the Amendment to Article 5 (Hiring, EMS & TCFP Certification) of the Meet and Confer Agreement between the Mission Fire Fighter's Association and the City of Mission that was originally approved by City Council on April 11, 2022 and declaring an effective date. Motion was seconded by Councilman Flores and approved unanimously 5-0.

### **30. Authorize Staff to engage in negotiations with the firms with the highest evaluation results for Lions Park Improvements Project and Authorize City Manager to execute contract incident thereto**

City Council authorized staff to solicit Request for Proposals (RFP's) for the Lions Park Improvements Project. Proposals received were referred to an evaluation committee appointed to review and evaluate on the basis of demonstrated competence and cost to perform these services. Staff Received six (6) proposals with five (5) found to be responsive from Posillico Civil, Gerlach Builders, Davila Construction, RG Enterprises, and ECON Group.

The following firm had the highest evaluation results: Davila Construction. Staff would engage Davila Construction in negotiations per item # 26 of the RFP “The committee or designated members of the committee will negotiate with the Proposer whose proposal is found to offer the Best Value.”.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Plata moved to authorize Staff to engage in negotiations with the top three firms with the highest evaluation results for Lions Park Improvements Project and Authorize City Manager to execute contract incident thereto. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ortega and approved unanimously 5-0.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

## **ROUTINE MATTERS**

City Manager Comments – The first Staycation event took place at Astroland Park, March 15<sup>th</sup> Staycation at Nelle Tolle Park, March 16<sup>th</sup> Staycation at Bannworth Park, The Museum has a History Hunt during Spring Break week, March 17<sup>th</sup> Parks & Recreation will host their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament, South Texas All Hazard Conference will be held March 22<sup>nd</sup>-March 23<sup>rd</sup>, March 28<sup>th</sup>-March 30<sup>th</sup> Mission Day at the Capital

Mayor's Comments – Mayor requested to set the dates for three upcoming workshops: 1. City Manager, PD, Fire – set for Tuesday March 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:30 p.m., 2. Planning Workshop – set for Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:30 a.m., 3. Lions Park Phase II Workshop – set for Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.. The ribbon cutting for the Taylor Road project was also set for March 27<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m., with an alternate date of April 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

City Council Comments – Councilwoman Ortega recognized that the month of March celebrates Women History Month and she thanked all the women for everything they do. Mayor Pro Tem Plata stated that he attended the Keep Mission Beautiful Committee Meeting last week and invited the public to attend the next meeting so that they could take part in the beautification efforts. He also advised the community that the City's Trash Bash Event was going to be held on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Flores wanted to thank those citizens that attended the council meetings and participated during the citizen's participation. He was happy to see that there was a lot of participation at this meeting and would like to see more at future meetings.

At 6:04 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Plata moved to convene into Executive Session. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ortega and approved unanimously 5-0.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Closed session pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with City Attorney) related to various legal matters.

Closed session pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) and Section 551.072 (Real Property), related to potential exchange, lease, valuation, sale, or purchase of real property located in Mission, Texas.

Upon conclusion of Executive Session at 7:12 p.m., Councilwoman Ortega moved to reconvene the regular meeting. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Plata and approved unanimously 5-0.

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

Consideration and action, if any, related to the acquisition of certain real property located in Mission, Texas

Councilwoman Ortega moved to authorize City Manager to draft letter to Hidalgo County to convey lots 4-9 block 205 to the City as discussed in executive session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:13 p.m., Councilwoman Ortega moved for adjournment. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Plata and approved unanimously 5-0.

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Norie Gonzalez Garza, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Anna Carrillo, City Secretary