

CITY OF FORT STOCKTON, TEXAS

MINUTES OF: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DATE OF MEETING: JULY 24, 2023
TIME OF MEETING: 5:30 PM
PLACE OF MEETING: 121 WEST SECOND STREET FORT STOCKTON, TX 79735

ROLL CALL WAS ANSWERED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

PRESENT: DARREN HODGES, JAMES WARNOCK, RUBEN FALCON, PAUL JEROME CHAVEZ

ABSENT: PAUL CASIAS, RUBEN J BERNAL

CITY MANAGER: FRANK RODRIGUEZ III
CITY SECRETARY: MARINA CANTU
CITY ATTORNEY: PUJA BOINPALLY

Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock called the Regular Meeting to Order at 5:30 p.m. after declaring a quorum present.

Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock read the Mission Statement:

"The Mission of the City of Fort Stockton Municipal Government is to Promote & Value Public Confidence and Trust by the Accountable and Responsible Use of Community Resources; to Ensure Public Safety; Improve Public Services; Promote Local Recreation and Entertainment; and Generate Economic Development.

Council Member Darren Hodges gave the Invocation.

Council Member Ruben Falcon led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America Flag & the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Proclamation Honoring Audrey Mendoza as our new "Miss Fort Stockton". (**Mayor Pro-Tem**)

Mayor Pro-Tem James B. Warnock presented Miss Fort Stockton Audrey Mendoza with a Proclamation honoring her after reading it aloud.

2. **Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Remie Ramos----**
- FY 2022-2023 3rd Quarterly Report

Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Remie Ramos reported the following:

Employment Rate Data:

He explained over the course of the third quarter we have seen an increase in 196 jobs within the county. The unemployment rate went up. The Workforce Commission is working diligently to fill these positions. The US, Texas and Permian Basin unemployment rate has increased within the last quarter.

Sales Tax Data:

Sales Taxes for the City of Fort Stockton have increased within the last quarter. The Year-to-Date Sales Taxes is up 25.42%.

Business Recruitment Projects:

During the business recruitment projects we had 11 contracts. Blade and Company Barbershop should open within the next month. 7-D Investments Travel Center Project is moving forward. Pecos Roadhouse will be reopening. The Sears Building has been sold.

They will occupy 1/2 the building and are looking for a tenant to occupy the other 1/2. Besitos de azucar is a Mexican Bakery that will replace Brew Lane located on the East Side of Dickinson. The Economic Development assisted the Department of Agriculture with filling out applications which has resulted in a permanent position out here in West Texas.

Business Retention Projects:

La Rosita (Storefront)
Glitzy Brew (Expansion to Alcohol)
V's Kitchen (Relocation)
Sycamore Street Cement Paving (Walmart)
United Country Real Estate (Storefront)

Commercial Building Report:

Vacant: 17

Change in Status Reported: 2 (Besitos De Azucar & Cavalli's)

Residential Report:

Rental Available: 15 Houses 1 Duplex 14 Apartments
Listings Available: 49MLS 4 by owners 12 within the ETJ
Construction: 2 New Construction Permits

Ongoing City Projects:

Gene Cummings Wellness Grant
Gene Cummings Solar Lighting-will be delivered within the next 4 weeks
7-D Utility Extension
Gene Cummings Irrigation Water Collection & Irrigation-waiting on installation of the irrigation system
Spaceport Leases & FAA Approval
Convention Center Sound System Install
Hydrogen HUB Location

Special Events:

FSISD Career Technology Education Meeting: April, waiting on certifications and permits to be able to assist.
Solar Panel Replacements: April
PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) Enrolled: May, done on a County level.
PBRP Infrastructure Grant Training: June, continue to extend infrastructure.

3. Chief of Police Ernesto Velasquez with Fort Stockton Police Department----

Patrol Officer Derek Stratton presented the following:

- Statistics Report for June 2023

June Calls for Service

Total Calls for Service: 1,469

FSPD Calls: 961

FSFD Calls: 20

City: 5

County: 15

PCEMS Calls: 162

PCSO Calls: 358

June Traffic Statistics

Traffic Stops: 317

City: 192

Other Agency: 125

Traffic Citations Issued: 32

Motor Vehicle Accidents: 58

City: 28

Other Agency: 30

June Cases Filed for Prosecution:

Juvenile Probation: 2

County Attorney: 56

83rd District Attorney: 41

112th District Attorney: 0

June Arrest Statistics:

Total Arrests: 34

Charges:

Assault: 2

Burglary: 0

Criminal Mischief: 0

Criminal Trespass: 0

Disorderly Conduct: 1

Duty on Striking: 0

Driving While Intoxicated: 3

Driving While License Invalid: 0

Evading Arrest: 1

Failure to ID: 0

Family Violence: 0

Murder: 0

Outstanding Warrant: 30

Possession of Controlled Substance: 7

Possession of Marijuana: 2

Public Intoxication: 8

Racing: 0

Resisting Arrest: 1

Sexual Assault: 0

Smuggling of Persons: 0

Terroristic Threat: 0

Theft: 1

Undocumented Migrants: 0

Unlawful Carry: 2

- Statistics Report for Year to Date:

Year To Date Calls for Service

Total Calls for Service: 5,497

FSPD Calls: 3,418

FSFD Calls: 69

City: 14

County: 55

PCEMS Calls: 830

PCSO Calls: 1,390

Year To Date Traffic Statistics

Traffic Stops: 1,904

City: 647

Other Agency: 416

Traffic Citations Issued: 95

Motor Vehicle Accidents: 328

City: 86

Other Agency: 69

Year To Date Cases Filed for Prosecution:

Juvenile Probation: 11

County Attorney: 135

83rd District Attorney: 129

112th District Attorney: 37

Year To Date Arrest Statistics:

Total Arrests: 113

Charges:

Assault: 2

Burglary: 2

Criminal Mischief: 4

Criminal Trespass: 9

Disorderly Conduct: 1

Duty on Striking: 6

Driving While Intoxicated: 10

Driving While License Invalid: 3

Evading Arrest: 2

Failure to ID: 2
Family Violence: 7
Murder: 0
Outstanding Warrant: 109
Possession of Controlled Substance: 25
Possession of Marijuana: 6
Public Intoxication: 8
Racing: 2
Resisting Arrest: 3
Sexual Assault: 1
Smuggling of Persons: 8
Terroristic Threat: 1
Theft: 4
Undocumented Migrants: 3
Unlawful Carry: 3

CONSENT AGENDA:

4. All matters listed are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.

Minutes: (Mayor)

- Regular Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton City Council, 07/10/2023
- Special Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton City Council, 07/18/2023
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Tourism Advisory Board, 06/20/2023
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Economic Development 4A Corporation, 06/15/2023
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Substandard Building Committee, 06/01/2023
- Special Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton Housing Authority, 05/24/2023
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Intergovernmental Recreation, 04/19/2023

Accounts Payable Grand Total: \$421,066.65

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben Falcon, seconded by Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez, and carried unanimously to approve Consent Agenda, as presented. Council Member Darren Hodges, Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez voted aye.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

5. Discuss/Act upon Interlocal Agreement for E9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Point Services for September 1, 2023 - August 31, 2025 between the City of Fort Stockton and the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission. **(City Mgr.)**

City Manager Frank Rodriguez III explained this is the Interlocal Agreement concerning Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) as it pertains to the planning, development, operation, and provision of 9-1-1 service, the use of wireless and wireless communications.

The City operates and maintains the Fort Stockton Police Department's 9-1-1 System, answering it 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and cooperates with the Regional Planning Commission to provide and maintain suitable communications.

Motion was made by Council Member Darren Hodges, seconded by Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez, and carried unanimously to approve Interlocal Agreement for E9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Point Services for September 1, 2023 - August 31, 2025 between the City of Fort Stockton and the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission. Council Member Darren Hodges, Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez voted aye.

6. Discuss/Act upon Solicitation of Bids for the Removal of 20" Water Pipeline Project. **(Asst. City Mgr.)**

This Bid would be to remove the 20" Water Pipeline that was replaced with the 30" Pipeline that feeds water from the Belding Water field to the RO Plant that sits on University Lands.

The removal of the pipeline needs to occur in order to avoid additional charges in accordance with the easement previously agreed to.

This would allow the City to enter into an agreement with a qualified contractor to provide such services.

The city has 2 years to remove the 20" Water Pipeline.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben Falcon, seconded by Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez, and carried unanimously to approve Solicitation of Bids for the Removal of 20" Water Pipeline Project. Council Member Darren Hodges, Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez voted aye.

- 7. Discuss/Act upon Approval of an Economic Development 4-A Corporation Commercial Infrastructure Project for 140 feet of Cement Paving on Sycamore Street in the Amount of \$143,408.32. (EDC Dir.)

Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Remie Ramos explained the Fort Stockton Economic Development 4-A Corporation previously approved the \$143,408.32 to remove the base and redo the asphalt near the rear entrance where the trucks enter to load and unload.

Requesting permission to approve the project to the city street as well as the payment in the amount of \$143,408.32.

Motion was made by Council Member Darren Hodges, seconded by Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez, and carried unanimously to approve the Fort Stockton Economic Development 4-A Corporation Commercial Infrastructure Project for 140 feet of Cement Paving on Sycamore Street and the payment of \$143,408.32. Council Member Darren Hodges, Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez voted aye.

- 8. Discuss/Act upon 3rd Quarterly Revenue & Expense Report ending June 30, 2023. (City Mgr./Dir. of Fin.)

Director of Finance Maria Rodriguez provided the following report:

	REVENUES	EXPENSES	REVENUES OVER/(UNDER) EXPENDITURES
GENERAL	\$ 9,235,261.70	\$ 7,867,712.22	\$ 1,367,549.48
HB 445	\$ 470,777.34	\$ 366,707.79	\$ 104,069.55
	<i>Just a reminder that a budget amendment was done</i>		

RECREATION	\$ 292,522.04	\$ 292,791.82	\$ (269.78)
ENTERPRISE	\$ 8,339,723.60	\$ 7,956,061.57	\$ 383,662.03
EDC 4-A	\$ 695,787.22	\$ 382,717.24	\$ 313,069.98
EDC 4-B	\$ 534,887.54	\$ 442,853.62	\$ 92,033.92
CVB	\$ 955,817.56	\$ 827,448.74	\$ 128,368.82
VENUE TAX	\$ 295,282.45	\$ 366,810.81	\$ (71,528.36)
	<i>A Budget Transfer will be done to cover the money used to remodel the outside restrooms.</i>		
DEBT SERVICE	\$ 1,355,124.55	\$ 1,099,413.39	\$ 255,711.16
	<i>Our last payment will be in September.</i>		

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben Falcon, seconded by Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez, and carried unanimously to approve 3rd Quarterly Revenue & Expense Report ending June 30, 2023. Council Member Darren Hodges, Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez voted aye.

9. Discuss/ Act upon 3rd Quarterly Investment Report ending June 30, 2023. (City Mgr./Dir. of Fin.)

Director of Finance Maria Rodriguez provided the following report:

At the end of March, TexPool's average interest rate was 5.09%; LOGIC's average interest rate was 5.26%; 90-day T-bills were 5.44% and the one-year T-bills were 5.43%. Our local bank, Pecos County State Bank, is currently at 4.88%.

In accordance with Resolution No. 11-110R, the City exceeded the required 7% of General Fund's and Enterprise Fund's budgeted expenses totaling \$21,858,810.00 by maintaining \$1,530,116.70

GENERAL			
	<i>Beginning of Quarter</i>	<i>End of Quarter</i>	<i>Quarterly Interest Earned</i>
TOTAL	\$ 10,859,184.38	\$ 10,794,752.57	\$ 137,100.45
CVB			
	<i>Beginning of Quarter</i>	<i>End of Quarter</i>	<i>Quarterly Interest Earned</i>
TOTAL	\$ 782,840.10	\$ 918,796.67	\$ 10,219.52
EDC 4-A			
	<i>Beginning of Quarter</i>	<i>End of Quarter</i>	<i>Quarterly Interest Earned</i>
TOTAL	\$ 3,208,165.53	\$ 3,62,086.90	\$ 41,320.60

EDC 4-B			
	<i>Beginning of Quarter</i>	<i>End of Quarter</i>	<i>Quarterly Interest Earned</i>
TOTAL	\$ 1,959,337.48	\$ 1,881,195.17	\$ 24,651.76
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT			
	<i>Beginning of Quarter</i>	<i>End of Quarter</i>	<i>Quarterly Interest Earned</i>
TOTAL	\$ 2,684,434.48	\$ 2,914,390.83	\$ 35,550.83

Motion was made by Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez, seconded by Council Member Darren Hodges, and carried unanimously to approve 3rd Quarterly Investment Report ending June 30, 2023. Council Member Darren Hodges, Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez voted aye.

10. Discuss/Act upon Solicitation of Applications for Annual Board Appointments. (City Mgr./ City Sec.)

City Secretary Marina Cantu advised City Council it was that time of year again to Solicit Applications for Annual Board Appointments.

The deadline for Board Applications would be September 1, 2023. This would give us ample time to appoint, re-appoint and replace necessary board members and allow them to be sworn in prior to assuming their roles.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben Falcon, seconded by Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez, and carried unanimously to approve Solicitation of Applications for Annual Board Appointments. Council Member Darren Hodges, Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez voted aye.

11. Discuss/Act upon Interlocal Agreement between the City of Fort Stockton and the Fort Stockton Independent School District for the Remodel of the Recreation Facility Not to Exceed \$20,000.00. (City Mgr.)

City Manager Frank Rodriguez III explained this Interlocal Agreement was made for the Resurfacing of the outdoor basketball court located at the Apache Elementary School, 208 W. 18th Street in exchange for the FSISD initiating minor renovations in the amount of \$20,000 to the recreational department gym located at 1201 W. Sherer.

In the event that the renovations do not occur the City shall be compensated for the \$20,000.

Motion was made by Council Member Darren Hodges, seconded by Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez, and carried unanimously to approve Interlocal Agreement between the City of Fort Stockton and the Fort Stockton Independent School District for the Exchange of Services to include the Resurfacing of the Apache Elementary outdoor basketball court and Renovations to the Recreation Department located on Sherer Street equal to \$20,000.00. Council Member Darren Hodges, Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez voted aye.

12. Questions from Media.

No questions from the media.

13. Adjourn.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben Falcon, seconded by Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez, and carried unanimously to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting at 6:10 p.m. Council Member Darren Hodges, Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez voted aye.



Paul Casias

Paul Casias, Mayor

ATTEST:

Marina A. Cantu

Marina A. Cantu, City Secretary