

CITY OF FORT STOCKTON, TEXAS

MINUTES OF: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DATE OF MEETING: JANUARY 23, 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, JOE CHRIS ALEXANDER, PAUL CASIAS, RUBEN J BERNAL, RUBEN FALCON

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

Mayor Joe Chris Alexander called the Regular Meeting to Order at 5:31 p.m. after declaring a quorum present.

Mayor Joe Chris Alexander 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 James Warnock led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America Flag & the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. **Jonathan Andrews of Thomas Development Group, LLC----**
 - Rehabilitation of Oasis Apartments

Jonathan Andrews and Thomas Andrews of Thomas Development Group, LLC have partnered with JL Gray Company to submit a 2023 Tax Credit Application to with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for Oasis Apartments, 1501 N. Marshall Street, Fort Stockton, Pecos County, Texas.

Jonathan Andrews stated they submitted an application last year however they were not selected. He explained they would be applying this year under the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Set-Aside. The property will undergo a complete rehabilitation of every apartment unit. They will build a brand-new community building for the residents. Services will be provided in the community building. He asked for the city's support of the rehabilitation project and the waiver of the \$250 waiver of development/permit fee.

Council Member Ruben Falcon inquired what last year's project scored in comparison to the other applicants.

Jonathan Andrews explained that the applications were very competitive and were within one and two points of those that were selected.

Mayor Joe Chris Alexander inquired if the parking area and exterior of the property.

Jonathan Andrews explained it would include new walkways as well as parking area.

2. **Alex Gonzalez with BioCatters, LLC----**

- Update on Blue Ridge Farms

Alex Gonzalez with BioCatters, LLC explained this last year all the water wells were registered with Pecos County and Reeves County.

Water is not being drawn from the property as the wells were pulled out. However, they have spoken to companies concerning the price to get the irrigation operable to farm the land again. The project would be costly at approximately \$1.5 Million, as it would entail replacing the infrastructure and wiring.

He advised City Council that Forge Energy and Battalion are the oil and gas companies currently at the Blue Ridge Farms. He stated he believes these companies will repair the roads, put the gates back up, clean out the cattle guards and address the speeding issue. He stated he anticipates these issues being addressed by their next update.

There was an agreement brought before City Council where Forge Energy wanted to sale the water rights to WaterBridge. WaterBridge is talking about recycling water. There is some activity; however, there is no drilling going on.

Mr. Gonzalez advised City Council they met with several solar companies and received a Letter of Intent from Vault Energy, who requested permission to meet with Texas New-Mexico Power Company and ERCOT concerning a substation. In order to build a substation at Blue Ridge Farms they would have to wait in line which would take anywhere from 18 months to 2 years. This estimated timeframe ended their interest in the project; however, BioCatters, LLC is still interested in potentially building a smart substation which would help develop the solar focused area.

Despite the recent drop in cryptocurrency, there is still a lot of interest in it.

BioCatters, LLC has spoken with Seimens Energy who is interested in a hydrogen hub, which is basically the MMEX facility previously spoken of. A concept paper was submitted and approved. The government is looking for four (4) locations to put hydrogen hubs. This would be a location that makes a lot of hydrogen. There would be four (4) Qualifications; Green, Gas Powered, Nuclear or Some other source. Our option would be green. He recommended building a green site, which would be solar. This would generate power, which would be back-up power. We have everything else we need the land, the water and the sun.

Mr. Gonzalez advised City Council that they applied for Department of Energy Grid Grants. There are 3 topic areas.

There are no other hubs like this within 100 miles of Blueridge Farms

The high-performance computer centers, data centers, or cryptocurrency facilities we have going on right now are an issue. Last year all of these facilities were shut down because the state needed the power back. The way ERCOT operates is, if they need the power, they take it away from the data centers. The data centers want uninterrupted power.

He is speaking with a company that is interested in transferring the gas they currently put into their system which is 9 Million MCF and building a very large 40-Megawatt Facility to power the whole field. This would allow us to sell behind the meter and anything excess would be sold once they get the substation going.

Mr. Gonzalez advised City Council they applied for the Smart Grid Grant; however, they were disqualified as the submittal was not received by the close of business on the day it was due.

Mr. Gonzalez advised City Council they applied for the Grid Innovation Program Grant 2 days prior to the deadline. He provided the concept paper submitted to the Department of Energy. If the application is accepted, then there would be a need to hold a planning meeting.

3. **Building Official Roy Mendoza with the Fort Stockton Code Enforcement Department----**
 • Safety and Compliance concerns

Building Official Roy Mendoza introduced Crystal Lopez, Evangelina Salamanca and Aaron Ramos of the Code Enforcement Department. He explained all staff of the Code Enforcement Department work together to address concerns or assist residents requesting services provided by the Department.

The Code Enforcement Department is tasked with ensuring the public abide by local laws and regulations. Should a citizen not abide by the local laws and regulations the Code Enforcement Department is responsible for notifying them. He explained there are different types of communication with the local citizens: door knocker, Certified Notice Letter, and Junk/Abandoned Vehicle Tag.

The Code Enforcement Department is the Inspection Improvement, Rehabilitation Department and Hazards in Public and Private Premises by determining the presence of fire or health hazards, nuisance violations, unsafe building conditions, and violations of fire, health and building regulations, statute or ordinance.

Our Code Enforcement Officers specialize in prevention, detection and enforcement of violations of laws and city ordinances and ensures that businesses and people are in compliance with public health. Safety, Public Works, Consumer Protection, Business Activities, Building Standards, Municipal Affairs and so much more.

The Code Enforcement Department assists and keeps records of permits and inspections. Our department is responsible for issuing permits for health and building (both new and repairs), electrical, plumbing, mobile food vendor, special events. They also issue certificates of occupancy. These inspections include building, electrical, plumbing, mechanical, health, fire, safety, substandard building and they also assist with inspections for the HUD Housing. They are responsible for conducting Health Inspections throughout the year.

The Code Enforcement Officers to include the Building Official communicate with the public on a daily basis. One of their primary goals is to educate the public on the violation(s) and work with them to correct the issues, which entails follow-ups. Photos are taken of each case to include the violation and notice issued.

Issues addressed through a door knocker are given 10 days to rectify the issue. If the issue is not addressed then further action is taken.

There are currently 86 restaurants in the community. They also conduct school health inspections.

The Code Enforcement Officers are assigned (two) Bulk Trash Quadrants. Bulk Trash Issues pertaining to Commercial Property warrant a Ticket to charge those businesses.

The Code Enforcement Department has been working with the Police Department on Junk Vehicles. He displayed an example of a junk vehicle and advised City Council that this is a safety hazard issue. It has been agreed that anything on the roadway can be picked up immediately at the owner's expense.

Grease traps at the restaurants are inspected quarterly per TCEQ.

Code Enforcement conducts quarterly health and fire inspections at each Game Room.

The Code Enforcement continues to work with the property owners concerning weed issues. The property owners are given 10 days to comply with the request to clean the weeds. If the issue is not resolved a certified letter is sent to the property owner and the process escalates from there.

The Code Enforcement Team conducts monthly HUD Inspections.

The Code Enforcement Department is dedicated to preserving the City Roads, by keeping the Semi-Trucks off the public roads. They speak with the property owners and inform them they have 72 hours to remove the vehicle. Citations have been issued in some cases.

The Substandard Building Committee currently has 36 properties on the substandard list. He displayed an example of before and after photos of a property where mobile homes were removed.

They also work with the Cemetery to ensure that the resident's loved ones are buried with care.

The Code Enforcement Department also conducts monthly Safety Meetings with the Public Works Department.

Letters are sent out monthly to ensure that TABC guidelines are being adhered to.

Citations are the Code Enforcement Department's last resort. There were 26 citations issued by the Code Enforcement Department last year.

Council Member Ruben J. Bernal inquired how many citations would have to be issued prior to shutting down a business.

Building Official Roy Mendoza explained if it is a health or safety issue the Building Official can shut a business down; however, if it is a minor infraction, they will start by speaking to the property owner followed up with a certified letter outlining the violation.

- Emergency Preparedness

Building Official Roy Mendoza explained Emergency Preparation is a team effort between the Code Enforcement Department, the Public Works Department and the Police Department.

4. **Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Remie Ramos----**

- Economic Development Corporation Annual Report for 2022

Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Remie Ramos advised City Council the City of Fort Stockton had a 4.4 Unemployment Rate for 2022.

He further explained that EDC is currently working TDCJ, TxDOT, KFC/Taco Bell, McDonalds, Stripes, Digital Carpenters, Blockstream USA, and the Pecos County Memorial Hospital who all need additional employees. They are looking for 5 or more employees.

The Sales Tax Review increased \$255,000 from 2021 to 2022. He accounted the impressive 2017 number to the \$833,000 one-time payment. They are tracking the sales tax which is steadily increasing.

There are 25 Commercial Vacant Lots and 24 Commercial Vacant Buildings.

Residential Inventory consists of the following:

- Rental:
 - 46 Houses
 - 4 Mobile Homes
 - 4 Duplex
 - 18 Apartments
- For Sale:
 - 59 MLS Listings
 - 3 Vacant Lots
 - 1 Multi-Family
 - 5 For Sale by Owner
 - 12 ETJ Listings

Business Retention:

EDC worked with the following to either enhance their business front, expand their business, add or change their services offered:

- West Texas Protraits
- Rebecca Ureta (205 A & B Main St)
- Grey Mule Renovation
- Main & Callaghan Curb Repairs (Flood Remediation)
- Williams Farms Bulk Feed Supply (railroad)
- LT Construction
- Nancy Hammond (Donut Palace & Laundry)
- Lotus Body Works
- Stockton Pharmacy (Baggett Pharmacy Acquisition)
- Resource Match Interviews and Initial Assessment
- First Annual BBORR Poker Run (Allowed them to track the spending brought in by the Road Racers)
- TxDOT IH-10 Corridor Study (Will Allow them to bring people off the interstate back into business I-10)

Business Recruitment:

- Lancium & Mortenson 300 MW Substation & Sewer Line Expansion
- Comanche Motel Sale & Demolition
- Walmart Parcels NO PARKING & remediated
- Sale of 507 N. Main
- Allsup's
- Reopening of Gry Mule Wine Saloon

- Small Town Car Rental
- Cowboy Liquor (relocation)
- Brew Lane Coffee
- Conteza Ready Mix
- HWY 285 Property Development-Sewerline expansion

Fort Stockton EDC 4A Annual Comptroller Report Summary:

- Revenue is higher in 2022 due to the sale of 501 N. Main
- An increase in County Funds they received.
- A Maintenance position was added to EDC from the CVB staff.
- Admin. line was the larger funds supporting workforce training through Midland College.
- Direct Incentives to Businesses the note for the Access Care Dialysis was forgiven plus the \$138,000 utilized to revitalize the Grey Mule and preserving the building. Several of the COVID Grants were released.
- EDC 4A was able to add \$250,000 to the Fund Balance.

Fort Stockton EDC 4B Annual Comptroller Report Summary:

- The Expenditures were for the efforts to enhancing the Gene Cummings Park. (Pavilion, walking path, etc.)

Community Projects:

- Gene Cummings Park Revitalization 500K
 - Restrooms
 - Sports Pavilion
 - Water Reclamation & Irrigation
 - Walking Paths
- Coliseum Bucking Chute Relocation 30K
- Convention Center Updating
 - Roof Repairs 10K
 - AC Repairs and Addition Interior

Ongoing Projects:

- Retail Attraction to former People Church & Sears (current contract for Sears)
- HWY 285 South retail attraction (Dollar General Additional Location)
- 7D Exxon Acquisition and Reconstruction
- New Data Center Expansions
- New Restaurant Development
- New Beverage Location

- 4 Storefront Application
- New Truck Stop Development
- Railroad
 - Scrap Iron Transport
 - Additional International Transport
- Longfellow Partners
- Avid Hotel
- Springhirst Hotel & Downtown Properties 3 prospects (others are interested in the project)

Outside City Limits Projects:

- Data Centers
- Solar Farms
- Space Port Operations
- Expansion of Data Centers
- Over \$4.8 Million to Local Construction Companies
- 58 new permanent jobs with a payroll of over \$3.1 Million

Possible H2Hub

Council Member Ruben J. Bernal inquired what qualifications are for 4-B projects.

Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Remie Ramos explained 4-B programs are dollar for dollar grants. They apply for the EDC loans through the grants and are based on the number of employees generated. 2 part-time employees equal one full-time employee and the grants are based on \$5,000 per employee. They have to prove those numbers through the workforce commission unemployment report and or their 940 report.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

5. Discuss/Act upon Municipal Services Agreement between the City of Fort Stockton and 7D Road Investments, LLC. (City Atty.)

ITEM WAS POSTPONED

RESOLUTION:

6. Discuss/Act upon Resolution No. 23-102R, A Resolution Setting a Date, Time, and Place for a Public Hearing on the Proposed Annexation of Certain Property by the City of Fort Stockton, Texas, and Authorizing and Directing the Mayor to Publish Notice of Such Public Hearing. **(Mayor)**

ITEM WAS POSTPONED

7. Discuss/Act upon Resolution No. 23-103R, A Resolution by the City Council of the City of Fort Stockton to Approve the Rehabilitation of Affordable Rental Housing known as the Oasis Apartments located at 1501 N. Marshall Street, Fort Stockton, Texas. **(Mayor/City Mgr.)**

Motion was made by Council Member Darren Hodges, seconded by Council Member James Warnock, and carried unanimously to approve Resolution No. 23-103R, A Resolution by the City Council of the City of Fort Stockton to Approve the Rehabilitation of Affordable Rental Housing known as the Oasis Apartments located at 1501 N. Marshall Street, Fort Stockton, Texas. Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Joe Chris Alexander, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.

8. Discuss/Act upon Resolution No. 23-104R, Regarding the Annual Review of the Current City of Fort Stockton Investment Policy Manual. **(City Mgr./Dir. of Fin.)**

Director of Finance Maria Rodriguez explained there were no changes to the City of Fort Stockton Investment Policy Manual. She advised City Council the majority of our investments are in LOGIC which is paying 4.3.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben Falcon, seconded by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, and carried unanimously to approve Resolution No. 23-104R, Regarding the Annual Review of the Current City of Fort Stockton Investment Policy Manual. Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Joe Chris Alexander, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.

ORDINANCES:

9. Discuss/Act upon Ordinance No. 23-102, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 23 of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Fort Stockton, Titled Traffic and Vehicles, Article IV. Operation of Vehicles, and Repealing all other Ordinances or portions Thereof in Conflict, A Severability Clause and Providing for its Publication and Effective Date. (City Mgr./City Atty.)

City Attorney Puja Boinpally explained this ordinance states an operator of a motor vehicle may not use a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle within the city limits.

It is allowed if the vehicle is parked, is affixed to the vehicle and used for a navigation system, used with a hands-free device, used by an operator of an authorized emergency vehicle while acting in an official capacity, licensed by a Federal Communications Commission, or while driving a motor vehicle on private property.

There is also a section that allows the use of a wireless communications device in case of an emergency.

A violation to this section will be a class c misdemeanor with a fine of up to \$500.

Council Member Darren Hodges stated he requested this ordinance for safety reasons.

City Attorney Puja Boinpally advised City Council there is a signage requirement that would need to be taken care of.

City Manager Frank Rodriguez explained citations would not be written until 60 days after the proper signage has been posted to allow ample time for the community to adjust to the change.

Council Member Paul Casias inquired if this ordinance applied to all city employees.

City Attorney Puja Boinpally responded it applies to everyone unless they are an emergency vehicle operator.

Motion was made by Council Member Darren Hodges, seconded by Council Member James Warnock, and carried unanimously to approve Ordinance No. 23-102, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 23 of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Fort Stockton, Titled Traffic and Vehicles, Article IV. Operation of Vehicles, and

Repealing all other Ordinance or portions Thereof in Conflict, A Severability Clause and Providing for its Publication and Effective Date. Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Joe Chris Alexander, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.

10. Discuss/Act upon Ordinance No. 23-103, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 19 of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Fort Stockton, Titled Public Amusements, and Repealing all other Ordinances or Portions Thereof in Conflict, A Severability Clause and Providing for its Publication and Effective Date. **(City Mgr./City Atty.**

City Attorney Puja Boinpally explained this ordinance pertains to coin-operated machines. This allows the city to impose a 1/4 tax of the amount the state is allowed to tax on every coin-operated machine. If they do not pay their taxes accordingly the machines can be sealed until the taxes are paid. In addition, there will be a fee associated with unsealing the machine.

Council Member Ruben Falcon inquired if parking can be limited according to the number of machines the business has.

Mayor Joe Chris Alexander stated the that is something that can be amended later.

Motion was made by Council Member Darren Hodges, seconded by Council Member James Warnock, and carried unanimously to approve Ordinance No. 23-103, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 19 of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Fort Stockton, Titled Public Amusements, and Repealing all other Ordinances or Portions Thereof in Conflict, A Severability Clause and Providing for its Publication and Effective Date. Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Joe Chris Alexander, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.

CONSENT AGENDA:

11. 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, 01/09/2023
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Intergovernmental Recreation Board, 12/14/2022

- Regular Meeting Minutes of Economic Development 4A Corporation, 11/17/2022
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Economic Development 4-B Corporation, 11/17/2022
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Substandard Building Committee, 11/04/2021
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Substandard Building Committee, 12/01/2022
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Tourism Advisory Board, 11/15/2022
- Special Meeting Minutes of Tourism Advisory Board, 11/18/2022
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Housing Authority Board, 08/18/2022
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Housing Authority Board, 12/21/2022
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Cemetery Advisory Board, 12/15/2021

Accounts Payable Grand Total: \$281,764.47

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben Falcon, seconded by Council Member James Warnock, and carried unanimously to approve Consent Agenda, as presented. Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Joe Chris Alexander, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.

REGULAR BUSINESS CONTINUED:

12. Discuss/Act upon the Initiative for a Wellness Program for the Community that is promoted by Blue Cross Blue Shield and the National Fitness Campaign. **(Mayor/City Mgr.)**

Mayor Joe Chris Alexander explained there is a grant promoting a Wellness Program for the community that the City can apply for and receive up to \$50,000 through Blue Cross Blue Shield. There are matching funds required.

After a brief video was shown, Mayor Joe Chris Alexander explained this is a possible option for our local park.

Motion was made by Council Member Darren Hodges, seconded by Council Member Ruben Falcon, and carried unanimously to approve Initiative for A Wellness Program for the Community that is promoted by Blue Cross Blue Shield and the National Fitness Campaign. Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Joe Chris Alexander, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.

13. Discuss/Act upon 1st Quarterly Revenue & Expense Report ending December 31, 2022. (City Mgr./Dir. of Fin.)

	REVENUES	EXPENSES	REVENUES OVER/(UNDER) EXPENDITURES
GENERAL	25.6%	23.72%	\$ 84,919.24
	<i>We have received a portion of the Property Taxes and will receive more by the end of January.</i>		
HB 445	25%	19.21%	
	<i>They will have the majority of the expenses for the Summer and the Spring for the streets.</i>		
ENTERPRISE	26.32%	23.62%	\$ 284,182.58
	<i>Enterprise is doing good.</i>		
VENUE TAX	27%	12.11%	
	<i>Some of this money will be utilized to finish the restrooms.</i>		
DEBT SERVICE	32.19%	0.37%	
	<i>We have our payments in March and September.</i>		

Motion was made by Council Member James Warnock, seconded by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, and carried unanimously to approve 1st Quarterly Revenue & Expense Report ending December 31, 2022. Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Joe Chris Alexander, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.

14. Discuss/Act upon 1st Quarterly Investment Report ending December 31, 2022. (City Mgr./Dir. of Fin.)

Director of Finance Rodriguez reported at the end of December, TexPool's average interest rate was 4.18%; LOGIC's average interest rate was 4.33%; 90-day T-Bills were 4.53% and the one-year T-Bills were 4.72%. Our local bank, Pecos County State Bank, is currently at 3.84%.

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	\$ 9,978,805.24	\$ 9,281,612.25	\$ 91,066.21
CVB			
	<i>Beginning of Quarter</i>	<i>End of Quarter</i>	<i>Quarterly Interest Earned</i>
TOTAL	\$ 673,672.05	\$ 723,293.80	\$ 6,322.18
EDC 4-A			
	<i>Beginning of Quarter</i>	<i>End of Quarter</i>	<i>Quarterly Interest Earned</i>
TOTAL	\$ 3,056,546.77	\$ 3,112,531.24	\$ 28,572.65
EDC 4-B			
	<i>Beginning of Quarter</i>	<i>End of Quarter</i>	<i>Quarterly Interest Earned</i>
TOTAL	\$ 1,779,514.84	\$ 1,912,091.05	\$ 17,170.46
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT			
	<i>Beginning of Quarter</i>	<i>End of Quarter</i>	<i>Quarterly Interest Earned</i>
TOTAL	\$ 2,641,806.39	\$ 2,876,359.88	\$ 25,323.81
TAX NOTES 2020 SERIES			
	<i>Beginning of Quarter</i>	<i>End of Quarter</i>	<i>Quarterly Interest Earned</i>
TOTAL	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

Motion was made by Council Member James Warnock, seconded by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, and carried unanimously to approve 1st Quarterly Investment Report ending December 31, 2022. Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Joe Chris Alexander, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.

15. Discuss/Act upon Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to establish an agreement between the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO), Harlingen Field Office (HLG), Port Isabel Detention Center PIDC) and the Fort Stockton Police Department with regard to certain Emergency Situations. (City Mgr./Interim C.O.P.)

Interim Chief of Police Ernesto Velasquez explained this is the Annual Memorandum of Understanding between U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE),

Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO), Harlingen Field Office (HLG), Port Isabel Detention Center PIDC and the Fort Stockton Police Department. This is done on an annual basis in regard to certain emergency situations. Any request for assistance from the Fort Stockton Police Department for Escape Emergencies, Evacuations, Tornadoes, Gas Spills, ICE-wide Lockdown, Staff Shortages will be at the discretion of the Chief of Police.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben Falcon, seconded by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, and carried unanimously to approve Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to establish an agreement between the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO), Harlingen Field Office (HLG), Port Isabel Detention Center PIDC) and the Fort Stockton Police Department with regard to certain Emergency Situations. Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Joe Chris Alexander, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.

16. Discuss/Act upon Accepting Donation of \$9,637.00 from EagleClaw Midstream to the Fort Stockton Police Department. **(City Mgr./Dir. of Fin.)**

Interim Chief of Police Ernesto Velasquez explained the Police Department received a donation from EagleClaw Midstream for \$9,637. Some of these funds will be averted for the K9 Program. The funds will be used for the cost of the school as well as the gear to outfit the vehicle and equipment for the K9.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben Falcon, seconded by Council Member Darren Hodges, and carried unanimously to Accept Donation of \$9,637.00 from EagleClaw Midstream to the Fort Stockton Police Department. Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Joe Chris Alexander, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.

17. Discuss/Act upon Angle Parking for the 200 Block of North Oklahoma Street, between 2nd Street & 3rd Street, in accordance with Section 23-112, Titled Angle and Parallel Parking of the Fort Stockton Code of Ordinances. **(City Mgr.)**

City Manager Frank Rodriguez III explained angled parking was identified as the solution to the parking problem. He requested authorization to allow angled parking for the 200 Block of North Oklahoma Street between 2nd Street and 3rd Street.

Motion was made by Council Member James Warnock, seconded by Council Member Darren Hodges, and carried unanimously to approve Angle Parking for the 200 Block of North Oklahoma Street, between 2nd Street & 3rd Street, in accordance with Section 23-112, Titled Angle and Parallel Parking of the Fort Stockton Code of Ordinances. Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Joe Chris Alexander, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.

18. Discuss/Act upon Declaring a Legislative Priority: that the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) install streetlights on E. Dickinson Blvd. (Hwy 290) from Interstate 10 to Gatlin Street to remedy the existing Safety Hazard. **(Cncl. Falcon)**

Motion was made by Council Member James Warnock, seconded by Council Member Darren Hodges, and carried unanimously to Declare a Legislative Priority: that the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) install streetlights on E. Dickinson Blvd. (Hwy 290) from Interstate 10 to Gatlin Street to remedy the existing Safety Hazard. Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Joe Chris Alexander, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.

19. Discuss/Act upon the Removal and Disposal of Salvage Property (189 RO membranes) from RO Plant. **(Asst. City Mgr.)**

Assistant City Manager Jesse Gonzales, Jr. explained these are membranes that have been removed and will be disposed of. The membranes have no value to the city. The membranes would normally be thrown at the city landfill; however, a company is willing to take them.

Motion was made by Council Member James Warnock, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, and to approve the Removal and Disposal of Salvage Property (189 RO membranes) from RO Plant. Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Joe Chris Alexander, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.

20. Discuss/Act upon appointment of one (1) Housing Authority Board Member to fulfill a 2-Year Term. **(Mayor)**

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, and carried unanimously to Appoint Pabla Gonzales to as a Housing Authority Board Member to fulfill a 2-Year Term. Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Joe Chris Alexander, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.

21. Discuss/Act upon appointment of one (1) Substandard Building Committee Member to fulfill a 2-Year Term. (Mayor)

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, seconded by Council Member James Warnock, and carried unanimously to Appoint Paul DePoorter as a Substandard Building Committee Member to fulfill a 2-Year Term. Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Joe Chris Alexander, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.

22. Questions from Media.

There were no questions from the media.


23. Adjourn.

Motion was made by Council Member James Warnock, seconded by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, and carried unanimously to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:11 p.m. Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Joe Chris Alexander, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.



Joe Chris Alexander, Mayor

ATTEST:



Marina A. Cantu, City Secretary