CITY OF FORT STOCKTON, TEXAS

MINUTES OF:

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE OF MEETING:

JULY 11, 2022

TIME OF MEETING:

6:30 PM

PLACE OF MEETING:

121 WEST SECOND STREET FORT STOCKTON, TX 79735

ROLL CALL WAS ANSWERED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

PRESENT: JAMES WARNOCK, PAUL CASIAS, RUBEN J BERNAL, RUBEN FALCON

ABSENT: DARREN HODGES

MAYOR:

JOE CHRIS ALEXANDER

CITY MANAGER:

FRANK RODRIGUEZ III

CITY SECRETARY:

MARINA CANTU

CITY ATTORNEY:

**PUJA BOINPALLY** 

Mayor Joe Chris Alexander called the Regular Meeting to Order at 5:30 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.

Mayor Joe Chris Alexander 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.

### **ORDINANCES:**

 Discuss/Act upon Ordinance No. 22-109, an Ordinance of the City Council of Fort Stockton, Pecos County, Texas Designating the Patio of the Fort Stockton Convention Center as a Public Recreation Facility. (City Mgr./City Atty) City Manager Frank Rodriguez explained the City of Fort Stockton has the opportunity to make this area a recreation facility for the public. In doing so, it will allow the City of Fort Stockton to accept donations for this area.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, and carried unanimously to approve Ordinance No. 22-109, an Ordinance of the City Council of Fort Stockton, Pecos County, Texas Designating the Patio of the Fort Stockton Convention Center as a Public Recreation Facility. Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

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, 06/27/2022

Accounts Payable Grand Total: \$423,006.03

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

#### **REGULAR BUSINESS:**

3. Discuss/Act upon Potable Water Supply Agreement between the City of Fort Stockton and the Pecos County Water Control & Improvement District #1. (City Mgr.)

City Manager Frank Rodriguez explained he and Director of Finance Maria Rodriguez met with Billy Gonzalez and Rosalie Sullivan of the Pecos County Water Control & Improvement District #1 (PCWCID #1). Approximately 3 years ago the City of Fort Stockton had the opportunity to assist the PCWCID #1. He further explained PCWCID #1 Board Member Rosalie Sullivan inquired about the possibility of purchasing water from the City of Fort Stockton with the intent to provide water services to prospective customers. The City of Fort Stockton is in a good position to be able to provide water to the PCWCID #1.

Number 15 of the Potable Water Supply Agreement outlines the commodity charge of water withdrawn by Pecos County Water District #1 from the City of Fort Stockton's potable water supply shall include a monthly base charge of \$22.92 for the first two thousand gallons and \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons thereafter. The infrastructure surcharge will be \$0.75 per 1,000 gallons.

PCWCID No. 1 Board Member Rosalie Sullivan explained the PCWCID #1 was under the impression that they could not sell water they did not produce. Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) recently changed this within the last year. PCWCID #1 has several potential customers requesting water. She explained their infrastructure system is rated for 750 members; however, they currently have 1,200 customers. There are places where the pressure is not great. This agreement would save PCWCID #1 as it would cost \$60,000 to replace one well. They are working on replacing a well, which should be completed in 2 years. Once this is done, they will only require Potable Water in case of an emergency.

The infrastructure available to potential customers would be from Highway 18 toward the west. The customer would be responsible for paying for the tap, which is approximately \$1,400. This plan should sustain the PCWCID #1 for the next 30-40 years.

Council Member Ruben Falcon pointed out that the City of Fort Stockton has the ability to reduce the quantity of water being furnished when water supplies or emergencies create a condition of shortages and a drought contingency plan has to be implemented to protect the existing water supply.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben Falcon, seconded by Council Member James Warnock, and carried unanimously to approve Approve Potable Water Supply Agreement between the City of Fort Stockton and the Pecos County Water Control & Improvement District #1. Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.

4. Discuss/Act upon Convention Center Theater Equipment Rental Agreement between the City of Fort Stockton and Lino and Collette Barragan. (City Mgr.)

City Attorney Puja Boinpally explained the City currently has a Management Agreement with the Barragans for the Convention Center Theater. This Agreement includes a Monthly Equipment Rental Fee of \$110.

She explained when the Convention Center Management Agreement is renewed everything will be included in a single agreement.

Motion was made by Council Member James Warnock, seconded by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, and carried unanimously to approve the Convention Center Theater Equipment Rental Agreement between the City of Fort Stockton and Lino and Collette Barragan. Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.

5. Discuss/Act upon Network Infrastructure Refresh Statement of Work between the City of Fort Stockton and Calian. (City Mgr.)

Assistant City Manager Jesse Gonzales explained this lays out the scope of work to be performed. It lists the different phases of the project and responsibilities of each party. They will arrive on Wednesday.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben Falcon, seconded by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, and carried unanimously to approve Network Infrastructure Refresh Statement of Work between the City of Fort Stockton and Calian. Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.

6. Discuss/Act upon Solicitation of Bids for Replacement of Generator at City of Fort Stockton Reverse Osmosis Plant. (City Mgr./R.O. Plant Sup.)

Assistant City Manager Jesse Gonzales explained this is to Authorize the Solicitation of Bids for Replacement of Generator at City of Fort Stockton Reverse Osmosis Plant. This generator will operate the office portion of the RO Plant. The rest of the facility is already backed up with a generator.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, seconded by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, and carried unanimously to Authorize the Solicitation of Bid Proposals for Replacement of Generator at City of Fort Stockton Reverse Osmosis Plant. Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.

7. Discuss/Act upon Solicitation of Lease Proposals for Approximately 500 Acres of Land. (City Mgr.)

Assistant City Manager Jesse Gonzales explained this is to Authorize the Solicitation of Lease Proposals for Approximately 500 Acres of Land located between the Old Landfill and New Landfill. This would be for the Agriculture Lease utilizing Effluent Water as a means to irrigate.

He explained the City currently has a lessee; however, all renewals will expire this year. He explained that the agreement should be based at the end of the Calendar year as it would coincide with the planting season.

Council Member Ruben Falcon inquired if the previous agreement could be requested.

Assistant City Manager Jesse Gonzales explained that any finalized agreements are public records unless they are deemed confidential due to trade secrets.

Mayor Joe Chris Alexander inquired if site visits were available.

Assistant City Manager Jesse Gonzales responded site visits were available.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben Falcon, seconded by Council Member James Warnock, and carried unanimously to Authorize the Solicitation of Lease Proposals for Approximately 500 Acres of Land in the Fort Stockton Irrigated Lands Area. Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.

## 8. Questions from Media

There were no questions from the media.

# 9. Adjourn

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, seconded by Council Member James Warnock, and carried unanimously to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting at 5:59 p.m. Council Member James Warnock, 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