

CITY OF FORT STOCKTON, TEXAS

MINUTES OF: SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: JULY 31, 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, PAUL CASIAS, RUBEN J BERNAL, RUBEN FALCON, PAUL JEROME CHAVEZ

CITY MANAGER: FRANK RODRIGUEZ III

CITY SECRETARY: MARINA CANTU

CITY ATTORNEY: PUJA BOINPALLY

Mayor Paul Casias called the Special Meeting to Order at 5:32 p.m. after declaring a quorum present.

Mayor Paul Casias 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 J Bernal led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America Flag & the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

1. Discuss/Act upon the Proposed Tax Rate for the 2023-2024 Fiscal-Year Budget & Announce the Public Hearing Dates. (City Mgr./Dir. of Fin.)

Director of Finance Maria Rodriguez explained the Proposed Tax Rate was \$0.3096, which is one cent less than No New Revenue. The Proposed Tax Rate requires the City to hold One Public Hearing. Therefore, she requested the Public Hearing be held and the Proposed Tax Rate be adopted August 14, 2023.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben Falcon, seconded by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, and carried unanimously to Proceed with the Process to Consider the Proposed Tax Rate of 0.3096 and Schedule the Public Hearing and Date of Adoption for August 14, 2023. Council Member Darren Hodges, Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, Mayor Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez voted aye.

2. Discuss/Act upon Special Meeting Minutes of Economic Development 4A Corporation, 07/13/2023. (EDC Dir.)

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, seconded by Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez, and carried unanimously to approve Special Meeting Minutes of Economic Development 4A Corporation, 07/13/2023. Council Member Darren Hodges, Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, Mayor Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez voted aye.

3. Questions from Media.

Fort Stockton Pioneer Editor Shawn Yorks inquired when the Public Hearing for the Budget would be held.

Council Member Ruben J. Bernal responded the Public Hearing would be held August 14, 2023.

4. Adjourn.

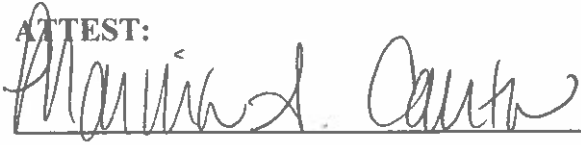
Motion was made by Council Member Darren Hodges, seconded by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, and carried unanimously to adjourn the Special City Council Meeting at 5:39 p.m. Council Member Darren Hodges, Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, Mayor Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez voted aye.



Paul Casias

Paul Casias, Mayor

ATTEST:



A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Marina A. Cantu", is written over a solid horizontal line.

Marina A. Cantu, City Secretary