

CITY OF FORT STOCKTON, TEXAS

MINUTES OF: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DATE OF MEETING: JANUARY 8, 2024
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 Regular Meeting to Order at 5:30 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.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY:

Ember Renteria of 1503 N. Gillis inquired about a topic that was not on the agenda.

She was advised that her inquiry would be addressed after the meeting.

Luis Macias of 1629 W. Gonzalez Loop spoke on Item No. 4. He voiced concern that the proposed ordinance would mean that citizens of Fort Stockton don't have a right to choose their Wrecker Service.

He inquired if this Ordinance would also take away the Police Officers ability to recommend a Wrecker Service.

Rose Macias of 1770 W. Gonzalez Loop requested that the City Council not approve Item No. 4, as it would take away the citizens right to choose their Wrecker Service.

She advised City Council that the problem is not within the Owners Request it is within the Police Department and Dispatch.

The Citizens should not be penalized when the problem is within the department.

She voiced concern that the Wrecker Service Companies were not involved in the remedy of this issue.

She stated it would be an abuse of authority for an officer to tell a citizen what Wrecker Service they should use.

She requested that City Council Table the item and include the Wrecker Service Companies in the conversation to remedy this issue.

She stated there was recently an incident where an Owner requested their Wrecker Service Company and it was not allowed, which resulted in an excessive charge.

NO FURTHER COMMENT WAS MADE

PRESENTATION:

1. **RECOGNITION:** Commend Utility Worker III Marcos Tovar, Jr. for his Exceptional Commitment & Distinguished Service to the Citizens of Fort Stockton from June 4, 2013 - December 1, 2023. **(City Mgr.)**

Item was skipped as Former Utility Worker III Marcos Tovar, Jr. was not present.

Mayor Paul Casias Recessed from the Regular City Council Meeting to Convene into the following Public Hearing at 5:42 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

2. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Application Request from Property Owner Billie Harvey-Dodson to Consider a Specific-Use Permit for Replacement of a Manufactured Mobile Home in a One-

Family Dwelling District 4 (SF-4) located on Lots Twelve and Thirteen (12 & 13), Block One Hundred Seventy-Nine (179), ORIENT ADDITION, Fort Stockton, Pecos County, Texas & More Particularly described as being adjacent to Williams Street and Tenth Street; this being in accordance with Sections 7(1), 7(2) & 7(16) of the Zoning Ordinance. (City Sec./Bldg. Offl.)

City Secretary Marina Cantu explained this request was reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission, who recommended approving the request.

She further explained there is an existing mobile home that they would like to replace with a new one.

Building Official Roy Mendoza explained that the request would be an improvement to the area. He advised City Council the New Mobile Home would meet the Setback Requirements.

Mayor Paul Casias Closed the Public Hearing to Reconvene into the Regular City Council Meeting at 5:43 p.m.

ORDINANCES:

3. Discuss/Act upon Ordinance No. 24-100, An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Chapter of the Municipal Code of the City of Fort Stockton, Texas, Allowing for the Replacement of a Manufactured Mobile Home by Specific-Use Permit in a One-Family Dwelling District 4 (SF-4) Located on Lots Twelve and Thirteen (12 & 13), Block One Hundred Seventy-Nine (179), ORIENT ADDITION, Fort Stockton, Pecos County, Texas, & More Particularly Described as Being Adjacent to Williams Street and Tenth Street; This being in Accordance with Sections 7(1), 7(2) & 7(16) of the Zoning Ordinance & Providing for an Effective Date Provision. (City Sec./Bldg. Offl.)

City Secretary Marina Cantu explained this is the Ordinance to approve a Specific-Use Permit for the Replacement of a Mobile Home as requested by Property Owner Billie Harvey-Dodson, which was just discussed in the Preceding Public Hearing.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, seconded by Council Member Darren Hodges, and carried unanimously to Approve Ordinance No. 24-100, An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Chapter of the Municipal Code of the City of Fort Stockton, Texas, Allowing for the Replacement of a Manufactured Mobile Home by Specific-Use Permit in a One-Family Dwelling District 4 (SF-4) Located on Lots Twelve and Thirteen (12 & 13), Block One Hundred Seventy-Nine (179), ORIENT ADDITION, Fort Stockton, Pecos County, Texas,

& More Particularly Described as Being Adjacent to Williams Street and Tenth Street; This being in Accordance with Sections 7(1), 7(2) & 7(16) of the Zoning Ordinance & Providing for an Effective Date Provision. 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.

4. Discuss/Act upon Ordinance No. 24-101, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 25 of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Fort Stockton Titled Wrecker Services; and Amending Section 25-15. Police Wrecker Rotation Lists; and Repealing all other Ordinances or Portions Thereof in Conflict, A Severability Clause and Providing for its Publication and Effective Date. (C.O.P.)

Chief of Police Ernesto Velasquez explained this Ordinance would remove the Owners Request under Sub-Section B to be in compliance with state law.

State Law under Chapter 2308 indicates there are different types of tows: Consent Tows, Incident Management Tows and Nonconsent Tows.

Consent Tows is defined as any tow of a motor vehicle in which the tow truck is summoned by the owner or operator of the vehicle or by which a person who has possession, custody, or control of the vehicle. The term does not include an incident management tow or a private property tow.

Incident Management Tow means any tow of a vehicle in which the tow truck is summoned to the scene of a traffic collision or to an incident, including the removal of a vehicle, commercial cargo, and commercial debris from a collision or incident scene.

Nonconsent Tow means any tow of a motor vehicle that is not a consent tow, including: an incident management tow; and a private property tow.

There are two different types of tows listed under our current ordinance that are a violation under state law. Therefore, we are trying to amend the ordinance to be in compliance with state law.

Sub-Section C would be amended by striking through the section that reads: If the vehicle owner or operator of a vehicle involved in a collision which must be removed by wrecker is unable, fails or refuses to designate a licensed incident management towing company that he desires to have move the vehicle, the officer shall notify the police dispatcher, who shall call the towing company on call on the appropriate wrecker rotation list to remove the damaged vehicle.

The Sub-Section that addresses an officer soliciting who the owner would like to tow their vehicle is being removed as this would be illegal.

Chief of Police Ernesto Velasquez reiterated their intention of bringing our ordinance in compliance with state law.

Council Member Darren Hodges inquired if he had a wreck and called a tow truck, would that be legal.

Chief of Police Ernesto Velasquez responded if it is on the roadway, it would be considered an Incident Management Tow, which means the owner would have no consent. This would be due to the fact that the Police Department would be the care custody control when they are investigating a scene.

This is in State Law.

A Consent Tow would be if the incident occurred off the roadway. If you are abandoned or stranded.

You lose your right to give consent when you are in a wreck.

Council Member Ruben Falcon inquired what would be done if something happened in the Walmart Parking Lot.

Chief of Police Ernesto Velasquez explained that would be considered private property tow. The Police Department works private property tows as a courtesy. The Police Department usually calls the Wrecker Service; however, in this case the property owner could decide what Wrecker Service they would like to use.

Council Member Ruben J. Bernal inquired if there was a problem with the Wrecker Rotation List.

Chief of Police Ernesto Velasquez explained there are four types of Rotation Lists. The issue was with Police Officers going to the scene of the incident and saying this is the owners request or a consent tow, which would take away from the rotation. This was brought to his attention by a couple of the Wrecker Services. They identified the request as being the issue; therefore, he looked into it further and determined our ordinance was not in compliance with state law.

Mayor Paul Casias inquired if the Pecos County Sherriff's were aware of this information.

Chief of Police Ernesto Velasquez responded he would advise the Pecos County Sherriff's Deputies of the changes should this ordinance is passed. This would be done seeing as the FSPD manages the County's Rotation List as they run their calls through them.

Council Member Ruben J. Bernal inquired if the owner's request was removed to avoid a conflict of interest.

Chief of Police Ernesto Velasquez responded yes. This would mean the rotation would be utilized to make it fair.

Mayor Paul Casias inquired if the only way to jump a rotation was if they were unavailable.

Chief of Police Ernesto Velasquez explained if they refuse the call or fail to respond within 30 minutes they would be skipped in the rotation.

Council Member James Warnock inquired if the Wrecker Service Companies were involved in the resolution of issues pertaining to Wrecker Services.

Chief of Police Ernesto Velasquez explained he did speak with Ms. Macias a couple of times on the phone. He also offered her the opportunity to meet with him in person a couple of times at the office. He addressed Ms. Macias previous claims of not having her call returned. He explained he did return her call and Mr. Macias was in the background when they discussed the issues with the Wrecker Service.

He explained when the Police Department is at the scene of the crime their primary focus is the people involved in the crash. Next, is clearing the scene. This is why they dispatch the call.

Council Member Darren Hodges reiterated if you are involved in a wreck on the roadway you cannot request the Wrecker Service of your choice. It's the law.

Chief of Police Ernesto Velasquez also pulled up the the information pertaining to consent tows and nonconsent tows on the Texas Department of License and Regulations for Tow Companies website. Therefore, the Wrecker Service Companies are made aware of the State Law by TDLR.

Council Member Ruben J. Bernal clarified that the language being changed was due to compliance issues and not due to any problems.

Motion was made by Council Member Darren Hodges, seconded by Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez, and carried unanimously to Approve Ordinance No. 24-101, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 25 of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Fort Stockton Titled Wrecker Services; and Amending Section 25-15. Police Wrecker Rotation Lists; 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, Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, Mayor Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez voted aye.

RESOLUTIONS:

5. Discuss/Act upon Resolution No. 24-100R, A Resolution Authorizing the City of Fort Stockton to File a Grant Application with the Office of the Governor E-Grants Program for BC-Body-Worn Cameras. **(City Mgr./C.O.P.)**

Chief of Police Ernesto Velasquez explained this Resolution is to Authorize the Police Department to apply for a 5 Year Grant to help cover the expense of the Body-Worn Cameras.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, and carried unanimously to approve Resolution No. 24-100R, A Resolution Authorizing the City of Fort Stockton to File a Grant Application with the Office of the Governor E-Grants Program for BC-Body-Worn Cameras. 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.

6. Discuss/Act upon Resolution No. 24-101R, A Resolution Completing the Annual Review of the Current City of Fort Stockton Investment Policy Manual, which shall remain in effect until it is repealed by City Council; However, Amendments or Omissions to the Manual may be Recommended by the City Manager or Completed by the Governing Body, as needed. **(City Mgr./Dir. of Fin.)**

Director of Finance Maria Rodriguez explained no changes have been made to the Investment Policy for this year.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben Falcon, seconded by Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez, and carried unanimously to approve Resolution No. 24-101R, A Resolution Completing the Annual Review of the Current City of Fort Stockton Investment Policy Manual, which shall remain in effect until it is repealed by City

Council; However, Amendments or Omissions to the Manual may be Recommended by the City Manager or Completed by the Governing Body, as needed. 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.

7. Discuss/Act upon Resolution No. 24-102R, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fort Stockton Authorizing the Appointment of a City Representative to the Pecos County Appraisal District Board of Directors for the 2024-2025 Term. (Mayor/City Mgr.)

City Manager Frank Rodriguez explained we received a Resignation Letter from AJ Franco requesting to be removed from the Pecos County Appraisal District Board of Directors. Therefore, he requested that City Council appoint a new representative.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, seconded by Council Member Ruben Falcon, and carried unanimously to approve Resolution No. 24-102R, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fort Stockton Authorizing the Appointment of Paul Jerome Chavez as the City Representative to the Pecos County Appraisal District Board of Directors for the 2024-2025 Term. 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.

CONSENT AGENDA:

8. 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, 12/11/2023
- Special Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton City Council, 01/02/2024
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton Housing Authority Board, 11/16/2023
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Building and Standards Commission, 11/02/2023
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Planning & Zoning Commission, 11/01/2023
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Keep Historic Fort Stockton Beautiful Board, 09/06/2023
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Historical Landmark Commission, 09/06/2023

Accounts Payable Grand Total:

\$462,373.18

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

REGULAR BUSINESS:

9. Discuss/Act upon Final Payment totaling \$40,029.95 for Work Performed by Just Macs, LLC dba Absolute AVL on the Convention Center Main Hall Audio System. (City Mgr./Dir. of Fin.)

City Manager Frank Rodriguez explained it has been confirmed that the project has been completed; therefore, he requested approval of the final payment of \$40,029.95 for Work Performed by Just Macs, LLC dba Absolute AVL on the Convention Center Main Hall Audio System.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, seconded by Council Member Ruben Falcon, and carried unanimously to approve Final Payment totaling \$40,029.95 for Work Performed by Just Macs, LLC dba Absolute AVL on the Convention Center Main Hall Audio System. 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.

10. Discuss/Act upon Pecos County - City of Fort Stockton 2024 Interlocal Services Agreement - Labor and Equipment. (Mayor/City Mgr.)

City Manager Frank Rodriguez explained this is the Annual Agreement for labor and equipment with the County containing the same language as last year.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, seconded by Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez, and carried unanimously to approve Pecos County - City of Fort Stockton 2024 Interlocal Services Agreement - Labor and Equipment. 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.

11. Discuss/Act upon Pecos County - City of Fort Stockton 2024 Interlocal Services Agreement - Fire Fighting Services. (Mayor/City Mgr.)

City Manager Frank Rodriguez explained this is the Fire Fighting Services Agreement with the County. He further explained the County's budget is \$160,000. He requested permission to approve the City's contribution of \$80,000 for Fire Fighting Services.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, seconded by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, and carried unanimously to approve Pecos County - City of Fort Stockton 2024 Interlocal Services Agreement - Fire Fighting Services. 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.

12. Discuss/Act Pecos County - City of Fort Stockton 2024 Interlocal Services Agreement regarding Emergency Communications Network - Hyper-Reach. (Mayor/City Mgr.)

City Manager Frank Rodriguez explained this is the Interlocal Agreement with Pecos County for the Hyper-Reach Program. The City pays half of the cost for the notification services, which is \$2,487.50. He requested permission to continue this program.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben Falcon, seconded by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, and carried unanimously to approve Pecos County - City of Fort Stockton 2024 Interlocal Services Agreement regarding Emergency Communications Network - Hyper-Reach. 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.

13. Discuss/Act upon 2024 Fort Stockton Police Department Provider Agreement. (Mayor/City Mgr.)

City Manager Frank Rodriguez explained this is the Provider Agreement we have in place with the Pecos County EMS for patients in custody. The billing schedule is in line with the current Medicare Rate. He requested permission to continue this agreement.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, seconded by Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez, and carried unanimously to approve the 2024 Fort Stockton Police Department Provider Agreement. 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.

14. Discuss/Act upon Pecos County - City of Fort Stockton 2024 Interlocal Services Agreement - Mosquitoes. (Mayor/City Mgr.)

City Manager Frank Rodriguez explained this is our Annual Agreement with Pecos County pertaining to Mosquito Services which contains the same language as last year. He requested permission to continue with these services.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, seconded by Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez, and carried unanimously to approve Pecos County - City of Fort Stockton 2024 Interlocal Services Agreement - Mosquitoes. 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.

15. Discuss/Act upon Agreement for Professional Services between the City of Fort Stockton and Jacob & Martin, LLC to Digitize and Update the Existing Zoning Map. (City Sec.)

City Secretary Marina Cantu explained this Agreement would be to digitize our current map. This layer would be created, and updates would be made as they occur.

Council Member Ruben Falcon inquired if this was the company that created our last zoning map.

City Secretary Marina Cantu explained Jacob and Martin has created other Map Layers for the City of Fort Stockton; however, this would entail them creating the 1st Zoning Layer of our GIS Map for the City of Fort Stockton.

Council Member Ruben Falcon acknowledged how handy this tool would be.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben Falcon, seconded by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, and carried unanimously to Approve the Agreement for Professional Services between the City of Fort Stockton and Jacob & Martin, LLC to Digitize and Update the Existing Zoning Map. 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.

16. Discuss/Act upon Agreement between the City of Fort Stockton and D&G Quality Roofing for Roof Repairs to the Fort Stockton Convention Center located at 2181 SW IH 10 Frontage Road, Fort Stockton, Texas 79735. (Asst. City Mgr.)

Assistant City Manager Jesse Gonzales explained this is the Agreement based off the proposal received from D&G Quality Roofing for Repairs to the Fort Stockton Convention Center. They have a Pre-Construction Meeting scheduled for Thursday and are expected to finish the project by the end of the month.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, and carried unanimously to approve the Agreement between the City of Fort Stockton and D&G Quality Roofing for Roof Repairs to the Fort Stockton Convention Center located at 2181 SW IH 10 Frontage Road, Fort Stockton, Texas 79735. 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.

17. Discuss/Act upon Amendment to the AdComp Systems Payments & Technology Services Authorization Agreement between the City of Fort Stockton and AdComp Systems Inc. **(City Mgr./Utility Admin.)**

City Manager Frank Rodriguez III explained this was just a continuation of AdComp Services. He requested permission to approve the amendment.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, seconded by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, and carried unanimously to approve the Amendment to the AdComp Systems Payments & Technology Services Authorization Agreement between the City of Fort Stockton and AdComp Systems Inc. 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.

18. Discuss/Act upon Memorandum of Understanding between PermiaCare Rural Border Intervention Program Community Health Worker (CHW) Services and Ft. Stockton Housing Authority for Collaborative Treatment Planning and Care Coordination activities concerning Community-based Mental Health and/or Substance Use Disorder Services. **(City Mgr./Dir. of Hsg. Auth.)**

Permiacare Rural Border Intervention Area Manager Hortencia Garcia explained this is a Memorandum of Understanding between the Permiacare Rural Border Intervention Program CHW and the Ft. Stockton Housing Authority to work together to better serve the community with their needs.

Council Member Darren Hodges inquired if Chris Barnhill was the Executive Director.

Permiacare Rural Border Intervention Area Manager Hortencia Garcia confirmed that Chris Barnhill is the Executive Director of the Permiacare Rural Border Intervention Program.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben Falcon, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, and carried unanimously to approve Memorandum of Understanding between PermiaCare Rural the Border Intervention Program Community Health Worker (CHW) Services and Ft. Stockton Housing Authority for Collaborative Treatment Planning and Care Coordination activities concerning Community-based Mental Health and/or Substance Use Disorder Services. 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.

19. 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./C.O.P.)

Chief of Police Ernesto Velasquez explained this is the Annual Memorandum of Understanding that we sign with ICE in case they need assistance in the Harlingen Field Office (HLG) and Port Isabel Detention Center (PIDC). This is in the event of an emergency or crisis situation that may warrant additional personnel assistance. The decision to furnish any assistance and to what extent, is at the sole discretion of the Fort Stockton Police Department. He requested permission to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding with ICE.

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

20. Discuss/Act upon Bid for Purchase and Installation of Weigh Scale. **Bid Received: Rusty's Weigh Scales & Service (Assit. City Mgr.)**

Director of Finance Maria Rodriguez explained we received a bid for a new scale from Rusty's Weigh Scales & Service. Thier bid was much higher than anticipated; therefore, she requested permission to reject the bid.

She explained they would probably come back to request permission to move the existing scale located at the Old Landfill to the New Landfill.

Council Member Darren Hodges inquired how much more the bid that was received was from the amount we were anticipating.

Director of Finance Maria Rodriguez responded she was anticipating the scale to cost somewhere between \$40,000 - \$45,000 and the bid received for the scale was \$72,000.

City Manager Frank Rodriguez III advised City Council the New Landfill is operable with one scale; however, they were trying to relieve the congestion by allowing the ingress and egress on both sides.

He assured the Council that the old scale would integrate with the new scale located at the New Landfill.

Director of Finance Maria Rodriguez explained she was waiting on a quote to move the old weigh scale to the New Landfill.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben Falcon, seconded by Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez, and carried unanimously to Reject the Bid submitted by Rusty's Weight Scales & Service for Purchase and Installation of Weigh Scale. 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.

21. Discuss/Act upon Naming the Section of 17th Street between I-10 and Marshall Street "HODGES" Parkway. (Cncl. Mem. Falcon)

Council Member Ruben Falcon requested permission to Rename the Section of 17th Street between I-10 and Marshall Street "HODGES" Parkway.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, seconded by Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez, and passed to approve Naming the Section of 17th Street between I-10 and Marshall Street "HODGES" Parkway. Council Member Darren Hodges

abstained from the motion. Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, Mayor Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez voted aye.

22. Discuss/Act upon Appointment of one (1) Planning & Zoning Commissioner to replace Veronica Lopez-Carrasco. (City Sec.)

City Secretary Marina Cantu explained she received a Letter of Resignation from Veronica Lopez-Carrasco. She also received an application from William Lawson Kemp to be considered as a member of the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Council Member Ruben Falcon Motioned to Solicit Applications for one (1) Planning & Zoning Commissioner to replace Veronica Lopez-Carrasco.

Motion died for the lack of a second.

Motion was made by Council Member Darren Hodges, seconded by Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez, and carried unanimously to Appoint William Lawson Kemp as a member to the Planning & Zoning Commissioner to replace Veronica Lopez-Carrasco. 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.

23. Discuss/Act upon Designating the Dates and Locations of the Spring Clean-Up for the City of Fort Stockton. (City Mgr./P.W. Dir.)

City Manager Frank Rodriguez III explained he was proposing different procedures for this year's Spring Clean-Up for the City of Fort Stockton.

He further explained the New Landfill will be opening January 15, 2024. The last day to accept trash at the Old Landfill is January 13, 2024.

The proposed schedule is from January 22, 2024 - April 19, 2024. There are dates correlating with the different proposed quadrants.

Council Member Ruben Falcon inquired if tires would be accepted.

City Manager Frank Rodriguez III responded that tires would be accepted.

Council Member Ruben Falcon inquired if there would be a drop off location.

City Manager Frank Rodriguez III explained there would be a few drop off locations where Rolloffs would be located. This will ease the congestion in the alleyways. He assured the Council notice would be sent out once the drop off locations were identified.

Council Member Ruben J. Bernal inquired if there would be a limit on tires.

City Manager Frank Rodriguez III responded that there would not be a limit on tires accepted.

Council Member Ruben Falcon voiced his concern with construction materials.

City Manager Frank Rodriguez III responded that construction materials are still not allowed.

He explained the flyer listed unacceptable items for bulk waste pickup include construction debris (concrete, rocks, dirt, shingles, etc.), automotive parts, hazardous chemicals (oil, filters, paint, or other household chemicals), and dead animals.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben Falcon, seconded by Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez, and carried unanimously to Designating Pick Ups for Quadrant 1 from January 22 through February 2, Quadrant 2 from February 5 through February 16, Quadrant 3 from March 4 through March 15, and Quadrant 4 from April 8 through April 19 for the Spring Clean-Up for the City of Fort Stockton. 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.

24. Questions from Media.

Fort Stockton Pioneer Editor Shawn Yorks inquired who was appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mayor Paul Casias responded Lawson Kemp was appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

25. Adjourn.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben Falcon, seconded by Council Member Darren Hodges, and carried unanimously to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting at 6:25 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:

Marina A. Cantu

Marina A. Cantu, City Secretary