

CITY OF FORT STOCKTON, TEXAS

MINUTES OF: SPECIAL JOINT CITY COUNCIL, PECOS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT, AND FORT STOCKTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

DATE OF MEETING: MARCH 17, 2022

TIME OF MEETING: 4:00 PM

PLACE OF MEETING: PECOS COUNTY COURTHOUSE 103 W. CALLAGHAN FORT STOCKTON, TX 79735

ROLL CALL WAS ANSWERED BY:

CITY COUNCIL: JOE CHRIS ALEXANDER, JAMES WARNOCK, PAM PALILEO, PAUL CASIAS, RUBEN FALCON, DARREN HODGES

PECOS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT: JOE SHUSTER, TOM CHAPMAN, ROBERT GONZALES, SANTIAGO CANTU JR.

SCHOOL BOARD: BILLY ESPINO, ANASTACIO "NACHO DOMINGUEZ, FREDDIE MARTINEZ, ANDY RIVERA

OTHERS PRESENT: FRANK RODRIGUEZ, JESSE GONZALES, PUJA BOINPALLY, GABRIEL ZAMORA, LIZ CHAPMAN, MARINA CANTU, SHEILA LEHNERT, NATHAN HEUER, ELIAS SANCHEZ, ISAI ROJAS, ALEXIS RAMIREZ, ROBERT RAMIREZ, JEREMY GONZALES, RUBY BERNAL

Recreation Board Member /County Judge Joe Shuster called the Special Joint Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. after declaring a quorum present.

School Board President Billy Espino called the Special Joint Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. after declaring a quorum present.

Recreation Board Chairman/Mayor Joe Chris Alexander called the Special Joint Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. after declaring a quorum present.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

1. Discuss/Act upon Letter of Intent for Recreation Facility between the City of Fort Stockton, Pecos County and the Fort Stockton Independent School District. (City Mgr./Rec. Dir.)

Recreation Board Chairman/Mayor Joe Chris Alexander explained the Recreation Board has been working with Parkhill, Smith & Cooper on designing an affordable Recreation Facility suitable for the community's needs. They initially proposed a facility with 6 courts with 2 racquetball courts, 6 basketball and Volleyball Courts and a large turf area inside. It was scaled down to meet our needs which resulted in 4 courts, 2 racquetball courts, 2 offices for the staff, janitorial closet, storage area, large assembly room and restrooms for men and women. The original design had roll up doors without heating and air conditioning. The plan was changed to include one roll up door with heating and air-conditioning. The facility would be located at the existing location, which is the remanence of the original Alamo School. It would sit on top of where the current office, part of the meeting room and part of the cafeteria are located. Everything, except for the current gymnasium will be demolished. If feasible they would like to retrofit the gymnasium with air-conditioning and fix the exterior to match the new facility. This area could be a viable facility.

This change would give the community 5 full courts if needed.

This will allow the Recreation activities to be held in one location, which is great for parents with multiple children playing on separate teams.

It will also minimize the number of administrators needed to facilitate these games, since they will be held at one location.

The currently proposed Floor plan will have four courts around the outside with removeable bleachers. Parkhill, Smith & Cooper was asked to redesign the multipurpose room and offices, moving the offices to the entry area. This change will allow staff to see the traffic entering the building, which will eliminate the need for additional staff.

Recreation Director Ruby Bernal advised everyone that aside from the Recreation Department this facility would also benefit the travel/select sports teams, Summer, and Spring Leagues, tumbling, FIT kids, FIT camp, Zumba, weight room, etc.

She received an e-mail inquiring about holding a Spring/Summer League for the High School. They were looking for officials.

This facility would allow the Recreation Department to host sports activities year-round.

The scale back would greatly benefit the community to include both kids and adults.

Recreation Board Member/Council Member Paul Casias added that the interior of the current gymnasium would be remodeled to be utilized for multiple purposes.

Recreation Board Member/County Judge Joe Shuster mentioned netting that could be utilized to separate the courts when needed and moved out of the way when not in use.

Recreation Board Chairman/Mayor Joe Chris Alexander explained the three entities have budgeted \$13 Million. The New Recreation Facility Project is estimated at \$10,834,646.00, which does not include the remodel of the existing gymnasium.

Council Member Darren Hodges inquired what would happen if the School Bond did not pass.

FSISD Superintendent Dr. Gabriel Zamora responded that the Letter of Intent shall be legally binding on all Parties with Interlocal Agreement to follow, contingent upon funding approval.

He suggested should reformatations be made to the existing gymnasium; it be included in the Letter of Intent.

Recreation Board Member/County Judge Joe Shuster concurred with Mr. Zamora that the Letter of Intent should be amended to include the reformatations of the gymnasium.

He explained they had not yet received numbers including the reformatations of the Recreation Facility.

He elaborated that the funding for this project would be divided as follows: \$5 Million from the County, \$5 Million from FSISD and \$3 Million from the City.

Should the entire project be completed for less than expected it would be paid according to the percentages of the amounts agreed upon.

Council Member Ruben Falcon explained that both the County and they City plan to pull the funding from their General Fund and inquired if the School District would be able to contribute their portion of the funding from their General Fund should the bond fail.

FSISD Superintendent Dr. Gabriel Zamora explained should the bond fail, the School District might request to reduce the amount of their contribution.

Recreation Board Member/School Board Member Andy Rivera advised everyone that should the bond fail, this project would need to go before the School District to request funds from the General Fund.

School Board President Billy Espino inquired if there were enough restrooms available in the new facility plan.

Recreation Board Member/County Judge Joe Shuster explained there would be plenty of restrooms as the design plan shows 1 handicap and 5 regular sized stalls for the women's bathroom and 1 handicap and 2 stalls and 3 urinals for the men's bathroom.

He explained that the demolition is estimated to cost approximately \$250 thousand.

School Board Secretary Anastacio "Nacho" Dominguez inquired if the demolition would be included in the Interlocal Agreement.

Recreation Board Member/County Judge Joe Shuster expressed that the specifics would be included in the Interlocal Agreement and that money could possibly be saved if we did the demolition ourselves.

School Board Secretary Anastacio "Nacho" Dominguez inquired if the parking for \$150 thousand would be included in the Interlocal Agreement and if we had a department capable of doing this portion of the project.

Recreation Board Chairman/Mayor Joe Chris Alexander responded that more than likely one of our departments would be capable of doing the parking.

School Board Secretary Anastacio "Nacho" Dominguez inquired if there would be enough parking for this facility.

Recreation Board Member/County Judge Joe Shuster responded that there would be plenty of parking area, as south of the building there is parking for Alamo. During the weekend school would not be in session so that area would be utilized for parking. There is a side entrance coming off the south. There is

slanted parking where parents pick up their children from school, that would also be available. There is parking on the north side, and parking could possibly extend to the west.

City Attorney Puja Boinpally recommended that a section of the Letter of Intent read “All funds shall be contributed only to the building of a Facility and related renovations current recreation center portion that may remain (gym, etc.).”

Recreation Board Member/County Judge Joe Shuster suggested approving the Letter of Intent contingent upon amending it to read may instead of will. A clean copy could be made and distributed to the respective entities for signature.

Recreation Board Member/School Board Member Andy Rivera inquired about the timeline of the project. He voiced that a year was a long time for the project to get started.

Recreation Board Member/County Judge Joe Shuster explained that the bond would not be voted on until May and then they would have to go through the process of bidding and awarding this project and receiving the materials. All of which, takes time.

Recreation Board Vice-Chairman/Commissioner Santiago Cantu inquired if paying the bills would go through the city.

Recreation Board Chairman/Mayor Joe Chris Alexander responded that issue had not been discussed.

FSISD Superintendent Dr. Gabriel Zamora responded that the Interlocal Agreement to follow would address that aspect of the project.

He pointed out that the months to midpoint of construction was 24 months. He expressed concern about the timeframe of this project. He further explained that Parkhill, Smith and Cooper were hired to conduct a study of what the Community’s needs were. We could now solicit bids with this plan for other to bid on the project as well.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben Falcon, seconded by Council Member Darren Hodges, and carried unanimously to approve Letter of Intent for Recreation Facility between

the City of Fort Stockton, Pecos County and the Fort Stockton Independent School District, contingent upon changing the wording from will to may.

Motion was made by School Board Member Andy Rivera, seconded by School Board Assistant Secretary Freddie Martinez and carried unanimously to approve Letter of Intent for Recreation Facility between the City of Fort Stockton, Pecos County and the Fort Stockton Independent School District, contingent upon changing the wording from will to may.

Motion was made by County Commissioner Santiago Cantu, seconded by County Commissioner Tom Chapman and carried unanimously to approve Letter of Intent for Recreation Facility between the City of Fort Stockton, Pecos County and the Fort Stockton Independent School District, contingent upon changing the wording from will to may.

2. Adjourn.

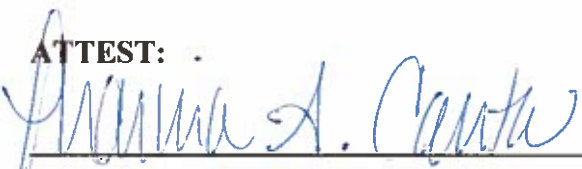
Motion was made by School Board Secretary Anastacio "Nacho" Dominguez, seconded by School Board Assistant Secretary Freddy Martinez and carried unanimously to adjourn the Special Joint Meeting at 4:56 p.m.

Motion was made by Council Member James Warnock, seconded by Council Member Pam Palileo and carried unanimously to adjourn the Special Joint Meeting at 4:57 p.m.

Motion was made by County Commissioner Tom Chapman, seconded by County Commissioner Robert Gonzales and carried unanimously to adjourn the Special Joint Meeting at 4:57 p.m.



Joe Chris Alexander, Mayor

ATTEST:


Marina A. Cantu, City Secretary