

CITY OF FORT STOCKTON, TEXAS

MINUTES OF: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DATE OF MEETING: JULY 25, 2022
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: JAMES WARNOCK, PAUL CASIAS, RUBEN J BERNAL, RUBEN FALCON

DARREN HODGES LEFT @ 5:45 P.M.

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.

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.

Mayor Joe Chris Alexander recessed from the Regular City Council Meeting to Convene into the following Public Hearing at 5:33 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Application request from Property Owner A&B Prestige Investments, LLC to consider Annexing Approximately 20.1 acres of land, described as All of Lots 2 through 13 (inclusive) and All of Lots 27 through 42 (inclusive), and All of Lots 44 through 58 (inclusive), TRIPLE CROWN

ESTATES, being a replat of the North Half (N/2) of SUNNY SLOPE ADDITION, according to the map or plat of said Addition described and recorded in File Number 2020-17136, Official Public Records, Pecos County, Texas; which will be Zoned "One-Family Dwelling District One, (SF-1)."

There being no comments from the public, **Mayor Joe Chris Alexander** Closed the Public Hearing to Reconvene into the Regular City Council Meeting at 5:34 p.m.

ORDINANCES:

2. Discuss/Act upon Ordinance No. 22-110, An Ordinance Annexing the Hereinafter Described Territory, all of Lots 2 through 13 (Inclusive) and all of Lots 27 through 42 (Inclusive), and all of Lots 44 through 58 (Inclusive), TRIPLE CROWN ESTATES, being a Replat of the North Half (N/2) of SUNNY SLOPE ADDITION to the City of Fort Stockton, Pecos County, Texas, and Extending the Boundary Limits of Said City so as to Include Said Hereinafter described property within said City Limits, Zoned as a "One-Family Dwelling District 1, (SF-1)" and Granting to all the Inhabitants of Said Territory all the Rights and Privileges of Other Citizens and Binding Said Inhabitants by all of the Acts, Ordinances, Resolutions, and Regulations of Said City; and Adopting a Service Agreement. **(City Mgr./City Sec.)**

Motion was made by Council Member Darren Hodges, seconded by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, and carried unanimously to approve Ordinance No. 22-110, An Ordinance Annexing the Hereinafter Described Territory, all of Lots 2 through 13 (Inclusive) and all of Lots 27 through 42 (Inclusive), and all of Lots 44 through 58 (Inclusive), TRIPLE CROWN ESTATES, being a Replat of the North Half (N/2) of SUNNY SLOPE ADDITION to the City of Fort Stockton, Pecos County, Texas, and Extending the Boundary Limits of Said City so as to Include Said Hereinafter described property within said City Limits, Zoned as a "One-Family Dwelling District 1, (SF-1)" and Granting to all the Inhabitants of Said Territory all the Rights and Privileges of Other Citizens and Binding Said Inhabitants by all of the Acts, Ordinances, Resolutions, and Regulations of Said City; and Adopting a Service Agreement. Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.

3. Discuss/Act upon Ordinance. No. 22-111, An Ordinance of the City of Fort Stockton Amending the Personnel Policies & Procedures Manual of the City of Fort Stockton, Texas; by Incorporating the Title & Duties of the Project Coordinator Position for the Public Works Department, Incorporating the Job Description & Pay Grade 18 to the Job Classification Table & Compensation Plan; Containing A Savings Clause: and Providing for the Publication and Effective Date Thereof. **(City Mgr.)**

City Manager Frank Rodriguez explained he was requesting permission to rename the title of an existing position. This position will mainly assist with the transition from the old landfill to the new landfill. This individual will also assist with projects dealing with water and sewer. Dealings with the Railroad Commission and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) will be routed through this coordinator.

Council Member Darren Hodges inquired who would hold this position.

City Manager Frank Rodriguez explained Brad Newton holds the current Utility Worker III position which could be potentially retitled as Project Coordinator.

Council Member Darren Hodges commented that Brad Newton has several licenses that would benefit the City of Fort Stockton.

Motion was made by Council Member James Warnock, seconded by Council Member Darren Hodges, and carried unanimously to approve Ordinance. No. 22-111, An Ordinance of the City of Fort Stockton Amending the Personnel Policies & Procedures Manual of the City of Fort Stockton, Texas; by Incorporating the Title & Duties of the Project Coordinator Position for the Public Works Department, Incorporating the Job Description & Pay Grade 18 to the Job Classification Table & Compensation Plan; Containing A Savings Clause: and Providing for the Publication and Effective Date Thereof. Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.

4. Discuss/Act upon Ordinance No. 22-112, An Ordinance Amending the City of Fort Stockton, Texas, Personnel Policies & Procedures Manual by Incorporating a Revised Job Description & Pay Grade 18 for a Full-Time Exempt Communication Supervisor Position of the Police Department to the Job Classification Table & Compensation Plan; Repealing the Prior Job Description of the City Pertaining to this Ordinance; Containing a Savings Clause; and Providing for the Publication and Effective Date Thereof. **(City Mgr.)**

City Manager Frank Rodriguez explained this position is currently an hourly position. However, this is a supervisor position. It would be in the best interest of the Police Department to accommodate this position in terms of the pay and change this position from Non-Exempt to Exempt.

Motion was made by Council Member James Warnock, seconded by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, and carried unanimously to approve Ordinance No. 22-112, An Ordinance Amending the City of Fort Stockton, Texas, Personnel Policies & Procedures Manual by Incorporating a Revised Job Description & Pay Grade 18 for a Full-Time Exempt Communication Supervisor Position of the Police Department to the Job Classification Table & Compensation Plan; Repealing the Prior Job Description of the City Pertaining to this Ordinance; Containing a Savings Clause; and Providing for the Publication and Effective Date Thereof. Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.

5. Discuss/Act upon Ordinance No. 22-113, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 7 of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Fort Stockton Titled Cemeteries, Article II., Administration and Repealing all Other Ordinances or Portions Thereof in Conflict, A Severability Clause and Providing for its Publication and Effective Date. (City Mgr./City Sec.)

City Manager Frank Rodriguez explained there have been a couple of months where the Cemetery Board has not been able to make quorum. Therefore, he requested permission to give Cemetery Superintendent Nathan Day authorization to make decisions concerning the appearance and maintenance of the Cemetery.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, seconded by Council Member Ruben Falcon, and carried unanimously to approve Ordinance No. 22-113, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 7 of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Fort Stockton Titled Cemeteries, Article II., Administration 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 Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.

16. Discuss/Act upon Accepting Donation from Hodges Oil for the Public Recreation Facility known as the Patio of the Fort Stockton Convention Center. (City Mgr./City Atty.)

Council Member Darren Hodges explained the donation would be made from the Delmon Hodges Estate.

He stated a payment of \$500,000 would be made in August and another \$500,000 payment would be made in January.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben Falcon, seconded by Council Member James Warnock, and carried to Accept Donation from Delmon Hodges Estate for the Public Recreation Facility known as the Patio of the Fort Stockton Convention Center. Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye. Council Member Darren Hodges abstained from the motion.

PRESENTATIONS:

6. Chief of Police Robert Lujan with Fort Stockton Police Department---

- Statistics for June 2022

<i>Calls for Service:</i>	
<i>Dispatched</i>	1191
<i>FSPD</i>	727
<i>FSFD</i>	19
<i>PCEMS</i>	158
<i>PCSO</i>	286
<i>Accidents Worked:</i>	51
<i>Accidents (PD)</i>	26

<i>Traffic Stops/Violations</i>	169
<i>Traffic Citations Issued</i>	29
<i>Traffic Stops (PD)</i>	102

<i>Misdemeanors</i>	37
<i>Felonies</i>	17

<i>Investigations Initiated:</i>	
<i>83rd District Attorney</i>	5
<i>112th District Attorney</i>	0
<i>County Attorney</i>	5
<i>Juvenile Probation</i>	0
<i>Total Arrests:</i>	
<i>Assault – Family Violence</i>	7
<i>Burglary</i>	4
<i>Criminal Mischief</i>	4
<i>Criminal Trespass:</i>	19
<i>Disorderly Conduct</i>	2
<i>Driving While Intoxicated</i>	1
<i>Evading Arrest</i>	0
<i>Undocumented Non-Citizens</i>	0
<i>Murder</i>	0
<i>Possession of a Controlled Substance</i>	2
<i>Possession of Marijuana</i>	0
<i>Public Intoxication</i>	0
<i>Resisting Arrest</i>	1
<i>Theft</i>	0
<i>Warrants</i>	21

Assistant Chief of Police Ernesto Velasquez advised City Council that the 13 Peacemakers were installed the previous week and are running smoothly.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, seconded by Council Member James Warnock, and carried unanimously to Accept the Police Department Statistics for June 2022, as presented. Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.

CONSENT AGENDA:

7. 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, 07/11/2022
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Planning & Zoning Commission, 06/01/2022
- Special Meeting Minutes of Planning & Zoning Commission, 06/08/2022
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton Housing Authority Board, 06/16/2022

Accounts Payable Grand Total: \$413,568.90

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.

RESOLUTION:

8. Discuss/Act upon Resolution No. 22-112R, A Resolution of the City of Fort Stockton, Texas, Calling a Special Election to be Held on November 8, 2022, for the Purpose of Submitting a Home Rule Charter to the Voters of the City of Fort Stockton; Designating Polling Places; Establishing the Election Precincts within the City; Appointing an Election Judge and Alternate Judge and Setting the Rate of Pay for Election Officials, Setting the Minimum Number of Election Clerks and Designating the Early Voting Ballot Board; Establishing Other Procedures for Conduct of the Election; and Providing for an Effective Date. **(City Mgr./City Sec.)**

Election Day will be November 8, 2022. Each registered voter will receive a copy of the proposed charter which will also be available in Spanish.

The Polling Locations for Election Day are as follows:

- Precinct #1 at the Senior Citizen's Center
- Precinct #2 at the County Courthouse, Election Room
- Precinct #7 at the Rural Community Hall
- Precinct #10 at the Fort Stockton Public Library, South Entrance.

Early Voting will take place beginning on Monday, October 24, 2022 and continuing through

Friday, November 4, 2022 at the following locations:

- Precinct #2 at the Pecos County Courthouse, Election Room
- Precinct #3 at the Sheffield Community Center
- Precinct #4 at the Iraan Community Center
- Precinct #9 at the Imperial Community Center

Tammy Huckaby will serve as both the Presiding Judge and the Early Voting Ballot Board Judge.

Linda Blanco will serve as the Alternate Judge & Alternate Early Voting Ballot Board Judge.

The Judges and Clerks shall be paid at a rate of \$12.00 per hour.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben Falcon, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, and carried unanimously to approve Resolution No. 22-112R, A Resolution of the City of Fort Stockton, Texas, Calling a Special Election to be Held on November 8, 2022, for the Purpose of Submitting a Home Rule Charter to the Voters of the City of Fort Stockton; Designating Polling Places; Establishing the Election Precincts within the City; Appointing an Election Judge and Alternate Judge and Setting the Rate of Pay for Election Officials, Setting the Minimum Number of Election Clerks and Designating the Early Voting Ballot Board; Establishing Other Procedures for Conduct of the Election; and Providing for an Effective Date. Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

9. Discuss/ Act upon 3rd Quarterly Investment Report ending June 30, 2022. **(City Mgr./Dir. of Fin.)**

Director of Finance Maria Rodriguez explained in accordance with the City of Fort Stockton Investment Policy and the Public Funds Investment Act, she was submitting the 3rd Quarterly Investment Report for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

At the end of June, TexPool's average interest rate was 1.35%; LOGIC's average interest rate was 1.18%; 90-day T-Bills were 1.3% and the one-year T-Bills were 2.79%. Our local bank, Pecos County State Bank, is currently at 0.61%.

In accordance with Resolution No. 11-110R, the City has to have at least 7% of the current budget which is \$1,356,688.20. The City currently has \$9,329,410.00 in the General Fund.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, seconded by Council Member James Warnock, and carried unanimously to approve 3rd Quarterly Investment Report ending June 30, 2022. Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.

10. Discuss/Act upon Solicitation of Bid for 1 New or Used Bucket Truck (Aerial Lift). (City Mgr.)

City Manager Frank Rodriguez explained he was requesting permission to Solicit Bids for 1 New or Used Bucket Truck as this is a vital piece of equipment. We have borrowed a bucket truck from Texas New Mexico Power Company as well as the TDS when needed. This would allow the City to obtain competitive prices.

Motion was made by Council Member James Warnock, seconded by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, and carried unanimously to Authorize the Solicitation of Bid for 1 New or Used Bucket Truck (Aerial Lift). Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.

11. Discuss/Act upon Solicitation of Bids for 1 New 2021 or 2022 Model Year Class 5 (medium duty) 4x2 Truck Chassis. (City Mgr.)

City Manager Frank Rodriguez explained he was being proactive. He would like to obtain prices to get the lift fitted for a New Truck. Therefore he requested permission to Solicit Bids for a New 2021 or 2022 Class 5 4x2 Truck Chassis.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben Falcon, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, and carried unanimously to Authorize the Solicitation of Bids for 1 New 2021 or 2022 Model Year Class 5 (medium duty) 4x2 Truck Chassis. Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.

12. Discuss/Act upon Authorization to Solicit Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Bank Depository Contract to begin 10/01/2022-09/30/2024, with the option for a One-Year Extension. (City Mgr./Dir. of Fin.)

Director of Finance Maria Rodriguez explained the City is required to Solicit bids every 2 years for a Bank Depository. Therefore, she explained she was requesting permission to do so. She advised City Council the City of Fort Stockton has utilized Pecos County State Bank as its depository for the past 8 years.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, seconded by Council Member Ruben Falcon, and carried unanimously to Authorize the Solicitation Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Bank Depository Contract to begin 10/01/2022-09/30/2024, with the option for a One-Year Extension. Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.

13. Discuss/Act upon Solicitation of Board Applications for FY 2022-2023. (City Mgr./City Sec.)

City Secretary Marina Cantu explained last year the Board Appointments were changed to be done during our Fiscal-Year rather than our Calendar Year to coincide with our budget.

Therefore, we are requesting permission to Solicit Board Applications. Applications will be accepted until the end of August. Applicants will be appointed during September to be effective October 1, 2022.

Motion was made by Council Member James Warnock, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, and carried unanimously to Authorize the Solicitation of Board Applications for FY 2022-2023. Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.

14. Discuss/Act upon School Resource Officer (S.R.O.) Agreement between the City of Fort Stockton & the Fort Stockton Independent School District. (City Mgr./C.O.P.)

City Manager Frank Rodriguez explained Chief of Police Robert Lujan, Assistant Chief of Police Ernesto Velasquez, Assistant Superintendent Gilrey Madrid and two principals previously met to discuss the language of the School Resource Officer Agreement. Additionally, City Manager Frank Rodriguez met with Fort Stockton Independent School District Superintendent Dr. Gabriel Zamora concerning the S.R.O. Agreement. In speaking with the Director of Finance the daily rate will be for 170 days. There was language added that stated upon mutual agreement between the City Manager and the Superintendent, additional days may be needed to perform SRO duties to go beyond the 170 days. This was mainly to address Summer School.

There are 3 returning SRO Officers: Officer Soto, Officer Aguilera and Officer Acosta. Chief of Police Robert Lujan recently sent 4 additional officers to SRO Training. This agreement entails the Police Department providing 5 SRO Officers.

Assistant Chief of Police Ernesto Velasquez explained the Police Department would assign 5 SROs to allow an officer per campus. Any additional coverage would go through the Chief of Police Robert Lujan or the Assistant Chief of Police Ernesto Velasquez.

Assistant Chief of Police Ernesto Velasquez assured City Council that the City of Fort Stockton would maintain sufficient coverage for the City.

Council Member Ruben Falcon inquired who would be given the opportunity to earn overtime.

City Manager Frank Rodriguez responded the School Resource Officers would be the first ones given the opportunity to earn overtime. After that the Chief of Police will have the opportunity to provide additional security. However, if additional security is needed such as the Sherriff's Office or any additional agency...it is welcomed.

Council Member Ruben Falcon inquired who determines how many officers are needed.

City Manager Frank Rodriguez responded the Superintendent or an Assistant Superintendent would be responsible for requesting officers.

Council Member Ruben Falcon inquired what the protocol would be for an incident.

Assistant Chief of Police Ernesto Velasquez responded that the Police Officers are being trained to neutralize the threat first. Then first aid would be rendered.

Motion was made by Council Member James Warnock, seconded by Council Member Ruben Falcon, and carried unanimously to approve School Resource Officer (S.R.O.) Agreement between the City of Fort Stockton & the Fort Stockton Independent School District. Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.

15. Discuss/Act upon Replacing 9 Police Department Chargers with 9 Police Department Explorers and Purchasing/Leasing 3 Trucks for the Public Works Department Utilizing Enterprise Funds through Enterprise Fleet Management . (City Mgr./P.W. Dir/C.O.P.)

City Manager Frank Rodriguez requested permission to replace the 9 Police Department Chargers with 9 Police Department Explorers. In addition he requested permission to lease 3 trucks for the Public Works Department utilizing Enterprise Funds. They could utilize 3 2500 trucks, which would allow the Public Works Department to haul trailers and move equipment as needed. The administration conducted some research and determined that the Explorers would be the best fit for the Police Department.

Mayor Joe Chris Alexander inquired when the current lease would expire.

City Manager Frank Rodriguez explained that it would be timed just right where the lease would easily transition into the new lease.


Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, seconded by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, and carried unanimously to Authorize Replacing 9 Police Department Chargers with 9 Police Department Explorers and Purchasing/Leasing 3 Trucks for the Public Works Department Utilizing Enterprise Funds through Enterprise Fleet Management. Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.

17. Questions from Media

The media did not have any questions.

18. Adjourn

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben Falcon, seconded by Council Member James Warnock, and carried unanimously to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting at 6:15 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