

CITY OF FORT STOCKTON, TEXAS

MINUTES OF: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DATE OF MEETING: AUGUST 8, 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: DARREN HODGES, JAMES WARNOCK, PAUL CASIAS, RUBEN J BERNAL,
RUBEN FALCON

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.

PROCLAMATION:

1. Proclamation Honoring Ysabella Sanchez as our new "Miss Fort Stockton".

Mayor Joe Chris Alexander presented Miss Fort Stockton Ysabella Sanchez with a Proclamation honoring her after reading it aloud.

PRESENTATIONS:**2. City Manager Frank Rodriguez III—**

- City Manager's Report

City Manager Frank Rodriguez thanked the following staff for their contribution to the Region IV TML Meeting held August 5, 2022:

- Public Works Department
- Interim CVB Director Cindy Melendez
- Marketing & Sales Coordinator Brenda Delao
- City Secretary Marina Cantu
- Administrative Assistant to City Secretary Sheila Lehnert
- Assistant City Manager Jesse Gonzales, Jr.

He thanked the following for their contribution to the Employee Appreciation Event held June 17, 2022:

- Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias
- Mayor Joe Chris Alexander
- Council Member Darren Hodges

He thanked Council Member Darren Hodges for his \$1,000,000.00 donation to remodel the Recreation Facility known as the Patio of the Fort Stockton Convention Center.

Improvements will consist of the following:

- Construction of an Amphitheater Stage
- Re-designing the grass area with additional trees and shade
- Construction of an Outside Men's and Women's Restroom
- Construction of a Walking Path
- Re-designing the Outer Perimeter Fence with better Lighting

REGULAR BUSINESS:

3. Discuss/Act upon Naming the Public Recreation Facility known as the Patio of the Fort Stockton Convention Center as the "*Hodges Pavilion*". (City Mgr.)

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben Falcon, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, and passed to Rename the Public Recreation Facility known as the Patio of the Fort Stockton Convention Center as the "Hodges Pavilion". Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal,

Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye. Council Member Hodges Abstained from this motion.

CONSENT AGENDA:

4. 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, 07/25/2022
- Special Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton City Council, 08/03/2022
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Intergovernmental Recreation Board, 05/25/2022
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Keep Historic Fort Stockton Beautiful Board, 05/04/2022
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Historical Landmark Commission, 05/04/2022
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Animal Control Advisory Board, 02/24/2022
- Special Meeting Minutes of Animal Control Advisory Board, 03/17/2022

Accounts Payable Grand Total: \$646,122.10

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 Darren Hodges, Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.

REGULAR BUSINESS CONTINUED:

5. Discuss/Act upon Solicitation of Request for Proposals for the Construction of two (2) Restrooms (Patio and Main Hall) at the Fort Stockton Convention Center. **(City Mgr.)**

City Manager Frank Rodriguez explained this item would exceed \$50,000.00. Therefore, he requested permission to Solicit Proposals for the Construction of two (2) Restrooms (Patio and Main Hall) at the Fort Stockton Convention Center.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben Falcon, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, and carried unanimously to Authorize Solicitation of Request for Proposals for the Construction of two (2) Restrooms (Patio and Main Hall) at the Fort Stockton Convention Center. Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Pro-

Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.

6. Discuss/Act upon Municipal Services Agreement between the City of Fort Stockton and Rolling Plains EV Stations, LLC for Lancium 1st Addition. (City Atty.)

City Attorney Puja Boinpally explained the Lancium Property has been separated into to parcels which are ready to be annexed into the City of Fort Stockton. This Municipal Services Agreement is for the Lancium 1st Addition which is 102.238 acres.

Motion was made by Council Member James Warnock, seconded by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, and carried unanimously to approve Municipal Services Agreement between the City of Fort Stockton and Rolling Plains EV Stations, LLC for Lancium 1st Addition. Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.

7. Discuss/Act upon Municipal Services Agreement between the City of Fort Stockton and Rolling Plains EV Stations, LLC for Lancium 2nd Addition. (City Atty.)

City Attorney Puja Boinpally explained this Municipal Services Agreement is for the Lancium 2nd Addition which is 9.84 acres.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, seconded by Council Member James Warnock, and carried unanimously to approve Municipal Services Agreement between the City of Fort Stockton and Rolling Plains EV Stations, LLC for Lancium 2nd Addition. Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.

8. Discuss/Act upon the Proposed Tax Rate for the 2022-2023 Fiscal-Year Budget & Announce the Public Hearing Dates. (City Mgr./Dir. of Fin.)

Director of Finance Maria Rodriguez explained the proposed tax rate was \$0.3549, which is 1 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 September 6, 2022.

Motion was made by Council Member Darren Hodges, seconded by Council Member James Warnock, and carried unanimously to proceed with the process to consider the proposed tax rate of \$0.3549 and schedule the Public Hearing and Date of Adoption for September 6, 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.

9. Questions from Media

Fort Stockton Pioneer Editor Nathan Heuer inquired what the difference was between last year's tax rate and this year's tax rate.

Director of Finance Maria Rodriguez responded last year's tax rate was \$0.4365 and this year's proposed tax rate is \$0.3549.

10. 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 5:52 p.m. Council Member Darren Hodges, 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