

CITY OF FORT STOCKTON, TEXAS

MINUTES OF: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DATE OF MEETING: NOVEMBER 13, 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

RUBEN J. BERNAL LEFT AT 6:27 P.M.

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.

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Application Request from Property Owner Benjamin Rossy to Consider a Specific-Use Permit for Placement of a Manufactured Mobile Home in a One-Family Dwelling District (SF-4) located on Lot Three, Block Forty-Nine (49), ST. GALL ADDITION, Fort Stockton,

Pecos County, Texas & More Particularly Described as Being Adjacent to El Paso 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 property is located on the other side of Rooney Park. The property owner would like to replace the existing mobile home with a newer model. The request has been reviewed by Planning & Zoning who recommended approving the request.

Building Official Roy Mendoza advised City Council that Code Enforcement has been to this location and measured it to ensure it meets all the required setbacks. He reiterated that Planning & Zoning has approved the request.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Paul Casias closed the public hearing to reconvene into the Regular City Council Meeting at 5:34 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS:

2. **Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Remie Ramos----**
 - FY 2022-2023 4th Quarterly Report

Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Remie Ramos reported the unemployment rate has decreased from 3.6% to 3.4%.

Sales Tax for July, August and September is up, ending the year at 17.9%. Fort Stockton exceeded everyone in the region for the YTD through October, with the exception of Monahans and Pecos. Our local retailers are exceeding these areas.

After a review of the data it was determined that the difference in numbers were due to the oilfield supply companies located in Monahans and Pecos. These companies have been driving the sales tax up in these communities.

3. **Convention & Visitor's Bureau Director Cindy Melendez ----**
 - FY 2022-2023 4th Quarterly Report

Administrative Assistant Annika Vasquez reported the following:

CVB FUNDED – PAST:

JULY
4TH of July Event*

Water Carnival

AUGUST

Richard Reeves Golf Tournament

SEPTEMBER

Barrio Fest

Memorial Golf Tournament

OCTOBER

BBORR 2.0

Fall Fest

M2M

Horse Head Crossing

DECEMBER

Pop Warner

Christmas Bazaar

RECAP

4th of July Star Spangled Bash

- Held July 2nd
- 20 Food/Craft Vendors
- Stakitas Car Show
- DJ Entertainment
- Fireworks Display

Hodges Pavilion Soft Opening Dance

- Held September 29th
- Gabe Natera – Opening Band
- Stateline Band – Dance was open to the public

Grand Opening Hodges Pavilion/Fall Fest

- Held October 12th
- 10 Food/Craft Vendors
- The Josh Abbott Band

M2M Pasta Dinner

- Held October 20th
- 40 attendees – Pasta Dinner
- 59 stayed in Fort Stockton

Christmas Bazaar

- Glitzy Brew
- Simply Loved Consignment
- Besitos de Azuca

- Amerissa's Bowtique
- Raul Duarte
- Vivi Martinez
- Simply Subbli Cups
- Kia Tay's
- Fiddly Stitch
- Lilah Smith Safe House
- Rachel Nix
- Goody's Sweets
- My Sweet Cuisine
- Judy Hannah
- Krumble Kandies
- Pictures with Santa
- Pictures with The Grinch
- Christmas Carols – FS High School Choir

PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL

- TX Highways
- Butterfield Overland Trail Brochure
- Big Bend Travel Guide
- Southern Trails Auto Tour Program
- Texas Event Calendar
- Tour Texas

HOTEL OCCUPANCY

July	\$123,140.96
August	\$111,430.37
September	\$102,916.53

YTD Total \$1,255,454.42

4. Marketing & Convention Center Coordinator Brenda Delao ----

- FY 2022-2023 4th Quarterly Report

JULY

5 Meetings
 1 Class
 4 Private Events
 WRTTC Retirement Luncheon
 TxDOT Stakeholder Meeting
 Rural PAC Hospital Meeting

AUGUST

3 Meetings

6 Private Events
Employee Appreciation Breakfast
Company Safety Meetings
Rio Grande Electric Service Awards

SEPTEMBER

5 Meetings
2 Classes
4 Private Events
Memorial Golf Tournament
Keep Texas Beautiful Training
Legislative Training with Law Enforcement

OCTOBER

6 Meetings
1 Class
4 Private Events
The Hodges Soft Opening/Grand Opening with Josh Abbott
Trunk or Treat
Silver Spur Gun & Blade Show
M2M Pasta Dinner
PCMH Health Fair

NOVEMBER

4 Meetings
4 Classes
6 Private Events
AERO Care Educational Training
Lilah Smith SART Training
DPS Communications Meeting
Legislative Update for Peace Officers Class

DECEMBER

1 Meeting
4 Private Events

City of Fort Stockton Employee Appreciation Party
PCCAA Head Start Christmas Party
Christmas Bazaar

CONVENTION CENTER FACEBOOK PAGE REACH

25,147

CONVENTION CENTER FACEBOOK POST REACH

10.9K

VISIT FORT STOCKTON FACEBOOK PAGE REACH

51,279

VISIT FORT STOCKTON FACEBOOK POST REACH

69.1K

5. **Chief of Police Ernesto Velasquez with Fort Stockton Police Department----**

Patrol Officer Derek Stratton presented the following:

- Statistics Report for October 2023

October Calls for Service

Total Calls for Service: 1,437

FSPD Calls: 983

FSFD Calls: 13

City: 4

County: 9

PCEMS Calls: 174

PCSO Calls: 259

October Traffic Statistics

Traffic Stops: 323

City: 261

Other Agency: 62

Traffic Citations Issued: 17
Motor Vehicle Accidents: 47
City: 24
Other Agency: 23

October Cases Filed for Prosecution:

Juvenile Probation: 3
County Attorney: 33
83rd District Attorney: 10
112th District Attorney: 0

October Arrest Statistics:

Total Arrests: 30
Charges:
Arson: 1
Assault: 3
Burglary: 2
Criminal Mischief: 0
Criminal Trespass: 4
Disorderly Conduct: 0
Duty on Striking: 0
Driving While Intoxicated: 2
Driving While License Invalid: 0
Evading Arrest: 3
Failure to ID: 1
Family Violence: 2
Murder: 0
Outstanding Warrant: 19
Possession of Controlled Substance: 4
Possession of Marijuana: 2
Public Intoxication: 0
Racing: 0
Resisting Arrest: 3
Sexual Assault: 0
Smuggling of Persons: 0
Terroristic Threat: 0
Theft: 2
Undocumented Migrants: 0
Unlawful Carry: 1
Injury to Child/Elderly: 0
Reckless Driving: 1

- Statistics Report for Year to Date:

Year To Date Calls for Service

Total Calls for Service: 14,141
FSPD Calls: 9,297
FSFD Calls: 177
City: 40
County: 137
PCEMS Calls: 1,770
PCSO Calls: 3,111

Year To Date Traffic Statistics

Traffic Stops: 3,267
City: 2,229
Other Agency: 1,038
Traffic Citations Issued: 366
Motor Vehicle Accidents: 523
City: 284
Other Agency: 239

Year To Date Cases Filed for Prosecution:

Juvenile Probation: 21
County Attorney: 348
83rd District Attorney: 263
112th District Attorney: 51

Year To Date Arrest Statistics:

Total Arrests: 265
Charges:
Arson: 1
Assault: 11
Burglary: 6
Criminal Mischief: 5
Criminal Trespass: 16
Disorderly Conduct: 4
Duty on Striking: 7
Driving While Intoxicated: 29
Driving While License Invalid: 8
Evading Arrest: 10
Failure to ID: 4
Family Violence: 16
Murder: 0
Outstanding Warrant: 193
Possession of Controlled Substance: 48
Possession of Marijuana: 15
Public Intoxication: 26

Racing: 4
Resisting Arrest: 11
Sexual Assault: 1
Smuggling of Persons: 8
Terroristic Threat: 4
Theft: 11
Undocumented Migrants: 3
Unlawful Carry: 9
Injury to Child/Elderly: 1
Reckless Driving: 2

6. **City Manager Frank Rodriguez III----**

- City Manager's Report

City Manager Frank Rodriguez III advised City Council that the City passed the Pre-Opening Inspection of the New Landfill conducted by TCEQ on Tuesday. The City will have to identify the Opening Date according to the tonnage the City can accept, ending the life of the Old Landfill.

He provided the following information:

- The New Landfill has 141.64 Acres of Waste Disposal
- The Waste Disposal Footprint is 82.4 Acres
- The Life Expectancy of the New Landfill is 101 Years
- The address to the New Landfill is 256 Moody Road

He recognized the following for their contribution to the New Landfill Project:

- Carlos Ibarra
- Raul Rodriguez
- Salvador Caballero
- Jesus Gonzalez
- Petronilo Salinas
- Marcos Tovar
- Aaron Ramos
- Luis Guerra
- Aaron Manzano
- Pollo Vasquez
- Carlos Contreras
- Jessie Barrios
- Jesse Gonzales, Jr.
- Maria Rodriguez

Assistant City Manager Jesse Gonzales acknowledged City Manager Frank Rodriguez III for his part in bringing the New Landfill Project to fruition.

Council Member Ruben Falcon acknowledged Billy Jackson for challenging TCEQ when they denied the current location of the New Landfill. He was able to overturn their decision which saved the City a lot of money since they didn't have to purchase additional land for a new location.

ORDINANCES:

7. Discuss/Act upon Ordinance No. 23-135, An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Chapter of the Municipal Code of the City of Fort Stockton, Texas, allowing for the Placement of a Manufactured Mobile Home by Specific-Use Permit in a One-Family Dwelling District 4 (SF-4) Located on Lot Three (3), Block Forty-Nine (49), ST. GALL ADDITION, Fort Stockton, Pecos County, Texas, & More Particularly Described as being Adjacent to El Paso 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 that would approve the Public Hearing heard earlier in the meeting.

Building Official Roy Mendoza reiterated everything has been approved, letters were sent out, photos were submitted, setbacks were met and if approved the new mobile home would improve the area.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben Falcon, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, and carried unanimously to approve Ordinance No. 23-135, An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Chapter of the Municipal Code of the City of Fort Stockton, Texas, allowing for the Placement of a Manufactured Mobile Home by Specific-Use Permit in a One-Family Dwelling District 4 (SF-4) Located on Lot Three (3), Block Forty-Nine (49), ST. GALL ADDITION, Fort Stockton, Pecos County, Texas, & More Particularly Described as being Adjacent to El Paso 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.

8. Discuss/Act upon Ordinance No. 23-136, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Administration*, Article VIII. Records Management* of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Stockton, Texas; & Formally Designating the Records Management Officer. **(City Sec.)**

City Secretary Marina Cantu explained the Texas State Library and Archives Commission advised her that the City of Fort Stockton's current policy designates multiple positions as the Records Management Officer. The Local Government Records Act requires only one position be approved by the board. Therefore, they have requested the City Secretary be designated as the Records Management Officer as soon as possible in order to comply with the Local Government Records Act.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, and carried unanimously to approve Ordinance No. 23-136, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Administration*, Article VIII. Records Management* of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Stockton, Texas; & Formally Designating the Records Management Officer. 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.

9. Discuss/Act upon Ordinance 23-137, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 23 of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Fort Stockton Titled Traffic and Vehicles; and Creating Article VIII. Recreational Off-Highway Vehicles; Repealing all Other Ordinances or Portions Thereof in Conflict, A Severability Clause and Providing for its Publication and Effective Date. (City Mgr./City Atty.)

ITEM WAS TABLED

CONSENT AGENDA:

10. 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, 10/23/2023
- Special Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton City Council, 11/01/2023
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton Planning & Zoning Commission, 10/04/2023
- Special Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton Housing Authority Board, 08/24/2023
- Special Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton Housing Authority Board, 09/27/2023
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Economic Development 4A Corporation, 09/21/2023
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Economic Development 4B Corporation, 09/21/2023
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Substandard Building Commission, 10/05/2023

Accounts Payable 2022-2023 Fiscal Total:

\$56,221.72

Accounts Payable 2023-2024 Fiscal Total:	\$533,509.14
Accounts Payable Grand Total:	\$589,730.86

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:

11. Discuss/Act upon Contractual Janitorial Services Agreement for City Hall & City Hall Annex between the City of Fort Stockton and Elfida Morales. (City Mgr./City Atty.)

City Manager Frank Rodriguez III explained Elfida Morales was previously awarded the bid for Janitorial Services for City Hall & City Hall; this is the Agreement that outlines the terms of services.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben Falcon, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, and carried unanimously to approve Contractual Janitorial Services Agreement for City Hall & City Hall Annex between the City of Fort Stockton and Elfida Morales. 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 upon Contractual Janitorial Services Agreement for the Police Department & Dispatch Area between the City of Fort Stockton and Abiud Olivares. (City Mgr./City Atty.)

City Manager Frank Rodriguez explained Abiud Olivares was previously awarded the bid for Janitorial Services for the Police Department & Dispatch Area; this is the Agreement that outlines the terms of services.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, seconded by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, and carried unanimously to approve Contractual Janitorial Services Agreement for the Police Department & Dispatch Area between the City of Fort Stockton and Abiud Olivares. 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 Proposal for 2 Station Dispatch Console for Police Department. **Proposals Received: Petro Communications Inc., Tri-Star Communications (Assit. City Mgr./C.O.P.)**

Patrol Officer Derek Stratton advised City Council they received a bid proposal from Petro Communications, Inc, and Tri-Star Communications. After a careful review of each proposal, it was determined that the proposals would provide us with equivalent equipment and technology. However, it is recommended that Tri-Star Communications be awarded the bid as it was lower than Petro Communications by approximately \$18,000.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben Falcon, seconded by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, and carried unanimously to award the Proposal for 2 Station Dispatch Console for Police Department to Tri-Star Communications. 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 Solicitation of Lease Proposals for Approximately 500 Acres of Land. **(City Mgr.)**

City Manager Frank Rodriguez III explained this property is located between the City's Old Landfill and the City's New Landfill. The lease consists of approximately 500 acres and use of the city's effluent water. The current agreement ends in December. Therefore, he requested permission to solicit proposals for the lease of the land.

Council Member Ruben Falcon inquired if the proposal could be submitted for something other than farming.

City Manager Frank Rodriguez III responded the proposal could be for something other than farming so long as the effluent water is being utilized.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, seconded by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, and carried unanimously to approve the Solicitation of Lease Proposals for Approximately 500 Acres of Land. 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 Solicitation of Bids for Purchase and Installation of Weigh Scale for the City's New Municipal Solid Waste Facility. **(City Mgr./P.W. Dir.)**

City Manager Frank Rodriguez III explained he was requesting permission to Solicit bids for the purchase and installation of a Weigh Scale for the City's New Municipal Solid Waste Facility. The facility currently has one weigh scale and the goal is to have one coming into the facility and one leaving the facility.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben Falcon, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, and carried unanimously to approve the Solicitation of Bids for Purchase and Installation of Weigh Scale for the City's New Municipal Solid Waste Facility. 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 Pay Application No. 8 totaling \$98,262.50 for Work Performed by L.T. Construction, LLC on additions and buildout of the Hodges Pavilion. **(City Mgr./Dir. of Fin.)**

Director of Finance Maria Rodriguez explained this is the final payment of \$98,262.50 that includes the last payment and the change orders that were requested by the City.

Council Member Darren Hodges inquired what the total payout for this project had been so far.

Director of Finance Maria Rodriguez responded the total payout was roughly \$930,000.00 at that point.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, seconded by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, and carried unanimously to approve Pay Application No. 8 totaling \$98,262.50 for Work Performed by L.T. Construction, LLC on additions and buildout of the Hodges Pavilion. 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 Pay Application No. 2 totaling \$79,263.00 for work performed by AG Oilfield Services, Inc. which included spotting line and hauling backfill materials for the Removal of 13,851 feet of Pipeline within Section 34, Block 27, and Section 6, 7, 17, and 18, Block 28, University Lands, Pecos County, Texas. **(City Mgr.)**

Assistant City Manager Jesse Gonzales, Jr. explained both Code Enforcement Officer Aaron Ramos and City Engineer Raul Rodriguez have confirmed that the work for Pay Application No. 2 has been completed.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, and carried unanimously to approve Pay Application No. 2 totaling \$79,263.00 for work performed by AG Oilfield Services, Inc., which included spotting line and hauling backfill materials for the Removal of 13,851 feet of Pipeline within Section 34, Block 27, and Section 6, 7, 17, and 18, Block 28, University Lands, Pecos County, Texas. 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 Fire Station Infrastructure Project in an amount not to exceed \$175,859.20 as Approved by the Economic Development 4-A Corporation on August 17, 2023 and September 21, 2023. (City Mgr./EDC Dir.)

Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Remie Ramos explained this is a project approved by the Economic Development Corporation for the infrastructure to the Fire Station. This is to cover the cost of materials and the City Public Works Department for running the line. He further explained this covered running the line from the existing line to the New Fire Station to include meters.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben Falcon, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, and carried unanimously to approve Fire Station Infrastructure Project in an amount not to exceed \$175,859.20 as Approved by the Economic Development 4-A Corporation on August 17, 2023 and September 21, 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.

19. Discuss/Act upon the Gene Cummings Park Irrigation Project in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 as approved by the Economic Development 4-B Corporation on January 19, 2023.

Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Remie Ramos explained this is the total project to include the water collection and the new irrigation system to be installed at the Gene Cummings Park.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, seconded by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, and carried unanimously to approve Gene Cummings Park Irrigation Project in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 as approved by the Economic Development 4-B Corporation on January 19, 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.

20. Discuss/Act upon Payment to Kraftsman Play in the amount of \$165,273.00 as part of the Gene Cummings Irrigation Project as approved by the Economic Development 4-B Corporation on January 19, 2023. **(City Mgr./EDC Dir.)**

Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Remie Ramos explained the \$165,273.00 is a part of the \$250,000.00 previously approved in the last item. If approved Kraftsman Play would receive payment for the water collection tank below ground and above ground.

City Manager Frank Rodriguez III emphasized the importance of this collection tank. He explained historically the water from the water park would drain into the sewer which would cause issues for residents in the area. This system would relieve a lot of these issues. The water collected would be utilized to irrigate the park.

Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Remie Ramos advised City Council that the Fort Stockton Economic Development Corporation has been nominated for a State EDC Award for the repurpose of water and conservation.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, seconded by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, and carried unanimously to approve Payment to Kraftsman Play in the amount of \$165,273.00 as part of the Gene Cummings Irrigation Project as approved by the Economic Development 4-B Corporation on January 19, 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.

21. Discuss/Act upon Gene Cummings Renovation Project in an amount up to \$300,000.00 to include improvements to Playground Shades, Seating Area Shades, Installation of Solar Lights, Fencing, Everts Street Parking & Sidewalk, and Electrical Upgrades as approved by the Economic Development 4-B Corporation on October 26, 2023. **(City Mgr./EDC Dir.)**

Council Member Ruben J. Bernal left at 6:27 p.m.

Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Remie Ramos explained this is the project to proceed with the Renovations to the Gene Cummings Park to include the items listed.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, seconded by Council Member Ruben Falcon, and carried unanimously to approve Gene Cummings Renovation Project in an amount up to \$300,000.00 to include improvements to Playground Shades, Seating Area Shades, Installation of Solar Lights, Fencing, Everts Street Parking & Sidewalk, and Electrical Upgrades as approved by the Economic Development 4-B Corporation on October 26, 2023. Council Member Darren Hodges, Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, Mayor Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez voted aye.

22. Discuss/Act upon Payment to L.T. Construction, LLC. in the amount of \$85,025.50 as part of the Gene Cummings Renovation Project as approved by the Economic Development 4-B Corporation on October 26, 2023. (City Mgr./EDC Dir.)

Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Remie Ramos explained this payment is for the Everts Street Parking and sidewalk, the two (2) new pavilions including a cement slab adjacent to the spray park as well as the installation of the 16 previously purchased solar lights.

Council Member Darren Hodges inquired how much EDC has contributed to the renovation of the Gene Cummings Park.

Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Remie Ramos replied they would contribute \$1 Million to the renovation of the Gene Cummings Park in the span of two years.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, seconded by Council Member Ruben Falcon, and carried unanimously to approve Payment to L.T. Construction, LLC. in the amount of \$85,025.50 as part of the Gene Cummings Renovation Project as approved by the Economic Development 4-B Corporation on October 26, 2023. Council Member Darren Hodges, Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, Mayor Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez voted aye.

23. Discuss/Act upon payment in the amount of \$115,254.05 to AOT Recreation LLC as part of the Gene Cummings Renovation Project as approved by the Economic Development 4-B Corporation on October 26, 2023. (City Mgr./EDC Dir.)

Economic Development Executive Director Remie Ramos explained this is to approve the payment for the shading. This includes two (2) large shades over the main play areas and one

(1) small one over the swing area. The only area not shaded is the Zip Line due to the length of the area.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, seconded by Council Member Ruben Falcon, and carried unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$115,254.05 to AOT Recreation LLC as part of the Gene Cummings Renovation Project as approved by the Economic Development 4-B Corporation on October 26, 2023. Council Member Darren Hodges, Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, Mayor Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez voted aye.

24. Discuss/Act upon the Commercial Infrastructure Sycamore Street Paving Project and payment to the City of Fort Stockton in the amount of \$66,653.57 for materials cost as approved by the Economic Development 4-A Corporation on September 21, 2023. **(City Mgr./EDC Dir.)**

Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Remie Ramos explained as part of the EDC's Infrastructure they assisted the City in Paving Commercial Areas. They paid for the cement installation behind Wal-Mart. This is the continuation paving Sycamore Street from Dickinson to Hwy 285. Pecos County Precinct No. 1 paved the street and EDC paid for the materials.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, seconded by Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez, and carried unanimously to approve Commercial Infrastructure Sycamore Street Paving Project and payment to the City of Fort Stockton in the amount of \$66,653.57 for materials cost as approved by the Economic Development 4-A Corporation on September 21, 2023. Council Member Darren Hodges, Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, Mayor Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez voted aye.

25. Discuss/Act upon the Commercial Infrastructure 21st Street Paving Project and payment to the City of Fort Stockton in the amount of \$38,102.96 for materials cost as approved by the Economic Development 4-A Corporation on September 21, 2023. **(City Mgr./EDC Dir.)**

Executive Development Corporation Executive Director Remie Ramos explained is another portion of EDC's Infrastructure Assistance to the City. This payment is for the paving of 21st Street from Hwy 18 heading East towards the hospital.

Motion was made by Council Member Jerome Chavez, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, and carried unanimously to approve Commercial Infrastructure 21st Street Paving Project and payment to the City of Fort Stockton in the amount of \$38,102.96 for materials cost as approved by the Economic Development 4-A Corporation on September 21, 2023. Council Member Darren Hodges, Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, Mayor Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez voted aye.

26. Discuss/Act upon Construction Speed Concurrence, lowering the speed limit by 5 MPH - 15 MPH per roadway section for the TxDOT State Highway Improvement Project which involves bridge joint repairs and concrete structure repairs for the overpasses at US 285, FM 1053 & IH 10. (City Mgr.)

City Manager Frank Rodriguez III explained the City received a letter from TxDOT requesting the City concur with the speed reduction for the TxDOT State Highway Improvement Project for the overpasses at US 285, FM 1053 & IH 10.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, seconded by Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez, and carried unanimously to approve the Construction Speed Concurrence, lowering the speed limit by 5 MPH - 15 MPH per roadway section for the TxDOT State Highway Improvement Project which involves bridge joint repairs and concrete structure repairs for the overpasses at US 285, FM 1053 & IH 10. Council Member Darren Hodges, Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, Mayor Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez voted aye.

27. Discuss/Act upon Transferring Two (2) Speed Trailers from the Fort Stockton Police Department to the United States Border Patrol as requested by Border Patrol Agent Oved Galindo. (City Mgr./C.O.P.)

Patrol Officer Derek Stratton read a memo from Chief of Police Ernesto Velasquez concerning this item.

The MEMO read as follows:

FSPD is in possession of two (2) white speed trailers acquired through Texas LESO Program or (1033). The trailers were not operational, and we looked at making them operational, but the cost would exceed the purchase of a new speed trailer thus not cost effective for the FSPD or the City. It was contacted by United States Border Patrol Agent Oved Galindo, and they are looking for trailers to convert into License Plate Reader

Trailers. I believe the USBP has the funds and means to convert these trailers into License plate Reader Trailers thus benefiting the USBP operations and the citizens of the United States by converting the trailers for a new purpose. I have confirmed with the Texas LESO Program and the trailers belong to FSPD and are no longer LESO inventory items and can be transferred to USBP. I recommend transferring two (2) speed trailers to USBP effective the date of this MEMO if approved and thus removing them from FSPD Inventory Property. I have attached photos of the trailers. Contact me if you have any questions.

Motion was made by Council Member Darren Hodges, seconded by Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez, and carried unanimously to approve the Transfer of Two (2) Speed Trailers from the Fort Stockton Police Department to the United States Border Patrol as requested by Border Patrol Agent Oved Galindo. Council Member Darren Hodges, Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, Mayor Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez voted aye.

28. Discuss/Act upon Designating December 11, 2023 as the Only Regular City Council Meeting in December. (City Mgr.)

City Manager Frank Rodriguez III requested December 11, 2023 be designated as the Only Regular City Council Meeting in December as the 2nd scheduled regular meeting falls on Christmas.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, seconded by Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez, and carried unanimously to approve Designating December 11, 2023 as the Only Regular City Council Meeting in December. 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.

29. Discuss/Act upon Issuance of Longevity Pay to Full-Time Personnel who are Actively Employed on November 17, 2023. (City Mgr./Dir. of Fin.)

City Manager Frank Rodriguez III requested permission to approve longevity pay, scheduled to be issued out November 17, 2023 as a separate check.

Director of Finance Maria Rodriguez explained there is money in the budget to pay at a rate of \$12.

Mayor Paul Casias recommended paying longevity at a rate of \$13.

Motion was made by Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez, seconded by Council Member Darren Hodges, and carried unanimously to approve Issuance of Longevity Pay to Full-Time Personnel who are Actively Employed on November 17, 2023 as a separate check at a rate of \$13.00. Council Member Darren Hodges, Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, Mayor Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez voted aye.

30. Discuss/Act upon Appointment, Re-Appointment, Removal of Board Members or Amendment to Board Bylaws, as needed for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. (Mayor/City Mgr.)

After a careful review of the applications and attendance reports the following motions were made:

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben Falcon, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, and carried unanimously to Remove Paul Depoorter as a Member of the Building and Standards Commission. Council Member Darren Hodges, Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, Mayor Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez voted aye.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben Falcon, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, and carried unanimously to Re-Appoint Randy Day and Clara Lichty as members of the Building and Standards Commission, Move Holly Lambert from an Alternate and Appoint her as a Member of the Building and Standards Commission, Appoint Brenda Delao and Nancy Olvera as Members of the Building and Standards Commission and Appoint William Lawson Kemp and Isaiah Granado as Alternate Members of the Building and Standards Commission. Council Member Darren Hodges, Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, Mayor Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez voted aye.

31. Questions from Media.

There were no questions from the media.

32. Adjourn.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben Falcon, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, and carried unanimously to Adjourn the Regular City Council

Meeting at 6:39 p.m. Council Member Darren Hodges, Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, Mayor Paul Casias, 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