

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTIES OF ARANSAS §
SAN PATRICIO AND NUECES §
CITY OF ARANSAS PASS §

A Regular Meeting of the Aransas Pass City Council was held on Monday, December 18, 2017 in the Aransas Pass City Hall, 600 W. Cleveland Blvd., Aransas Pass, Texas 78336. A notice of the meeting was posted 72 hours in advance in accordance with Section 551, Texas Government Code. Mayor Ramiro Gomez, and Council Members Vickie Abrego, Billy Ellis, Janet Moore and Carrie Scruggs were present. Also present was City Manager Gary Edwards and City Attorney Allen Lawrence.

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER.**

Mayor Gomez called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES FLAG.**

Council Member Abrego gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

3. **PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:**

3.I. **Presentation by Robert Cenci, Chief Appraiser, San Patricio County Appraisal District.**

Mr. Cenci stated that the San Patricio County Appraisal District serves twenty-four taxing entities. He added that immediately following the storm, they began visiting and driving through the city streets to conduct the field inspection process, installed an App to allow property owners to communicate issues as a result of the storm, and explained the protest process and the tax value allocation process.

4. **BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:**

There were no Board Appointment Items.

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

There were no Public Hearing Items.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

There were no Consent Items.

7. **CITY MANAGER**

7.I. **Consider and Act on the recommendation from the Memorial Commission to accept a donation in the amount of \$250 to construct a New Cross to be installed on top of the Seaman's Memorial Tower.**

Mr. Edwards stated that this item relates to a request from the Memorial Commission for a New Cross at the Seaman's Memorial Tower, and to accept a donation in the amount of \$250 for material costs. He stated that staff recommends approval and added that the City will take precautions to ensure that the cross is placed in such a way that safety is considered to avoid any potential liability to the city.

Mr. Chuck West, Harbor Master clarified that the Memorial Commission has accepted a donation is the amount of \$250 for a New Cross, and the purpose of this item is to authorize the Memorial Commission to expend these funds.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Scruggs to approve Item 7.I., authorizing the Memorial Commission to expend \$250 to construct a New Cross at the Seaman's Memorial Tower, seconded by Council Member Moore, and the motion passed with the following vote: Gomez, Abrego, Ellis, Moore and Scruggs voting Aye.

7.II. Consider and Act on the issuance of a Request for Proposals for a new lease of Property at 518 Bigelow, formerly known as Diamond Marine.

Mr. Edwards stated that this item is for a request to seek an RFP for a new lease for property at 518 Bigelow, formerly known as Diamond Marine.

A motion was made by Council Member Moore to approve Item 7.II., seconded by Council Member Abrego, and the motion passed with the following vote: Gomez, Abrego, Ellis, Moore and Scruggs voting Aye.

7.III. Consider and Act on Resolution No. 2017-842 approving the Debt Management Policy.

Mr. Edwards stated that the purpose of this Policy is to set standards for long-term debt for daily city operations. He added that it is important to not use long-term debt to finance current operations, and does not allow for the debt to extend beyond the life of the project.

He further added that he anticipates bringing two additional policies to come for approval, one for Capital Improvement Projects, and an updated Purchasing Policy.

A motion was made by Council Member Abrego to approve Item 7.III., seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Scruggs, and the motion passed with the following vote: Gomez, Abrego, Ellis, Moore and Scruggs voting Aye.

7.IV. Consider and Act on canceling/re-scheduling the January 15, 2018 City Council Meeting due to a City Holiday.

Mr. Edwards stated that the regular meeting of January 15, 2018 falls on a City holiday, Martin Luther King and that Council has the option of canceling or re-scheduling this meeting.

A motion was made by Council Member Ellis to re-schedule the January 15, 2018 City Council Meeting to Tuesday, January 16, 2018, seconded by Council Member Abrego, and the motion passed with the following vote: Gomez, Abrego, Ellis, Moore and Scruggs voting Aye.

8. COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT:

There were no Community Enrichment Items.

9. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES:

9.I. Consider and Act on Resolution No. 2017-843 adopting the Aransas County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Action Plan.

Katherine Comeaux stated that Aransas County received a grant for a Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Action Plan, which is required to be eligible to apply for mitigated grants. She

added that the plan has been reviewed and approved by FEMA and the Texas Department of Emergency Management.

Ms. Amanda Torres stated that Aransas County Commissioner's Court and the City of Rockport have approved the plan, and that the City of Fulton is scheduled to consider the plan on December 19, 2017.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Scruggs to approve Item 9.I., seconded by Council Member Ellis, and the motion passed with the following vote: Gomez, Abrego, Ellis, Moore and Scruggs voting Aye.

9.II. Consider and Act on awarding the Request for Proposals for Administrative Service Provider for the Water Tower.

Mr. Edwards explained that this item is to award the RFP for Administrative Service Provider for the water tower. He stated that three bids were received, and that City staff recommends awarding the bid to Grantworks adding that it is the least expensive bid.

A motion was made by Council Member Ellis to approve Item 9.II., awarding the bid to Grantworks, seconded by Council Member Abrego, and the motion passed with the following vote: Gomez, Abrego, Ellis, Moore and Scruggs voting Aye.

10. FINANCE:

There were no Finance items.

11. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:

There were no Information Technology items.

12. PUBLIC SAFETY:

12.I. Consider and Act on approving the modified MOU between Aransas Pass and the City of Ingleside, to allow the City of Aransas Pass Animal Control Department to share requested services with the City of Ingleside Animal Control Department for a fee.

Mr. Blanchard stated that the purpose of this amendment is to forgo the charge to the City of Aransas Pass in exchange for assisting with on-call services, and added that the City of Ingleside has approved this change.

A motion was made by Council Member Moore to approve Item 12.I., seconded by Council Member Ellis, and the motion passed with the following vote: Gomez, Abrego, Ellis, Moore and Scruggs voting Aye.

12.II. Presentation of Police Department Stats for the month of November 2017.

Eric Blanchard, Police Department provided a report on the statistics for the month of November 2017. He discussed total calls for services, traffic stops, citations issued, violations cited, arrests, juvenile detentions, and code enforcement. In addition, he reported that in the month of November there was one internal complaint filed. He added that they had thirteen staff recognitions, and reported on the training hours. Mr. Blanchard also discussed highlights for the Patrol Division, CID Division, Training Division, EMC Division and Animal Control Division. He added that the report will be posted on the City's website.

13. CITY COUNCIL OR STAFF ANNOUNCEMENT:

Sandra Garcia, Director of Finance provided the Financial Report for the month ending November 2017. She stated that revenues were down, and that expenditures were also down due to the policies recently implemented by Mr. Edwards. Ms. Garcia reported that the net income is \$31,153 in the plus, and positive of \$141,824. She added that she anticipates sales tax for next month, December to increase by \$24,000 as compared to this time last year, and is attributed to construction and recovery efforts.

14. CITIZEN COMMENTS:

There were no Citizen Comments.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The meeting was recessed into Executive Session at 6:30 pm under the provisions of Section 551, Texas Government Code to discuss the authority of:

15.I. Section 551.072, Real Estate Matters: Conn Brown Harbor.

The Council returned from Executive Session at 7:44 pm.

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Mayor Gomez announced that no action would be taken on this item.

15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Gomez adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm.

Ramiro Gomez
Mayor

Mary Juarez
City Secretary

Approved on: _____