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A Special Meeting of the Aransas Pass City Council was held on Saturday, March 30, 2019 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 Roxann Cotroneo.

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER.**

Mayor Gomez called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

2. **CITY MANAGER.**

- 2.1. Consider and Act on Resolution No. 2019-882 declaring City's intent to begin annexation of up to 1,877 acres of land into the territorial limits of the City of Aransas Pass, directing the City Manager to prepare a Service Plan for the extension of Municipal Services to the proposed Annexation area, and setting, posting and publishing two public hearings on annexation.

Roxann Cotroneo, City Attorney stated that the proposed resolution initiates annexation of up to 1,874.42 acres of land located north of Aransas Pass and extending up to City of Rockport's ETJ. She added that the proposed Resolution sets two required public hearings and directs the City Manager to develop a service plan, and referred to a map depicting the annexation area.

Ms. Cotroneo then discussed the annexation schedule beginning with the approval of the proposed Resolution on today's agenda, and the two required public hearings scheduled for April 30, 2019 and May 1, 2019, and adoption of the proposed annexation area scheduled for May 21, 2019 to become effective immediately. She stated that staff has prepared more than 500 notices certified mail return-receipt requested to public and private service providers and are ready to be mailed and postmarked today, if the resolution is approved. Ms. Cotroneo stated there is 1,874.42 acres and consisting of 472 tracts.

Council Member Scruggs asked how many notices are being mailed out, and Ms. Cotroneo responded 474 notices to property owners and 35 to public entities who service the area. Council Member Moore stated that that area is primarily agricultural and are exempted from taxes, and Ms. Cotroneo responded that is correct, and that State law requires that cities who annex an agricultural area be notified of the non-development agreement giving protection up to 45 years to remain agricultural; and if the property owners chooses to change the use, then they will be subject to the new regulations. Council Member Abrego asked what the timeframe for the city to provide city services, and Ms. Cotroneo responded that services must be provided in 2½ years as mandated by the state.

Ms. Abrego then asked if there are any current services provided in the annexed area, and Mr. Edwards responded the city will seek grant dollars for the infrastructure. Ms. Cotroneo stated that state law allows a further extension of the 2½ year but must be publicized, documented and explained.

In response to a question from Council Member Scruggs, Ms. Cotroneo stated that since Hogan Homes is in Aransas Pass' ETJ, when they want to be annexed they are protected, and will be able to be annexed into Aransas Pass because they are in the city's ETJ; but west of Hogan Homes, Corpus Christi will pick up with the passage of the annexation of 5,700 acres.

Jack Chaney, Aransas County Commissioner discussed the annexations by Aransas Pass, Corpus Christi, and the development coming into the area, and encouraged the City to move forward with the annexation.

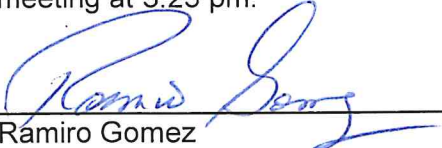
Patrick Rios, City Manager, Rockport, Rockport stated that he agreed with the annexation and it is the right thing to do, and supports this annexation.

Council Member Scruggs commented that this decision is based on, if Aransas Pass does not annex this area, Corpus Christi will.


A motion was made by Council Member Moore to approve Resolution No. 2019-882 initiating annexation up to 1,874.42 acres of land into the territorial limits of Aransas Pass, seconded by Council Member Abrego, and the motion passed with the following vote: Gomez, Abrego, Ellis, Moore and Scruggs voting Aye.

3. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Gomez adjourned the meeting at 3:25 pm.



Ramiro Gomez
Mayor



Mary Juarez
City Secretary

Approved on: May 1st 2019