

**SPECIAL MEETING
MISSION CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 29, 2008 10:30 AM
MISSION CITY HALL**

PRESENT:

Norberto Salinas, Mayor
Ruben D. Plata, Councilman
Norie Gonzalez Garza, Councilwoman
Leo Olivarez, Mayor Pro Tem
Esmeralda Garcia, Attorney
Anna Carrillo, City Secretary
Julio Cerda, City Manager

ABSENT:

Celestino Ramirez, Councilman

ALSO PRESENT:

Jim Brunson, Progress Times
Javier Iruegas
Arlene Rivera
Pat Townsend, Jr.

STAFF PRESENT:

Nelia Hernandez, Asst. City Secretary
Sonia Carnes, Deputy City Manager
Guillermo Seguin, Deputy City Manager
Aida Lerma, Deputy City Manager
Sergio Zavala, Planning Director
Bobby Salinas, Subdivision Coordinator
Roberto Salinas, City Engineer
Rick Saldana, Fire Chief
Elizabeth Cabrera, Purchasing Director
Roberto Dominguez, Asst. Chief of Police
Janie Flores, Finance Director
Julian Gonzalez, Parks & Rec. Director
Mike Silva, Fire Department
Omar Garcia, Boys & Girls Club Director
Mayra Rocha, Speer Memorial Library

1. Call to order

With a quorum being present, Mayor Norberto Salinas called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

2. Institution of Annexation of the following areas: Tract A: Acreage out of Lot 29-7, 30-7, 30-8, W.A.S. including Ocana Subd. Tract B: Valle Hermoso Estates, Sno-Bird Estates, Val's Kountry Corral being all of Lot 39 and the N. Part of Lot 38, Bentsen Groves # 2 Subd., including all or parts of Lots 34 & 35, Bentsen Groves # 2 Subd.

The properties were adjacent to Mission City Limits and city water and city sewer were used and were available.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Councilman Ruben Plata moved to approve the institution of annexation as recommended. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Norie Gonzalez Garza and approved unanimously 4-0.

3. Discussion and possible action to pursue Property Usage Agreement with SISD at B.L. Gray campus site for adjoining City PD/Fire Substation

The site was at the NW corner of FM 1016/Glasscock. The City had been conveyed one acre of property by Hunt Valley with construction to commence by March 2009. B.L. Gray's campus afforded surplus property as it adjoined the City's property. In conferring with SISD's Jesse Muniz, SISD did not have any use for this property and was willing to let the City use it with the following conditions: 1) no holding cells because of the nearby schoolchildren, and 2) City to provide SISD with a survey of the property desired for usage.

Police Chief Leo Longoria had been debriefed of #1 above and could replace the holding cells with interview rooms. The additional acreage needed was directly to the West and would maximize the City's use by properly expanding the sub-station occupied by the PD and Fire Departments.

At that time, staff was soliciting the City Council's direction to pursue that or not; and if pursued, to authorize the City Manager to engage a surveyor to promptly provide a survey with a metes & bounds description with authorization to forward it to SISD for their further assessment.

We noted that the City's legal title had a reversionary clause that if the City did not commence construction by March 2009, the acreage would revert back to Hunt Valley.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Leo Olivarez moved to approve the institution of annexation as recommended. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Garza and approved unanimously 4-0.

4. Authorization to solicit bids for "Housing Assistance Program Phase 08-1".

CAC met on Tuesday, December 09, 2008, and approved staff's recommendation to provide assistance for the reconstruction of six (6) homes contingent upon verification of eligibility, such as income, title search and environmental clearances:

Reconstruction:

- 3803 Tulipan - 3 bedrooms
- 1421 Dunlap - 2 bedrooms
- 119 E. Cuevas - 2 bedrooms
- 1301 Doherty - 2 bedrooms
- 111 S. Holland - 2 bedrooms
- 1204 W 23rd St - 2 bedrooms

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Councilman Plata moved to approve to solicit bids for Housing Assistance Program Phase 08-1 as recommended. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Olivarez and approved unanimously 4-0.

5. Bid for "Firefighting Protective Clothing and Gear" for Fire Department

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On November 10, 2008 City Council authorized staff to solicit bids for firefighting protective clothing and gear for Fire Department. The City of Mission has accepted and opened two (2) bid responses for this project. Staff is recommending awarding to the low bidder who met all specifications – Casco Industries Inc. for an estimated total cost of \$34,500.00. Although Nafeco’s bid was lower it did not meet specifications, specifically it did not meet the specification that required the jacket and pant be equipped with a removable thermal insulating liner. This specific liner makes it easier to separate from the outer shell and makes it less bulky to machine wash the item.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Councilman Plata moved to approve to award bid to Casco Industries, Inc. as recommended. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Olivarez and approved unanimously 4-0.

6. Board Appointments – Building Board of Adjustments, Citizens Advisory Committee, Civil Service Commission Mission Economic Development Corporation, Mission Historic Preservation Commission, Parks and Recreation Board, Planning & Zoning Commission, Shary Golf Course Advisory Board, Speer Memorial Library Board, Tax Increment Reinvestment Board (TIRZ), Traffic Safety Committee, Zoning Board of Adjustments

No action was taken on this item.

7. Authorization to declare property “Spectator Bleachers” Surplus with the donation of said items to S.I.S.D.

Parks and Recreation Department was requesting to declare two (2) 1996 bleachers as surplus due to worn condition. Items were due to be upgraded. Authorization was being requested to donate said items to S.I.S.D

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Councilman Plata moved to approve to surplus spectator bleachers and donate to SISD as recommended. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Olivarez and approved unanimously 4-0.

8. Approval of Joint Resolution # 1219 between the City of Mission and the Chamber of Commerce authorizing the Conveyance of the present Chamber of Commerce Building and authorizing the execution of a lease for the housing of the Chamber of Commerce

Approval of Joint Resolution was being requested between the City of Mission and the Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber of Commerce would convey to the City its facilities located at 220 E. 9th Street in turn the City would rent to the Chamber of Commerce the City’s facilities presently under construction, which was located at 202 W. Tom Landry Street. The term of the lease was for 99 years at an annual rent of \$10.00. The Chamber would obtain and pay for all utility services, repair, replace, and maintain the premises except repairs and replacements within the first 10 years of the lease that are caused by defects in workmanship and/or materials in the construction of the building, and/or covered by warranty.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Olivarez moved to approve to approve City of Mission Resolution No. 1219 as recommended. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Garza and approved unanimously 4-0.

**CITY OF MISSION RESOLUTION NO. 1219
THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF MISSION, TEXAS RESOLUTION NO. 01**

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MISSION, TEXAS AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF MISSION, TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF THE PRESENT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUILDING LOCATED AT 220 E. 9TH STREET., MISSION, TEXAS, TO THE CITY OF MISSION, TEXAS, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LEASE FOR THE HOUSING OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF THE CITY OF MISSION, TEXAS, AT 202 W. TOM LANDRY ST., MISSION, TEXAS.

9. Acceptance of deed of gift from MEDA of Lots A, B & C, Expressway Business Park, Phase X, Mission Hidalgo, County Texas

Deed of gift from MEDA of Lots A, B & C, Expressway Business Park Phase X. These lots would be used for the expansion of the Anzalduas Highway.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Olivarez moved to approve to approve the acceptance of deed of gift from MEDA of lots A, B and C, Expressway Business Park, Phase X as recommended. Motion was seconded by Councilman Plata and approved unanimously 4-0.

10. Discussion and Action to pursue reciprocal CCN Exchange Agreement with the City of McAllen

On November 24, 2008, the City Council authorized the submittal of a letter signed by the Mayor to be sent to the City of McAllen wherein McAllen would secede their water and sewer CCNs from the GSA to Shary Rd. to be incorporated into Mission's CCNs and, obviously, served by the City of Mission. Since Mission had water and sewer facilities in that area already, it was deemed by both cities administrators that this would be the financially prudent and best logistical position to take in order to serve envisioned industry and future manufactures and commercialism.

In addressing McAllen's response to Mission's proposition, Mission City Manager Julio Cerda and former Mayor Ricardo Perez had been diligent in their deliberations with McAllens's PUB and other McAllen administrators to find a common ground that would be beneficial to both cities.

McAllen would give up water and sewer CCNs, and Mission only the sewer CCN.

At that time, Management needed authorization to pursue finalizing the aforementioned agreement, which would include the preparation of metes and bounds descriptions for both tracts.

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Councilman Plata moved to authorize City Manager to finalize and sign the reciprocal CCN Exchange Agreement with the City of McAllen. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Olivarez and approved unanimously 4-0.

11. Adjournment

At 10:46 a.m. Councilman Plata moved for adjournment. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Olivarez and approved unanimously 4-0.

Norberto Salinas, Mayor

ATTEST:

Anna Carrillo, City Secretary