



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday March 12, 2019

Present: Council Members Mark Gourneau, Sophia Sotelo, Diana Castaneda, Vera Zavala, Mayor Laura Vazquez, City Attorney David Therrien-Power, City Engineer Jamin Ankney, Deputy City Clerk Joshua Roberson

Absent: Council Member Arturo De La Fuente, City Clerk Sylvia Sanchez

1. Call to Order Time:7:00pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence and Roll Call

There were two people excused from the meeting. Council Member Arturo De La Fuente was absent for a death in the family and City Clerk Sylvia Sanchez was absent to attend training.

3. Vote on the Meeting Agenda

There was a motion by Mark and a second by Vera to approve the Meeting Agenda. Approved

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4. Visitor Comments (At the discretion of the presiding Chair, Visitor Comments may be accepted on individual business items only and will be limited to 2 to 5 minutes.)

We heard from Martha Gutierrez of 232 South St. She wanted to inquire about her dog tag and when the policy changed regarding the late fee. The question was when the city's policy changed and what would happen if you came in for a license in the second half of the year and you did not have a dog previously. She also wanted to request that they make sure that the storm drain/manhole was clear on her street as the snow was melting.

5. Consent Agenda (The following will be enacted by one motion. There will be no discussion separate of these items unless a Council Member requests separate discussion. The item will be removed from the Consent agenda and added to New Business.)

- A. Approve Study Session Minutes for Tuesday February 26, 2019

- B. Approve City Council Meeting Minutes for Tuesday February 26, 2019
- C. Approve Payroll Warrant Register Number #10284 To #1306 in the amount of \$19,237.20
- D. Approve Claim Voucher/Payment in the amount of \$ 28,652.09
- E. Approve Progress Estimate No. 1 for the Well No. 4 Improvements Project in the Amount of \$16,978.50

There was a motion by Mark and a second by Diana to approve the Consent Agenda. Approved

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6. Old Business

A. Approval of Resolution 2019-01 Authorizing the Mayor to Sign Employment Agreement for Position of City Treasurer

There was a motion by Sophia and a second by Diana. There was much discussion during this time. They were unhappy with the dollar amount and Mark was unhappy with the fact that contracted employees received 20 days of leave in a year. He thought it should be approximately 5 days and then build up as their service goes on. It was explained contracted employees already get less in the year than the union employees already. There was some discussion on the fact that union employees get both vacation and sick time whereas the contracted employees only have one bank for total time off. Sophia thought that 5 days was too little but that 10 days was a little more reasonable. At the advisory of the city attorney that too many changes may be hard to record they decided to have time off be as is for now.

Finally they agreed to vote on the Resolution for the contract at the wage of \$47,000.00

There was some confusion so they went around and got each council member individually.

It was voted 2-2 and with no one to break the tie the resolution did not pass at this time.

B. Approval of Ordinance 2019-1132 Setting Salary for the Position of City Treasurer

There was a motion by Mark and a second by Vera to deny Ordinance 2019-1132. Sophia did want to clarify that this was for the City Treasurer only. Denied 0-4

C. Approval of Ordinance 2019-1134 Amending Wages for Officers and City Personnel

There was a Motion by Mark and a second Sophia to approve Ordinance 2019-1134 with an amendment to change the City Treasurer position back to VACANT. Approved 4-0

7. New Business

A. Approval of Amendment No. 11 to Well No.4 VFD Installation
Construction Administration Agreement for \$9,000.00

There was a motion by Mark and a second by Vera to approve Amendment No. 11. Approved 4-0

8. Staff Reports

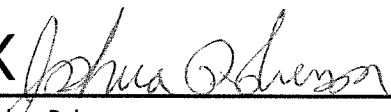
Mark inquired about when Maple St. could be graded. He stated that he understood the current state of the road but was just hoping something could be done as the weather proceeds to improve. He also inquired about the status of the Police Chief. It was explained that the Sunnyside Police Chief/Department will be helping us with this process but they did not sound very enthusiastic about our current applications. There was also talk about potentially having an interim chief in the meantime and adding in some coverage hours.

9. Mayor's Report

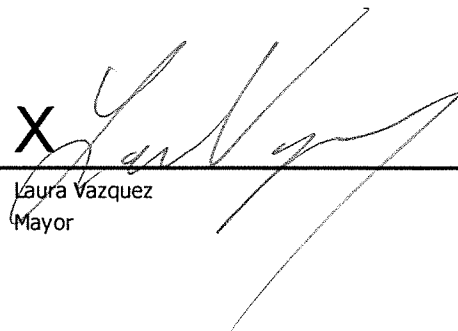
The mayor has been talking with a charity organization that would like to donate some money and put in a monument wall in honor of Mel Stottlemeyer. They will talk about exactly what and where at a later meeting.

10. Adjournment:

Time: 7:52pm

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Joshua Roberson
Deputy City Clerk

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Laura Vazquez
Mayor