



STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Tuesday September 14, 2021

1. Call to Order Time: 6:00pm

2. Old Business

A. Discussion of Excusing Absence Council Member from the Meeting August 10, 2021

The council member for which the absence is being discussed is absent so they decided to table this conversation for the following meeting so that the council member could be present.

3. New Business

A. Discussion of Amendment No. 2 to the Contract for Professional Engineering Services for the Design of the Park & Ride in the Amount Not to Exceed \$33,650

City Engineer Jamin Ankney explained that we had a rough design for what we wanted; this is what we used for funding. Now that we have secured funding, we have an actual Scope of Work, and this is why it is now coming back to be designed in detail.

Since there was a lot of time remaining, we used some of this time for Staff Reports:

Public Works Director Juan Alvarez explained that there was a sewer back up over the weekend and the City of Sunnyside was able to help and get the issue sorted out. Juan explained that because of this we are looking into what it will actually take to get the vac truck working again and trying to decide if this is worth fixing or if we should just try and replace this vehicle.

Juan also explained that we are preparing for snow removal so that we are ready when the snow comes. They are doing repairs to our chlorine pumps in the water system; we were already running on the backup pump, and it started to fail. We already had the main pump scheduled and it will be repaired today after the meeting. He explained further that they are going to try and keep the water moving instead of just having full tanks with stagnant water all the time; especially as the temperature drops and consumption is not as high.

It is almost time for Public Works to start patching the potholes as well.


Arturo was asking about the sewer backup issue, where it was and some of the details. Juan explained that it came from the East side and the City of Sunnyside jetted about 556 ft before the line was clear. They were not able to determine the exact source of the problem. He also explained some things that the city is going to try and put in place so that the issues are less frequent.

The mayor took some time and explained that with the moratorium lifting we need to get the word out about payment plan applications and balances paid up by the 15th of October. We are sending out a notice and an application as part of the utility billing at the end of the month.


The mayor also talked about the hiring of the new Customer Service Clerk position. There was some struggle with the Union in creating the new position; but they did reach an agreement and there were several qualified applicants. We are hoping that we can get someone hired and working next week.

4. Adjournment:

Time: 6:37pm



Laura Vazquez, Mayor



Joshua Roberson, Interim City Treasurer