

# The City of Galena Park

## City Commission Meeting

Date: July 1, 2014

A regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Galena Park was held at City Hall in the Council Chambers, Tuesday evening at 6:00 P.M. on July 1, 2014.

**Present were:**

R.P. Barrett	Mayor
Danny Simms	Commissioner
Lois Killough	Commissioner
Maricela Serna	Commissioner
Maxie Campbell	Commissioner
Esmeralda Moya	Mayor
Juan Flores	Commissioner
Mayra Gonzales	City Secretary
Robert Pruet	City Administrator
Jim DeFoyd	City Attorney

**Invocation: Danny Simms**

Mayor Barrett called the meeting to order. Mayor Barrett presented Mr. Joseph Thibodeaux a plaque for serving the City of Galena Park as Commissioner for so many years. Mayor Barrett then asked for comments from the audience. Kim Belote announced that Jack Manor, City Manager of Jacinto City, had passed away on Saturday and he had been a great friend to the City of Galena Park and dedicated his life to Jacinto City. She announced his memorial service would be Thursday night at 6:00 p.m. at the Jacinto City Town Center and she would like to have everyone there to honor him. Mayor Barrett thanked Ms. Belote for being at the meeting and for letting him and the council know of the service.

Commissioner Simms moved to approve the minutes of regular meeting of June 17, 2014. Commissioner Campbell, 2<sup>nd</sup>... Vote: 5 Ayes... Motion Carried.

Commissioner Killough moved to approve the bills payable from June 17, 2014 to July 1, 2014. Commissioner Campbell, 2<sup>nd</sup>... Vote: 5 Ayes... Motion Carried.

Mayor Barrett called for a motion to consider approving the recommendation of LJA Engineering, Inc. to award the contract to Lopez Utilities Contractor, LLC. for the construction of the sanitary sewer rehabilitation project. Jim DeFoyd, City Attorney, stated that the engineering firm calculated the bids for the construction of the sanitary sewer rehabilitation project, and the lowest and the best bidder was Lopez Facilities Contractor, LLC. Mr. DeFoyd recommended that the city go with the contractor. Mayor Barrett stated that the bid for the contract was for \$428,890.00. Commissioner Simms moved to approve the bid for the contract with Lopez Facilities Contractor, LLC. Commissioner Campbell, 2<sup>nd</sup> ... Vote: 5 Ayes... Motion Carried.

Commissioner Killough moved to approve Wendy Palacios as Assistant Parks and Recreation Director. Commissioner Serna, 2<sup>nd</sup> ...Vote: 5 Ayes... Motion Carried.

Commissioner Simms moved to approve Matthew Haus as EMS Director. Commissioner Campbell, 2<sup>nd</sup> ... Vote: 5 Ayes... Motion Carried.

Commissioner Serna moved to approve the promotion of Markus Rivers to Sergeant- Police Department. Commissioner Killough, 2<sup>nd</sup>... Vote: 5 Ayes... Motion Carried.

Commissioner Simms moved to approve the full time employment of Martha Hilton- Water and Sewer Department Clerk. Commissioner Campbell, 2<sup>nd</sup>... Vote: 5 Ayes... Motion Carried.

Commissioner Killough moved to approve the retirement of Sergeant Edward Mata- Police Department. Commissioner Serna, 2<sup>nd</sup> ...Vote: 5 Ayes... Motion Carried. Mayor Barrett added he hates to see Mr. Mata go but he can't blame him for his decision.

Commissioner Serna moved to approve the resignation of TCO Ronald Taylor- Police Department. Commissioner Killough, 2<sup>nd</sup> ... Vote: 5 Ayes... Motion Carried.

Commissioner Simms moved to approve the part time summer employment of David Loza- Grounds Maintenance and Kerwin Galvez- Water Department. Commissioner Killough, 2<sup>nd</sup> ... Vote: 5 Ayes... Motion Carried.

Mayor Barrett called for a motion to approve Resolution R06-2014 Canvassing the election returns for the June 21, 2014 Runoff Election. Jim DeFoyd, City Attorney, read the Resolution out loud. Commissioner Simms moved to approve the Resolution as presented by Mr. DeFoyd. Commissioner Campbell, 2<sup>nd</sup> ... Vote: 5 Ayes... Motion Carried.

#### Oath of Office and Certificate of Election

Mayor Barrett called on the Mayor's position to take the Oath of Office first. Judge George Risner stated that before doing the great honor of swearing in Mayor Moya first he would like to thank Mayor Bobby Barrett and his wife Mary and the Councilmen that have been around for 36 years and have changed the Swimming Pool, Community Center, Sewer Plant, and the City Hall itself. Judge Risner stated that he really does appreciate everything Mayor Barrett had done to the community.

Judge Risner performed the Oath of Office and swore in Mayor Esmeralda Moya. The audience applauded and Judge Risner stated she was the first female Mayor of Galena Park, Texas.

Judge Jo Ann Delgado stated that as Justice of the Peace Judge of Pct. 2 she has had the pleasure of working with Mayor Barrett and she thanked him for all his services thru the years.

Judge Jo Ann Delgado performed the Oath of Office and swore in Commissioner Juan Luis Flores, Jr. for Position 4. The audience applauded and Mr. Flores stated he looked forward to representing and working with the City of Galena Park.

Mayor Barrett stated that Mayor Moya would like to ask for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Simms moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Flores, 2<sup>nd</sup>... Vote: 5 Ayes... Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned: 6:20 P.M.

*Mayra Gonzales*  
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CITY SECRETARY

*Emeraldy Lopez*  
APPROVED