

The City of Galena Park

City Commission Meeting

Date: June 2, 2015

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 June 2, 2015.

Present were:

Esmeralda Moya	Mayor
Danny Simms	Commissioner
Lois Killough	Commissioner
Maricela Serna	Commissioner
Juan Flores	Commissioner
Mayra Gonzales	City Secretary
Robert Pruett	City Administrator
Jim DeFoyd	City Attorney
Raquel Fleischer	Translator

Item # 1- Mayor Moya called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Item # 2- Mayor Moya called on Commissioner Simms for the invocation.

Item # 3- Mayor called for comments from the audience.

Mr. Tim Wehmeyer, a citizen, stated that it had been about a month since the city had an election and all 18 propositions were voted against, including the city manager position and that form of government. Mr. Wehmeyer asked the council members when were they going to get rid of that position, because the people voted against that form of government and they need to move on and make a motion for it. Commissioner Killough stated that would be a legal question for Mr. DeFoyd. Mr. Wehmeyer stated that he wanted to hear from the council first and then they could direct it to Mr. DeFoyd, they have spoken and now they want to hear from them. Commissioner Flores stated that they will hear from legal counsel first then he would be happy to comment on the issue. Mr. Defoyd stated that there is no City Manager position. Mayor Moya stated nor City Administrator and the question should go to the commissioners since Mr. Defoyd has already answered. Mr. Defoyd stated that the council did not need to answer if they did not want to and that Mr. Wehmeyer has three minutes to talk. Mayor Moya stated that they did need to answer. Commissioner Serna stated that the council sent propositions to change the charter and people did not accept it, so what happens is that they stay the same way they were before. Commissioner Serna stated that nobody said they were going to get rid of Mr. Pruett, they were just suggesting to change some of the ordinances. Sergio Moya, a citizen, asked why did the council want to put a contract down the citizens throat. Commissioner Flores stated that there was a committee appointed the commission, which the mayor chose not to participate and he respects that, but the committee proposed 18 changes that were put on the ballot. Commissioner Flores stated that the council voted on it and accepted it, then it went to the polls and voted down. Mr. Moya stated that after the citizens voted it down the council wanted to give Mr. Pruett a contract for 6 years. Mayor Moya stated that for clarification, she did not participate in the committee because it was in violation of the city charter. Commissioner Serna stated to Mayor Moya that it was her obligation to participate in every decision. Mayor Moya stated it was not and asked if there were any more comments. Commissioner Flores asked Mayor Moya if he could finish his statement he was not done and was interrupted. Ms. Fleischer, the interpreter, stated that she cannot translate if two people talk at the same time, they must talk one at a time. Mayor Moya stated to Commissioner Flores to proceed. Commissioner Flores stated since the 18 propositions were turned down, they will not take effect and have no action whatsoever. Commissioner Flores stated that if anybody on the commission,

including the Mayor, want to bring any action they can. Commissioner Flores stated that there are some pending law suits and because these propositions were defeated it doesn't mean that it is over. Commissioner Flores stated that they will assemble another committee with different people and see what it is that the people want. A citizen asked if the vote was not enough. Commissioner Flores stated that he is talking and would like to finish. Commissioner Flores stated those were voted down, but there wasn't anything on there that said the council was not going to take action on anything passed that. Commissioner Flores stated that there are certain people there that want things done and he understands that, but there is a process that has to be done. Commissioner Flores stated that if someone had a valid reason why action should be taken on something his doors are open. Mr. Moya asked Commissioner Flores when were they going to start listening to the citizens. Commissioner Flores stated that 527 people spoke out of 11,000 people that live in the city. Mr. Moya stated that none of the commissioners vote on their own, they always have to look at Pruet to vote. Commissioner Serna stated to Mr. Moya, the same way his wife looks to her followers and somebody is standing there telling her what to do or say. (There were several people speaking simultaneously and could not understand what was being said for the minutes) Mr. Moya stated to Commissioner Flores that he was a good politician and he was the only one that works hard, but he is losing it all over one person. Commissioner Killough stated that his three minutes were up. Mayor Moya stated that they were going to let the gentleman in the back speak. (There were several people speaking simultaneously and could not understand what was being said for the minutes)

Mr. Mendez, a citizen, stated that he came from Los Angeles and has been living in Galena Park for a year. Mr. Mendez stated that he has been hearing everything and he is not with the Mayor or the Council, but what he sees is that the council brought something up for a vote. Mr. Mendez stated that if every time the council gets declined on something are they going to bring something else up, and not act on what people have voted. Commissioner Killough asked Mr. Mendez if he would like to listen to a legal opinion on what occurred. Mr. Mendez stated that they can talk to him legally and he would understand it, but the thing is that there are people there from Galena Park and the council is not counting the people that are voting. Mr. Mendez stated that they said there is 11,000 people in Galena Park, but they didn't vote, and the people that voted is because they want change. Commissioner Serna stated that unfortunately they voted for no change. Mr. Moya asked if they were commissioners from Galena Park or another city. Mr. Mendez asked the council if they were going to continue and bring things up every time they get declined until they get things the way they want it. Mr. Mendez stated he was not speaking of one person he was directing it to the whole council. Commissioner Killough asked Mr. Defoyd to explain how the charter works. A citizen stated that she was going to say the same thing Mr. Mendez stated. They came out to vote and now they are going to bring something else up. Commissioner Killough stated that they voted no, to not change the charter. Commissioner Killough stated that the charter is at it was before the amendments. Mr. Moya stated that the commissioners never listen to the citizens. The citizens tried to amend the charter, picked up 700 signatures and turned the right paper work in and they declined it. Mr. Moya stated that the citizens have spoken again and they are still going against them, and he knows why, one person. Commissioner Flores stated that he knows a lot of people that do not agree with them. Mr. Mendez stated that those people are not there. Commissioner Killough stated that the charter was a legal document. Mr. Moya stated that they should follow it. Commissioner Killough stated they were. Mr. Moya stated that they only follow what they want. (There were several people speaking simultaneously and could not understand what was being said for the minutes) Dawn Fisher, a citizen, stated to Mr. Moya that he only has three minutes. Mayor Moya stated to Ms. Fisher that there is nothing stating in the charter saying that they have three minutes and she should have known that since she was a commissioner. Mayor Moya called for the next comment. Commissioner Flores stated to the Mayor that it was on the agenda. Mayor Moya stated that the agenda is not the charter or an ordinance.

A citizen addressed Mr. Defoyd, Mr. Pruet, Commissioner Simms, Commissioner Killough, Mayor Moya, Commissioner Serna, Commissioner Flores, and Ms. Gonzales. Ms. Fleisher translated. This is Galena Park and each one of us have a little card so we can vote. It gives us the right to do what

I am doing now. It is one of our obligations to do what we are supposed to do here in Galena Park. This is not a game, this is something serious and we should respect. How can they make valid what they think, because the council is the one that has to govern Galena Park. They voted for 5 people, the Mayor and 4 members of the commission. That is where the power and strength is in the Mayor and Commissioners. Consider and do what the citizens have requested. They don't want the council to make invalid the right that they have. That is the reason he encouraged himself to tell them those words. He knows that they are understanding him thru the translator. They want the council to place themselves in the place where they belong. That is what they need in Galena Park. Thank you.

Mr. Sergio Moya addressed Ms. Killough. Mr. Moya stated that at the previous meeting someone brought up racial allegations against Carlos. Mr. Moya stated that he did not know if Ms. Killough knew anything, because she was acting as if she didn't know anything about it. Mr. Moya stated that Carlos called the Hispanics wetbacks. Mr. Moya stated that it was reported by an officer that was dismissed and now they have another officer and evidence. Mr. Moya asked Ms. Killough if she was going to do anything about it. Mr. Moya stated that Ms. Killough did not do an investigation last time. Commissioner Killough stated her degree of investigation.... Mr. Moya asked what did she come up with. Commissioner Killough stated that she goes to Chief Rader and Chief Rader investigates.

Mr. Eric Broussard, a citizen, addressed Commissioner Flores. Mr. Broussard stated that last meeting Ms. Rios brought up the same question that Sergio has brought up about Glaskox. Mr. Broussard stated that Commissioner Flores said that he would look into it and he was wondering if he had looked into it personally or thru lulac. Mr. Broussard stated that he has also done some investigating and he has found out that not only were the wetback comments made from this officer. Mr. Broussard stated that he went right to the source and got his information from another officer. Mr. Broussard stated that the officer stated that he overheard the conversation with Mr. Glaskox and derogatory statements were made towards African Americans and the word nigger came up several times. Mr. Broussard asked Commissioner Flores also investigated it so that they can take it back to Mr. Rader, and Chief Rader can do the final investigation. Commissioner Flores stated that he did look into it, in his capacity as a Councilmember, not as LULAC. Commissioner Flores stated that at the last council meeting Ms. Rios had stated that the truck drivers had been called those names in question. Commissioner Flores volunteered to go and speak to those individuals to see if there is any truth to that. Commissioner Flores asked them if they had heard any statements in reference to them being called the W word. Commissioner Flores stated that they told him no, and that at the last meeting was the first time they had heard of that and they would be willing to testify otherwise. Mr. Moya stated that it was not said to the truck drivers it was said to the officer when they were going over there. He said I am sick of these wetbacks....Commissioner Flores stated that Mr. Moya keeps talking when he is talking and he was addressing Mr. Broussard. Commissioner Flores stated that he did what he said he was going to do, he went to go talk to all the truck drivers and they said they never heard that and it was the first time at the last council meeting that they had heard that from Ms. Rios. Commissioner Flores stated that he has been in civil rights for a long time and rumors are one thing and truth is something else. Commissioner Flores stated that the guy in question has a Mexican wife and Hispanic kids. Mr. Broussard stated that he wanted to hear what the officers had to say about this and the first officer he runs into two and ask about it, tells him that he has heard the wetback comment and has heard the term nigger from the officer as referring to African Americans. Mr. Broussard stated that he brought up LULAC, because he has a quote from Commissioner Flores from 2005, and Mr. Broussard knows that Commissioner Flores was a strong advocate for police officers and fair treatment of the public. Mr. Broussard stated to Commissioner Flores that he respects him for that. Mr. Broussard stated that in 2005 Mr. Pruett was involved in this and Commissioner Flores advocated for Mr. Pruett to be terminated, because he supposedly choked a Hispanic male. Commissioner Flores asked Mr. Broussard if he knew the rest of the story of what happened afterwards. Mr. Broussard stated that he was using him as an advocate of what is right, even if it turned out it wasn't true or what not, he was an advocate. Commissioner Flores stated that he learned a lot from that experience and he was wrong and he

learned his lesson. Mr. Broussard stated who can they trust if not our police officers. Mr. Broussard stated to Chief Rader that one of his officers admitted to him that he heard Mr. Glaskox use the word nigger in reference to an African American, will Chief Rader investigate. Mr. Broussard stated that he would give the officers name and has got permission from the officer to use his name. Mr. Broussard stated that the officer did not lie and he could have just said no comment. Chief Rader stated to Mr. Broussard to tell the officer that he spoke to that the police department takes written complaints. Chief Rader stated that under the state he can only do an investigation if there is a written complaint. Mr. Broussard stated that he would write up the complaint. Chief Rader stated it cannot be here say it has to be a direct written complaint. Mr. Broussard stated that you are always going to have a lot of here say involved, but he wants to be able to trust their police officers. Mr. Broussard stated there is so much going on now days with mistrustful police officers and we have a unique small community. Mr. Broussard stated what if they had to depend on an officer to help at one or two in the morning, but we have one that may be racist how would Chief Rader stated that every single one of the officers have body cameras that are recording and have had them for at least six months. Mr. Broussard stated that they don't want to have to worry about a police officer being racist. Mr. Broussard stated that he grew up in Galena Manor and they never saw police officers around there, they were even afraid of police officers. Mr. Broussard stated that back in the 70's two African American men were beaten to death and killed in the police station. Commissioner Killough stated to Mr. Broussard his three minutes are up.

Ms. Evangeline Delagarza, a citizen, stated that she wanted to speak and did not want anyone to interrupt her. Dawn Fisher, a citizen, stated to Ms. Delagarza that she can speak longer than three minutes, because it is not in the charter. Mayor Moya stated she could, that was correct Ms. Fisher. Ms. Delagarza stated that she has lived in Galena Park for 39 years. Ms. Delagarza pointed to several people and stated she had never seen any of them before at a meeting. Ms. Delagarza stated that at first Galena Park hardly had any Mexicans and they hardly had any problems with the residents. Ms. Delagarza stated that the police officers knew everybody in Galena Park. Ms. Delagarza stated that at the meetings there were only her and 3 other people for 38 years. (There were several people speaking simultaneously and could not understand what was being said for the minutes) Commissioner Flores asked Mayor Moya to please control the meeting. Ms. Delagarza stated that she was parked at Middleton's one day and a police officer stopped a truck. Mr. Moya, the Mayor's husband, stepped out and told the police officer something and the officer took off. Mr. Moya asked Ms. Delagarza what that had to do with people calling them wetbacks. Mr. Pruettt asked Mayor Moya if she was going to control the meeting. Mayor Moya stated to let Ms. Delagarza speak, she wanted to speak. (There were several people speaking simultaneously and could not understand what was being said for the minutes) Commissioner Killough stated to the Mayor that if she did not control the meeting they were going to have to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Moya stated that if they needed to adjourn then to go ahead. Ms. Delagarza stated that no more than ten people used to attend the meetings. A citizen stated that he used to attend the meetings and he never saw her there. The citizen and Ms. Delagarza kept going back and forth on who did and did not attend the meetings previously. Ms. Delagarza asked Mayor Moya when was she going to clean up the city. Mayor Moya stated that is what she is trying to do. Mayor Moya stated just like the gentlemen in the back of the room stated, they are Galena Park and that they want to make that change, but she can't do it unless the commissioners join her, she cannot do it alone. Commissioner Killough stated that the Mayor has not had a meeting with the rest of them for 13 months. Mayor Moya asked Commissioner Killough, she hasn't? Mayor Moya stated she guesses she was not there. Commissioner Killough stated no ma'am. Commissioner Killough stated that there was sewage coming up in the streets. Mayor Moya stated that was not her department, that was Commissioner Flores department. Commissioner Flores stated to the Mayor, that she was the Mayor.

Mr. Francisco Sanchez, a citizen, stated that he had attend the meetings twice. Mr. Sanchez stated he has seen the news and the read the newspapers and he did not feel good about it. Mr. Sanchez stated that all of them are his family because he has lived in Galena Park for a lot of years. Mr. Sanchez stated that he went to the meetings for two reasons. One reason was because they told

him to attend the meeting to help with the soccer league. Mr. Sanchez stated that they needed to see like brothers and sisters and he did not see any brothers and sisters. Mr. Sanchez asked how do they expect their kids to be like brothers and sisters, they have to stop fighting and get together. Mr. Sanchez stated that they have three minutes to speak and it is for everybody to speak. Mr. Sanchez stated that on 19th street somebody ran into a home with their vehicle. Mr. Sanchez stated that they must respect the Commissioners and the Mayor. Mr. Sanchez stated for example if he does not vote for the Mayor, but she is still the Mayor, then he has to respect that she is the Mayor. Mr. Sanchez stated that the law is the law even if you don't like it. Mr. Sanchez stated that the Hispanics, like himself, that come to the United States have to learn English. Mr. Sanchez stated it is not racist, it is for living. Mr. Sanchez stated that the kids listen to what is said at home and they go out on the streets and repeat it and someone says that they don't like someone's dad and they fight. Mr. Sanchez stated that they had to do something about the curbs and the speeding on the streets. Mr. Sanchez thanked the council.

Ms. Kimberly, a citizen, stated that she has lived in Galena Park the majority of her life and she recently moved back to Galena Park about a year and a half ago. Ms. Kimberly stated that there isn't anything that is being done to the roads, and there is a lot of things cosmetically that need to be fixed in Galena Park. Ms. Kimberly stated that there is a lot of bickering going on with all the politics and she understands that, but nobody is doing anything to make Galena Park beautiful. Ms. Kimberly asked where is Galena Park's money going to? Mayor Moya stated that she has the same question. Commissioner Killough stated to lawyers. Ms. Kimberly stated that the city bought several vehicles recently, but the city is short staffed. Mayor Moya stated that she agreed with her, and everything goes through Mr. Pruett before it goes through them. Ms. Kimberly asked why isn't there something done about that. Mayor Moya stated that is what they are all trying to do as a city. Commissioner Killough asked if this was going to get into personal attacks. Ms. Kimberly stated that she is not trying to get into personal attacks, she just wants to know where the money is going. Commissioner Killough stated that she could share the budget with her and show her where the money is budgeted. Ms. Kimberly asked where the money is going for the streets. Commissioner Killough stated that they inherited a perfect storm, they had the big flood Alicia when the city was under water and that eroded the streets. Ms. Kimberly stated that was years ago. Commissioner Killough stated that there was not a road in Galena Park that you could not drive down that did not need repaving and pot holes fixed. Ms. Kimberly stated that she had been gone for 20 years and nothing has been done to the roads. Commissioner Killough stated that they were not on council 20 years ago, they just got there. Ms. Kimberly asked where was the accountability before that. Commissioner Killough stated that she would have to address that to the previous Mayor and Council. Ms. Kimberly stated she was addressing her concern to them. Commissioner Killough stated they were also concerned. Mayor Moya stated that they were not there previously, but Mr. Pruett was. Ms. Kimberly asked Mr. Pruett where the money went and where are the repairs for the streets. Mr. Pruett stated that many of their problems date 30-40 years back and they have tried to keep the taxes base low. Mr. Pruett stated that what got this city in serious trouble was the water and sewer rates. Mr. Pruett stated that Galena Park was subsidizing the citizens on lower water rates for years and the city of Houston was raising them up and up. Mr. Pruett stated that about three years ago the city was losing about \$50,000 a month that was coming out of the general fund and into the water and sewer fund, because the rates were not high enough to offset the water and sewer cost to the city. Mr. Pruett stated that when that happens you lose money for roads and bridges and police cars. Mr. Pruett stated that three years ago they corrected that problem on a five year plan, the council voted to implement the plan to slowly bring the rates up. Mr. Pruett stated that now the water fund is not leaving the general fund budget dry. Mr. Pruett stated that they have a 10 million dollar budget to work with. Mayor Moya asked Mr. Robert Clowers, a citizen, how long he was a Commissioner in Galena Park. Mr. Pruett asked if the Mayor would let him finish. Commissioner Killough stated that Mr. Pruett was answering a question. Mayor Moya stated that she just needed that and Mr. Pruett can continue answering the question. Commissioner Flores stated to Mayor Moya that she was not being respectful. Mr. Clowers answered about 10 years. Mayor Moya asked Mr. Clowers what he thought about what was being asked. Commissioner Serna

asked why Mr. Clowers didn't do anything in 10 years. Commissioner Killough stated that Mr. Pruettt was not City Administrator 10 years ago. Commissioner Killough asked Mr. Pruettt if he was thru. Mr. Pruettt stated no. Mr. Clowers stated that he didn't think they really want know. Mayor Moya stated they did, that is why they are asking him. Ms. Kimberly asked if Mr. Pruettt could finish what he was saying first. Mayor Moya stated they would let him finish and then go back to Mr. Clowers comment. Commissioner Flores stated to Mayor Moya she was the one who brought it up. Mayor Moya stated to Commissioner Flores that they would talk about his god sons ticket in a minute. Mr. Pruettt stated that he would like to see the meeting conducted in a professional manner so that he could answer Ms. Kimberly's question. Mr. Pruettt stated that if you count \$50,000 a month it would be about a ¼ of a million dollars a year. The water and sewer department put the city in approximately 3 million dollars in debt by in house debt out of the general fund account. Mr. Pruettt stated that the previous council decided to turn it around in slow increments so the citizens wouldn't get hit over night with high water and sewer rates. Mr. Pruettt stated that it takes 3-5 years to get out of the hole, and at the end of the 5 years the money is starting to free up more. The city has been able to buy better equipment and it is going to take time and the tax base has increased with kinder Morgan. Mr. Pruettt stated to do a couple of blocks of black toping can run up to a ¼ of a million dollars. Ms. Kimberly asked why they don't just replace the street instead of patching. Mr. Pruettt stated that they would have to completely over lay the road, and it takes engineering studies to get it done. Mr. Pruettt stated that money was the problem before, and the finances are in a lot better shape now. The city is in better financial shape now and they are going to see a lot of projects coming about. Mr. Pruettt stated he has been in office for about three years now and the first thing he did was in the rainy day fund it only had about \$250,000 and he got it back up to 1.5 million dollars in case the city has a hurricane this summer. Ms. Kimberly stated that she understands that the city was behind and she knows everyone is on a fixed income, but cant the city start to charge more. Mr. Pruettt stated that the city fathers didn't want to raise taxes or the water and sewer rates, and the debt for our city is very little for a city this size. Mr. Pruettt stated that the city only owed about \$5 million on the sewer plant and the financial advisors tell the city that we are in good shape. Ms. Kimberly asked about the brand new police vehicles that were purchased. Mr. Pruettt stated that it was a lease purchase over a period of years. Ms. Kimberly asked why did the city purchase them, when they were already short staffed on police officers. Mr. Pruettt stated that it takes several months to put these things in motion. Mr. Pruettt stated that they were going to start with 17th street, he is going to pay to have a survey done. Mr. Pruettt stated that the police department has sufficient numbers and the officers are working overtime from time to time. Ms. Kimberly stated that the city did not have enough police officers and she knows people that have warrants in Galena Park and should have been picked up in downtown and were told they do not have anybody here in Galena Park to pick them up. Mr. Pruettt stated to proceed with the meeting him or the chief of police would be glad to sit with her one on one to give her a better explanation. Ms. Kimberly stated that there is a lot of bickering that goes back and forth about personal issues that she really doesn't think they should be brought up at the council meeting. Ms. Kimberly stated that she understands stuff happens to people and in their families, but that does not need to be brought up at the meeting. Commissioner Killough asked to have Ms. Kimberly's phone number after the meeting. Ms. Kimberly stated that she was sorry to her about the Mayor's son and that stuff does not need to be brought up at the meetings. Mr. Sergio Moya stated for her not be sorry and he was going to be all right.

Mr. Moya asked Mr. Pruettt, if he knows the city is going down, why do they have to pay for him and other employees to go to work. Mr. Moya stated that Mr. Pruettt is making good money and why do they have to pay him \$700.00 a month to go to work. Mr. Moya stated that if Mr. Pruettt knows the city is trouble why doesn't he say, don't pay me the \$700.00 a month this year and let me help the city. Mr. Moya asked Mr. Pruettt is that how he helps the city.

Another citizen stated that people are saying that they didn't used to come to the meetings, well she is sorry if they don't want to them, because they are coming to the meetings. The citizen stated

they are tired of everything going on and nothing changes. The citizen stated that she lives on 17th and Crown and when it rains it always floods. She stated that her parents already changed all the piping on their side. Every time she calls to complain they tell her that it is her side of the house with the problem. The citizen stated that they are paying all of the council and they are getting nothing out of them. Commissioner Killough stated that they were not paying them. Mayor Moya stated yes the citizens tax dollars are paying them. The citizen stated that she respects the Mayor and she sees that none of them respect each other. She stated that this was not a game, if one person says something the other is trying to get them to be quiet. She stated that they needed to respect each other and the way that the citizens respect the council, they need to respect the citizens too and listen to what they are saying and what they want not what is good for the council.

Mr. Mendez, a citizen, stated as a new citizen what he is sensing there is two groups. If the city has a Mayor, why aren't they respecting the Mayor. They need to start working for the people. Mr. Mendez stated that the people come to them and if they start making fun of each other, how do they think that the citizens are going to respect them and be proud of having them there. Mr. Mendez stated that they want people on council that are going to help them with the city. Commissioner Killough stated if she could explain something to him about our form of government. A citizen stated for Ms. Killough to let him finish. Mr. Mendez asked if Ms. Killough was going to explain to him shortly. Commissioner Killough stated that all the council members and the Mayor are equal in power in the city's form of government. Mayor Moya stated that it was not, it was strong Mayor weak Council form of government. Mayor Moya asked Mr. Defoyd what type of government the City of Galena Park has. Mayor Moya stated we have a home ruled type of government and it is a strong Mayor weak council type of government. Mr. Mendez stated what he sees is every time they have something to say they have to refer to Mr. Pruett. Why are they doing that when they have a Mayor in front of them, they need to talk to her. Commissioner Killough stated she was referring to the city's legal attorney. Mr. Mendez stated that every time they are going to talk that the council looks over to Mr. Pruett, like he has some kind of power over them. Commissioner Killough stated that if it was his first meeting, she is sure they are not like that at every meeting. Mr. Mendez stated that he is not defending the Mayor, but this is his first meeting and this is what he sees. Commissioner Killough stated that after the meeting she will show him what the Mayor gave them the first day she was in office. Mayor Moya stated that she didn't have to show them, she would tell them what she gave the council. Mr. Mendez stated what the citizens want is for something to be done in the city. Commissioner Killough stated that they want that too. Mr. Mendez stated that if the Mayor wants something done why don't they let her. Commissioner Killough stated that she has not presented anything to them. Mayor Moya stated to Ms. Killough that everything goes through the city administrator, she knows that. Mr. Mendez stated that what he sees is that they are blocking everything from the Mayor, because they don't like her. Mr. Mendez stated that as soon as the Mayor starts talking they try to make fun of her or make her ideas look dumb. Mr. Mendez stated that they need to start worrying less about their personal life and start worrying about the city.

Ms. Lucy Delatorre, stated that her understanding is that the constables police the schools. Chief Rader stated that they have a contract with the schools. Ms. Delatorre asked who was policing the streets during that time, because it is not our police officers. Ms. Delatorre stated that she lives one block away from the middle school and two blocks away from the elementary. Ms. Delatorre stated that she had two trucks drag racing down her street at two o'clock. Ms. Delatorre asked where are our police officers, she only sees them out on Clinton when they are letting the workers come out of the companies. Ms. Delatorre stated that she is very upset that one of these days one of these kids will be getting hurt. Ms. Delatorre stated that she does not see the police up and down the streets, and she has seen things on you tube about kids fighting at the parks and she has watched that video for 15 minutes and never saw a police officer going by. MS. Delatorre stated that if the city purchased new police cars then they need to fill them up and put them out on the streets. Ms. Elizabeth Rios, a citizen, stated that the city was too busy firing the police officers. Ms. Delatorre stated that they can fire all the police officers they want, and they can fire them for whatever reason they think the city has, but the majority of the police officers and the city workers believe that when

people speak they should all listen. Ms. Delatorre stated that is police officers, firemen, and city workers, not all those people can be bought. Ms. Delatorre stated that all she is asking is that they take into consideration what they are asking for and try to get more police officers out on the street. Ms. Delatorre stated that she dreads the day that something is going to happen out there and it is going to be because we do not have a police officer out there. Ms. Delatorre stated that she sees them on Clinton Drive, and Clinton Dr. is a joke, she sees those big truck zoom by on Clinton. Ms. Delatorre stated to the council that they are getting paid by the tax payers whether they think they are or not, but they are and they need to do their job. Ms. Delatorre stated that they got voted in and they should do their job that they got voted in to do. Ms. Delatorre stated that she agrees with everyone there, they are tired of the bickering. Ms. Delatorre stated that according to the meeting they had last Friday and the reporter was there and as he walked our he said "this is a circus". Ms. Delatorre asked the council if that is what they people to think about our city? Ms. Delatorre stated that we have a Mayor and she could have adjourned, but instead somebody else did it. Ms. Delatorre stated that the Mayor was in the room, they called for adjournment, someone second it and everyone walked out.

Mr. Glen Carter, a citizen stated that he lives on Woolfe St. and he wants to follow up on what Mr. Fernando spoke about earlier, speed bumps. Mr. Carter stated that they have a problem with speeders on 18th St. Mr. Carter stated that they had an incident that happened this past Sunday the 31st, a speeder was coming from the direction of 16th St. couldn't make the turn, because he was going excessively fast and lost control of the vehicle. Mr. Carter stated that the car went into two yards and hit a vehicle that was in a driveway at 1511 18th St and knocked that vehicle parallel to 18th St. then hit the house. Mr. Carter stated had the accident happened a few seconds earlier or had he taken a different path they could have had a fatality. Commissioner Killough asked what time of day was the accident. Mr. Carter stated it was at 7:30 a.m. on Sunday. Mr. Carte approached council with a copy of a plot plan of where he would like to see the speed bumps. Mr. .Pruett stated that it was brought to his attention earlier that day. Mr. .Pruett stated that they are looking into placing speed bumps in the area, but for them to keep in mind that the driver was drunk and it is hard to second guess drunk drivers. Mr. Pruettt stated that he met with the neighbors earlier that day and they are going to consider putting up signs and speed bumps in the area. Mr. Pruettt stated that someone who is drunk is not going to pay any attention to the signs, but hopefully we will never have that problem again. Mr. Carter stated that on 18th St there are only two speed bumps, there was a third that had been removed, but we need to slow these people down before they get to the junction on 18th and Woolfe. Mr. Carter stated that this is not an isolated incident and that it happens often. Commissioner Killough stated that speed bumps are no problem. Mr. Pruettt stated they were going to take a serious look into seeing what they can do to eliminate that.

Ms. Lucy Delatorre stated that in the past she went to a council meeting and asked the council about putting up school zone signs, because she is one block away from the school and she has people that always speed up and down her street. Ms. Delatorre stated that she followed a teacher who ran the stop sign to the jr. high and very politely asked her if she knew that she had ran the stop sign. Ms. Delatorre stated that the teacher told her that she didn't and walked off. Ms. Delatorre stated that is when she went to council to ask them to put up school zone signs on her block and they finally went and put up a sign at the end of her driveway. Ms. Delatorre stated that the school zone sign that is still there is across the street, but the one at the end of her driveway is gone and she does not know what happened to it. Commissioner Killough asked if Ms. Delatorre wanted it replaced or put in a different location. Ms. Delatorre stated that she did not care where they put it, but it needs to be put up because there are too many kids walking on that street.

Mr. Jack Brown, a citizen, stated that he wanted to bring up some facts that seem to be happening in Galena Park. Mr. Brown stated that about 4 months ago he reported a sign down at the corner of 16th St and Keene St. Mr. Brown stated it was a school zone sign and there also used to be a sign that said that you could not use your cell phone in that location. Mr. Brown stated that he saw the sign laying behind some bushes and after about 5 calls they finally came by and picked up the

pieces of metal. Mr. Brown stated that he wrongly assumed that they would pick the pieces back up and place it back where it belongs. Mr. Brown stated that four weeks later the sign is still missing. Mr. Brown stated that is just one of them and if you drive around town there are a lot of them down. Mr. Brown stated that he did not know why they were tearing the signs down; they are not selling the aluminum. Commissioner Killough stated memories. Mr. Brown stated that since they were talking about signs he wanted to bring up the sign that was missing.

Mr. Justin Green, a citizen, stated that this was his first meeting and he is 24 years old. Mr. Green stated that his grandparents bought a house in Galena Park in the late 60's. Mr. Green stated that his father and himself graduated from Galena Park and he would like his kids to come to Galena Park as well. Mr. Green stated that when he talks to anybody about the City of Galena Park he stresses a tight net family and the support for each other. Mr. Green stated that whether it is Mayor Moya, Mr. Flores, or who is elected Mayor or Commissioners he could care less, but it is the team work and the tight net family that we need. Mr. Green stated that it is the tight net family that we need to focus on. He stated that he moved away for two years and has never felt anything like he felt when he came back, Galena Park is home. Mr. Green stated that all the comments that are being made and police with rap sheets. Mr. Green stated that he has a DWI and it is public records and he is sorry he has skeletons in his closet, but people make mistakes and you can't hold them accountable for them. Mr. Green stated that he works for security at Pasadena High School and the demand for peace officers and security officers is high everywhere. Mr. Green stated that they are willing to take the risk and put that vest and gun on, he stated that he can't say they do it 100% and racism isn't involved. Mr. Green stated that racism is an everyday thing and it is the world that we live in. Mr. Greene stated that he sees the officers patrolling the high road and the parks. Mr. .Green stated that he noticed that some of the city parks are nicer then when he left. Mr. Green stated that we may not see the little things because we are so mind focused on this person is not doing this or these people are not agreeing on that. Mr. Green stated that it needs to be like a family not all the bickering back and forth. He stated that he did not have to argue with anybody in that room, because to him everyone is brother, sister, grandma, family. Mr. Green stated that he wants to continue to say that Galena Park is a tight net community and have the football support. Mr. Green stated that whether the streets look the same from when he was 2-24, streets get tore up. Mr. Green stated that it is little baby steps, because when you stride to take big steps in a river you are going to get pushed back. Mr. Green stated that it may not happen overnight and the council has been disagreeing for 13 months now, Mr. Green stated that it may take 15 months and a light bulb will hit at the end. Mr. Greene stated that is who the people voted in and they agreed on, whether it was 700 or 11,000 people they are the ones that voted. Mr. Green stated corruption is everywhere and he is tired of everyone pointing the finger. Mr. Green stated that until they unite as a family nothing is going to change.

A citizen stated that he is a war veteran and he sees all this at the meeting. He stated that they needed to get the N word and the W word removed now. He stated that he did his fighting in Vietnam and is 71 years old. He stated he sees all the fighting going on and it doesn't make sense. He stated they are like two cobras fighting each other. The citizen stated that this was his third meeting and he attends to see what is going on, and they need to work together.

Mr. Sergio Moya stated that they needed to make their decisions on their own and not just go into Pruetts's office every time they are going to vote. They are hurting the city and it needs to stop.

Mr. Tim Wehmeyer, a citizen, stated that when Mr. Ponder was taken to court for the deformation, they did not show up to court and they sent attorney Hightower. Mr. Wehmeyer asked if the City of Galena Park paid for Mr. Hightower's attorney fees which had nothing to do with the city. Commissioner Simms stated that he did not even know it transpired. Commissioner Simms stated that he did not know that he appeared and he was not previewed to go. Commissioner Simms stated that he did not know anything about it until Mr. Wehmeyer mentioned it to him, because his work has him swamped. Mr. Wehmeyer asked Mr. Pruetts if he knew anything about it. Mr. Pruetts stated

that he did not have any comment on civil litigation. Mr. Wehmeyer stated that if it concerns the city paying someone that was not involved in the suit, yes it does. Mr. Pruet stated that he did not have any comment on civil litigations. Mr. Wehmeyer asked Ms. Mayra Gonzales if she knew of a check cut to Hightower for the defamation that was dismissed. Ms. Gonzales stated that she knew a check was cut, but she didn't know exactly for what. Mr. Wehmeyer asked Commissioner Flores if he found out anything, because he told him he was going to find out. Mr. Wehmeyer stated that if that happened that is unacceptable. Commissioner Simms stated to Mr. Wehmeyer that he did not know anything about it. Mr. Wehmeyer asked if they thought it was acceptable to pay an attorney \$2500 to show up to a deformation when they didn't show, if it is true. Commissioner Flores stated that they have a couple of law suits pending and he is trying to see exactly which one it was. Commissioner Flores stated to Mr. Wehmeyer to let him see exactly what the check was written out for and he will let him know. Mr. Wehmeyer stated that is all they are looking for is answers of why stuff happens when it shouldn't happen. Mr. Wehmeyer stated that this was their city. Commissioner Simms asked Mayor Moya if they could conduct the city business now. Mayor Moya stated that they had another comment.

Mr. Ernesto Flores, Jr., a citizen stated that they started a football league years ago and they received permission from Ms. Kathy, when she was there, to use the pony field to help the kids become stronger for when they get to high school. Mr. Flores stated that he was told that there was a contract and he wants to know why they can't use the baseball fields. Mr. Flores stated that he was told by the president of little league, Warren Hilton, that they have a contract with the city and they can't use their fields. A city employee stated to his manager that the city changed the locks and the city worker gave him keys and the locks were changed again. Mr. Flores stated that they are using the fields in Galena Manor and at the end of the day all the kids are going to go to Galena Park High School. Mr. Flores stated that all he wanted to know was why can't they use the baseball fields or any fields. Mr. Flores stated that he had a run in Galena Manor. Mr. Eric Broussard, a citizen, stated that Galena Manor has not been touched for years and it needs to be repaired. Mr. Flores stated that they have been saying they are going to fix the fields and when baseball season started they were told to move out and they did and now that baseball season is going to be over they want to move back in and they cant. He was told since he has kids from Jacinto City to go to Jacinto City. He stated they are not called Galena Park they are East Channel and all they are doing is trying to keep the kids off the street. Mr. Flores stated that he would like to leave his number for someone to call him and help him out to open up the fields to them. Mr. Pruet stated that Mr. Flores can meet with the Parks and Recreation Director, Ernesto Paredes, or Maricela Serna, Parks and Recreation Commissioner to see if they can work out a schedule with him. Mr. Pruet stated this has always been a problem because they have more people that need to utilize it then they have green space. Mr. Flores stated that he did not want to be rude, but he is only worried about his program and he will get with who he needs to about it and hopefully they can help him.

A citizen stated that they all need to work together and maybe get with the city of Jacinto City also, because the high road is a mile long and they have a lot of kids walking. Mayor Moya stated that she was working with the Port of Houston on that already and has something set up. The citizen stated that hopefully they can put a track on there or something. Mayor Moya stated that she had that in the works and she has had three meetings with them already and she thinks they have something going already. Mayor Moya stated that CenterPoint was going to donate the lights and she will get together with Jacinto City about the light bill. Mayor Moya stated everything else was going to be done by Port of Houston and Commissioner Morman. The citizen stated that he knew everyone uses dement field and they have a lot of walkers. The citizen stated not only is it for the kids walking back and forth, but for the community using it as a track. Mayor Moya stated that it is going to have walking paths and it is coming soon. Commissioner Serna stated to Mr. Ernesto Flores, that he has been invited and he has accepted to be on the board for the Parks and Recreation Department and that will give him the opportunity to work together with everybody else that is in sports so they can come up with an agreement to when and where they can use the parks. Commissioner Serna stated that she was hoping that this will take care of that problem.

A citizen approached the council and Ms. Fleisher translated. I would like to ask in this meetings if speaking Spanish was bad. Citizens stated no. People that speak Spanish, people say that they were not interested in Galena. Before when they stated that they would decide with 5 why would they not decide with 25. We all know that people in Galena Park are very close and the people that are in charge have never done anything. If you look on Clinton Road the businesses have a lot of money and maybe you can order them to start cleaning that area first. Everybody should have a key to walking trail so that everyone can enjoy the trail. It is about time that we start doing good things. Galena Park is good and we need to have a better Galena Park. If someone was to ask me, why am I interested in Galena Park. It is because it is time for change in Galena Park. On 17th street the water just stays there when it rains and it looks like a swimming pool and the city never goes to clean it up. A citizen stated that they have a lot of kids that cannot go outside and play, because the street is super dirty and muddy. The citizen stated that her mom lives there and takes care of her kids and now she has her mom watch her kids at her house, because she does not feel that her kids are safe. The citizen stated that it smells bad and the city workers drive by it and don't clean it up.

Mr. Sergio Moya stated that he could answer that. Mr. Moya stated that most of the employees don't live in Galena Park, make good money and they don't care. The citizen stated that her husband did community service in Galena Park and told her he was surprised that more than 50% of the workers do not live in Galena Park. The citizen stated that her husband said they are riding around all day waiting the tax dollars. Mr. Moya stated that they punch out and they leave and go to their neighborhoods where most of them have brand new houses and they don't care. The citizen asked why don't we hire people from Galena Park. Mr. Moya stated that people from Galena Park can also do that work and they never hire anybody from Galena Park. Ms. Dawn Fisher, a citizen, stated that her nephew is from Galena Park and he was hired. Commissioner Flores stated that they are having an engineering study done so they can fix that street. Commissioner Flores stated that it will take about three months to complete it, but it is priority. Commissioner Flores stated that he lives down that street and he goes thru there a lot. The citizen asked when were they going to get it fixed. Commissioner Flores stated when the engineering study was complete. The citizen asked what about the mess. Commissioner Flores stated he would take care of it and send somebody out and go personally.

Mayor Moya asked if there were any more comments. A citizen stated no, because they weren't going to get anywhere. Commissioner Serna stated that it was only comments.

A citizen asked Mayor Moya when does she see the process on the high road moving forward. Mayor Moya stated that Reliant energy called her already and they wanted to set up the lighting, but she told them they needed to hold off because she needed to tell them the plan of exactly where the walking trails are going to be placed. Mayor Moya stated that she understood half of the land is the Port of Houston and the other half belongs to someone else. Mayor Moya stated then she can go back to them and tell them where they want the lighting or the benches. Mayor Moya stated that it was going to be on Holland and Main, on both sides. Mayor Moya stated that she understands there have been a lot of fatalities and she is concerned for the children and that is why she contacted the Port of Houston as soon as she could. The citizen stated that he is so glad that it has gotten to the Mayor, because he has talked to Commissioner Flores and several Constables about it. Mayor Moya stated that she did not want to see any more ghost bikes on there and she remembers when she was in high school a couple of people got hit and she received letters from their family members with concerns and that is why she had to get on it. Mayor Moya stated that she did not want the poles up yet, because she did not know where the trail was going to go yet. Commissioner Serna stated that the city does have a walking trail and if you get with Mr. Paredes, Parks and Recreation Director, he will give you the address. Commissioner Serna stated that unfortunately Dement Field does not belong to the City of Galena Park it belongs to GPISD. Mayor Moya stated to the citizen that the ones he is talking about, she needed to go to the source which is the Port of Houston and

it is in the works right now. Mayor Moya stated that anytime he wants to call her she can update him on it.

A citizen stated that he would like to thank Mayor Moya, because someone came to talk to her about the soccer league and she helped them. He stated also Mr. Paredes for the grass and the kids are very happy with everybody there.

Mr. Sergio Moya stated that there is open records for the city, to go in and request and they have to let you know about everything that is going on.

A citizen asked if they were having the tire pick up scheduled soon. Mayor Moya asked Commissioner Flores if they that was him. Commissioner Flores stated that was Water and Sewer, but if it is something that needs to be organized he can do that. The citizen stated that he has four tires he needs to get rid of and he has been waiting for it. Commissioner Flores stated that he will get with the water and sewer department on it.

A citizen stated that they go to play basketball and they cannot really see the lines on the court and was wondering if they could repaint them. Mayor Moya asked Mr. Paredes to look into it. Mr. Paredes stated that it was already in the plans and they were going to hire summer help to help power wash it, scrub it, and paint it. Mr. Paredes stated that they were going to close it for a day or two.

Mr. Hugo Moya, a citizen asked Ms. Tojuana Cooper, water and sewer superintendent, why she never called him on the sewer problem at his house. Ms. Cooper stated that he was in her office about 2 months ago and she gave him update on what she was doing and since then she has had a couple of items on the agenda. Ms. Cooper stated that she did not tell him that she would call him. Mr. Moya stated that she did tell him she would call him and even took down his number. Ms. Cooper stated that she did take down his number. Mr. Moya stated that he needed to be updated, because when it rains it is as if someone is taking a crap right in front of his house. Mr. Moya stated that Mr. Pruett knows about it and nothing has been done. Ms. Cooper stated that realistically she did not say she would update him and since then she has had presentations at council meetings and items on the agenda and she would be happy to call him the next day to let him know what has been happening. Mr. Moya stated that they just keeping talking about getting it fixed, but nobody does anything to get it fixed. Mr. Pruett stated to Mr. Sergio Moya that Ms. Cooper answered the question and he is going back and forth with Hugo. Mr. Hugo Moya stated that he was asking a question. Mr. Pruett stated to Mr. Hugo Moya that he has told him 100 times. Mr. Hugo Moya asked Mr. Pruett if he was bothering him about asking about his problem. Mr. Pruett stated that they needed to move on with the meeting, they have already told him they are working on it. Mr. Pruett asked Mayor Moya if they could move on with the meeting instead of having all her family members attack them one by one. Mr. Pruett stated that he has had enough of it. Mayor Moya stated that so have the people and it is coming. Ms. Cooper stated that she has presented to council on the actions that should be taken to get the problem fixed. Mr. Pruett stated that they should just adjourn the meeting, because the Mayor will not move along. Mayor Moya stated for the record Mr. Pruett is trying to take over the meeting and adjourn. Mr. Pruett stated that we have been 1 hour and 40 minutes on public comments.

A citizen approached the council and Ms. Fleischer translated. The lady that picks up the dogs with Mr. Serna is always on the phone or smoking and has a little girl with her that is 3-4 years old. The citizen stated that she is not supposed to be doing that. Mayor Moya stated that would be a question for Chief Rader, because they are under his supervision. Ms. Fleischer translated, the person that picks up the dogs and I don't know if it is Mr. Serna or the lady that rides with him. Commissioner Serna stated that they do not have any little kids. Mayor Moya asked Commissioner Serna who was the lady that assist her husband. Ms. Fleischer continues to translate. The lady is always smoking and has a little girl with her and talking on the phone all the time. She never wears her seatbelt, and she called Mr. Serna to let him know and he has not done anything. You call him and tell him there

is a dog wondering on the street and they do not do anything. Chief Rader stated that they have 47 dogs that they have handled in the last 30 days. Ms. Fleischer continues to translate. If there is a dead dog on Saturdays then nobody is around to pick it up. Mr. Sergio Moya stated that it does not make sense to have two dog catchers and two separate salaries. We never had two dog catchers before we only had one. Mr. Defoyd asked Mayor Moya if they were going to have a meeting or was she going to have her husband talk all day long. Mayor Moya asked Mr. Defoyd if he was going to run her meeting. Mr. Defoyd stated that the Mayor is not handling the meeting and is not controlling it. Mayor Moya stated that she is the presiding officer and she decides when the meeting is adjourned. Commissioner Simms stated that they need to conduct city business and pay the bills. Mayor Moya stated to Mr. Defoyd if he did not want to be there he can leave, he is just the attorney and not part of the commission. Commissioner Serna stated to Mayor Moya that it was 5 of them not only her. Mayor Moya stated that he was telling people how to run the meeting. Commissioner Simms stated that the comments are welcomed and they need to conduct the meeting to take care of city business by state statute, please. A citizen stated that she pays taxes. Commissioner Simms stated that these comments were vital to the city, but almost two hours of comments. Mr. Sergio Moya stated that the meetings used to only be 5 minutes. Commissioner Serna asked why did they not complain before. Mayor Moya stated that they were not allowed to. Commissioner Serna stated exactly. Mayor Moya stated exactly they were not following the charter. Mr. Sergio Moya stated that he knows they want to leave out of the town and go home like everybody else around there. A citizen stated that they pay them to do their job. (There were several people speaking simultaneously and could not understand what was being said for the minutes) a citizen asked if they could not give them 2 hours of their time. Commissioner Serna stated it had been two hours. The citizen stated whether it takes 2 or 3 hours... Commissioner Serna stated that she understands the first time they tell her something, but saying it 20 times is not going to solve anything. The citizen stated that words don't convince him what he wants to see is action. Commissioner Serna stated to Mr. Sergio Moya that he didn't complain when he was receiving things from the city for 20 years. Mr. Sergio Moya stated that it is always the same thing, they always talk about all the problems, but nothing ever gets done. (There were several people speaking simultaneously and could not understand what was being said for the minutes) Mayor Moya stated that Mr. Defoyd told her that she only cares about her husband and not the city, that is telling her that he only cares about the money that he is getting from the city, not the citizens that pay his salary. The audience applauded. Mr. Pruettt stated that he Mr. Defoyd cares about conducting the meeting in a professional manner. Mayor Moya stated that they were paying for their salary. Ms. Elizabeth Rios stated that it is like the Mayor said, they need to listen to them, they voted no. (There were several people speaking simultaneously and could not understand what was being said for the minutes) Commissioner Serna stated that she was not going to rob people in her business. Mr. Pruettt stated that they need to get the summer help hired. Mayor Moya stated to Commissioner Flores that she is trying to protect him. Commissioner Flores said say what. Mayor Moya asked if he wanted her to say it about his godsons ticket that she has. Commissioner Flores stated that he would talk to her after the meeting. Commissioner Flores stated to the mayor that he has been trying to work with her. Mayor Moya stated that she was trying to work with him. Commissioner Flores stated to Mayor Moya if she would like to have a meeting to hear her ideas let him know a time and a place and he will do it. Mayor Moya stated that what she wanted was for them to listen to the citizens and for them to follow the charter and the charter states what their responsibilities are as commissioners. Mayor Moya stated to Commissioner Flores to handle his department how it is supposed to be taken care. Commissioner Flores stated that he will sit down with her. Mayor Moya asked if there were any further comments because Chief Rader seems to think things are funny. (There were several people speaking simultaneously and could not understand what was being said for the minutes) A citizen stated comments about raising taxes. Mayor Moya stated that is what she is trying to avoid, and she can sit down and talk to her and tell her how they can avoid that. Commissioner Killough stated to Mayor Moya that they were listening to the citizens. Mayor Moya asked if she knew that they passed a five year contract to raise the water bills, and every loan that they get they are going to place it on the water bill. Mayor Moya stated that they are going to be paying more for their water bill than their electrical bill and it is in the minutes when Mr. Pruettt stated it. The citizen stated that

her niece lives in Houston and she payed \$300.00 a month for her water bill. Mayor Moya asked if she knew how large Houston was and how large Galena park was. Ms. Rios stated that her brother lives in Houston and only pays \$70.00 a month. The citizen stated that he probably lives in the ghetto. (There were several people speaking simultaneously and could not understand what was being said for the minutes)

Item # 4- Consider approving the minutes of regular meeting on May 19, 2015. Commissioner Simms moved to approve the minutes of May 19th. Commissioner Killough, 2nd Vote... 5 Ayes...Motion Carried.

Item #5- Consider ratifying accounts payable from May 15, 2015 through May 29, 2015. Mayor Moya stated she had some questions. Mayor Moya stated on page 2, the second legal notice of election are they paying it double. Ms. Gonzales stated that it had to be published twice. Mayor Moya asked if they paid \$2,400.00 last time and this time. Mayor Moya asked what the total was. Ms. Gonzales stated it was published twice with the total of \$4,800.00. Mayor Moya stated page 5, did we do the senior luncheon again. Mayor Moya asked if the city did it two months in a row. Mr. Paredes stated that the way the calendar fell one was in one month and the other was in the other month. Mayor Moya asked if we paid for it twice. Mr. Paredes stated yes, it was two different occasions. Mayor Moya asked Mr. Paredes to look into it and get with her. Mayor Moya stated that she sees something about another vehicle purchase a fire truck in the amount of \$34,558.00 and asked if the vehicle had been purchased already. Mr. Pruett stated it was not the fire and he thinks it was the public works truck. Mayor Moya stated that last meeting the payables had the public works truck. Paul Gregory, Fire chief, stated that it is probably the equipment that will go on the new fire truck and it was billed separately. Commissioner Simms moved to approve the payables. Commissioner Serna, 2nd Vote: 5 Ayes...Motion Carried.

Item # 6- Consider approving the Texas Municipal Retirement System City Portal user agreement. Commissioner Simms moved to approve the Texas Municipal Retirement System City Portal user agreement. Commissioner Killough, 2nd. Mayor Moya asked if Mr. Defoyd could explain what that is. Mr. Defoyd stated that it was the a portal for the retirement system that the city has had for a long time. A citizen stated that she had not been here that long if he could explain better. Commissioner Simms stated that it was retirement for municipal employees. The city contributes a small part of the system for the employees retirement. Vote: 5 Ayes...Motion Carried.

Item #7- Consider approving Maricela Serna as Mayor Pro Tem for a 6 month period. Commissioner Killough moved to approve Maricela Serna as Mayor pro Tem for a 6 month period. Commissioner Simms, 2nd Vote: 5 Ayes...Motion Carried.

Item #8- Consider approving the part time employment of the following for Parks and Recreation Department: Summer Fun: Natalia Vasquez, Pamela Perez, Jaime Pena, Monica Espinoza, and Ashly Arzaga. Life Guard: Yesenia Pulido. Commissioner Simms moved to approve the part time summer employment. Commissioner Flores, 2nd Vote: 5 Ayes...Motion Carried.

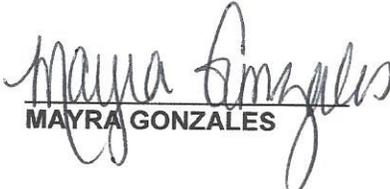
Item #9- Consider approving Raul Mejia, Francisco Sanchez, Ernesto Flores, Joe Galindo Jr., and Joseph Thibodeaux to the Parks and Recreation Board. Commissioner Simms moved to approve Raul Mejia, Francisco Sanchez, Ernesto Flores, Joe Galindo Jr., and Joseph Thibodeaux to the Parks and Recreation Board. Commissioner Flores, 2nd Vote: Mayor Moya asked how they were selected. Commissioner Serna stated that they invited each person of each league in the city. One from little league, one from the soccer league, one from the basketball league, and someone from senior citizens and they have two more coming and all have something to do with parks and recreation. Mayor Moya stated that the reason she is asking is because the gentleman on the podium acted like he was not aware and looked surprised. Commissioner Flores stated that he was aware he talked to him. 5 Ayes...Motion Carried.

Mayor Moya asked for announcements.

Ms. Dorothy Harding announced that she is representing AARP and is going to have a garage sale on June 18th at the park from 9am-3pm. They will be selling spots and sponsorships for the food pantry. Commissioner Killough asked if they would be filing a 501 c. Ms. Harding stated that they fell under AARP.

Commissioner Simms made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Killough, 2nd.... Vote: 5 Ayes... Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned: 8:00 P.M.


MAYRA GONZALES


APPROVED