

The City of Galena Park

City Commission Meeting

Date: August 18, 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 August 4, 2015.

Present were:	Esmeralda Moya	Mayor
	Danny Simms	Commissioner
	Cruz R. Hinojosa, Jr.	Commissioner
	Maricela Serna	Commissioner
	Juan Flores	Commissioner
	Mayra Gonzales	City Secretary
	Robert Pruet	City Administrator
	Jim Defoyd	City Attorney

Item # 1- Mayor Moya called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Item # 2- Commissioner Simms gave the invocation.

Item # 3- Comments from the audience.

Ms. Ponder, a citizen, stated that she has a statement that she would like to read. Ms. Ponder read as follows: For many months the City of Galena Park and the citizens have been at odds with each other regarding the citizens' petition to amend the city charter, which resulted in a law suit. The basis of the law suit is that the commissioners, Danny Simms, then Lois Killough, Maricela Serna, Juan Flores, on the advice of the city attorney, Mr. Defoyd, voted to arbitrarily reject the citizens petition and deprive them of their right to vote. Since that time there has been an ongoing legal action between the city and the citizens. After the special election in May of 2015, when the amendments presented by the city's charter review committee were summarily voted down, an offer was made by the citizens to put the lawsuit to rest and allow the citizens amendments to be placed on the ballot for the November 2015 election. That was rejected so the lawsuit continued. At this time the city had already spent an excess of about \$75,000 or more fighting this lawsuit. On July 31, 2015 the lawsuit was presented to Judge Brent Gamble, Civil District Court 270th Judicial District for a summary judgement. On this past Monday, August 17, 2015, Judge Gamble signed the summary judgement in the citizens favor. We have a copy for your review and specifically look at item C. The city defendant shall place the amendments on the ballot for the next available election date. The next available election date will be in November 2015. Since the Texas State Secretary must be notified by no later than this coming Monday, August 24, 2015, that we intend to hold a special election, we request that Mr. Defoyd develop the necessary paper work in a timely manner to facilitate compliance with the summary judgement. Unfortunately this will not happen because we have received notice just after 4 o' clock this afternoon that Mr. Simms, Mr. Hinojosa sitting in for Ms. Killough, Maricela Serna, Mr. Flores, Mr. Pruet, and Mr. Defoyd are appealing the ruling set forth by the judge, which is going to cost the city to be out another exorbitant amount of money and again deprive the citizens of their right to vote. Ms. Ponder stated that she had copies of the judgement. Ms. Ponder handed the copies of the judgement to the Mayor and the City Secretary.

Mr. Barry Ponder, a citizen, stated that if anybody would like a copy of the depositions that Mr. Pruet and Mr. Defoyd went through, he can make copies for them since they are public record. Mr. Ponder stated to let him know after the meeting and he can right their names down and provide copies for them.

Mr. Jack Brown, a citizen, stated that he would like to comment on what was just said. Mr. Brown asked if four of the commissioners, Mr. Pruett, and Mr. Defoyd decided that they were going to appeal this without a council meeting. Mayor Moya stated that she was not aware of the appeal. Mr. Brown asked if it was not done by city council and an executive board meeting was not called. Mayor Moya stated that is what is seemed like. Mr. Brown stated that he would like to comment to Mr. Flores and Mr. Hinojosa, once again he is bringing up the signs that are missing in the school zones. Mr. Brown stated this has been an ongoing situation for the last four months. Mr. Brown stated that still no sign has been replaced that was torn down that says cell phone prohibited on the north east corner of 16th and Keene. Mr. Brown stated that it is an ongoing situation and if you look back it is in almost every minute in every meeting. Mayor Moya stated that Mr. Hinojosa is new to his position and he is going to take note and follow up with that. Mr. Brown stated that he knew it was a minor thing, but school is coming up prior to next meeting and the sign needs to be placed there and the law needs to be enforced. Mr. Brown stated that he understood there was another fire in Galena Park and there was no water in the fire hydrant. Mr. Brown stated that he was driving down Center yesterday and there were black bags over several hydrants. Mr. Brown stated that he would like to know what is the problem with getting water to the fire hydrants. Mayor Moya asked Commissioner Hinojosa if he would like to comment. Commissioner Hinojosa stated that he would tell him what he knew. Commissioner Hinojosa stated that for some time now, somebody that was there before told the water department and the fire department to stop checking the fire hydrants because it is costing too much maintenance. Commissioner Hinojosa stated that he also knew that now the problem is being corrected. Mr. Hinojosa stated that the water and fire department were going to go throughout the city and identify which fire hydrants need replaced. Commissioner Hinojosa stated that he would assume that the ones that have black bags around them are the ones that the water department are going to repair or replace. Mr. Brown stated that Commissioner Hinojosa said some time and asked if there was anything state mandated where you have to test the fire hydrants. Mr. Brown stated that perhaps the Fire Marshall can answer that. Commissioner Simms called on Fire Chief Paul Gregory. Chief Gregory stated that no it was not state mandated. Commissioner Hinojosa stated that from now on, it is a little too late, but they will make sure everything is working. Mr. Brown stated that we had a problem there, because citizens homes were burning and we have no water and the insurance and finance companies of this town are going to get word of that. Mr. Brown stated that they are going to require that the fire hydrants are tested in order to get insurance. Commissioner Simms stated that Ms. Tojuana Cooper, the Water and Sewer Superintendent, had a comment. Ms. Cooper stated that she would like to elaborate a little bit on what Commissioner Hinojosa said. Ms. Cooper stated the water was available, but the fire hydrant was not working. Ms. Cooper stated that her and the Fire Chief had discussed that years ago someone told the fire department to stop testing the fire hydrants. Ms. Cooper stated that apparently that was not documented so the water department thought the fire department was testing them and the fire department thought the water department was testing them. Ms. Cooper stated that in reality the water department is responsible for the repair and they were repairing the ones that they identified were not functioning properly as a result of their flush. Ms. Cooper stated that what they do is flush for water quality purposes, they do not flush to test the fire hydrant. Ms. Cooper stated that Fire Chief Gregory and herself have a memorandum of understanding so that in the future things are documented concerning where the lines of responsibility lie. Ms. Cooper stated that they both signed off on it today and they will pass it on to their employees. Ms. Cooper stated that they cannot correct passed failures, but they can correct and oversee things in the future so that they don't continue to have problems. Ms. Cooper stated that generally the fire department is going to be responsible for testing them and giving them work orders where they identified that the fire hydrants are not working properly, but if they are flushing and they identify one is not working properly they will give the fire department a copy of the work order that they generate, maintain a data base of all the repairs, and maintain communication in the future. Ms. Cooper stated that they may see a lot of black bags, because they are black bagging them when they don't work. Ms. Cooper stated that some people do not like to see black bags, but the black bags are an indication that they need to be fixed and the water department will be responsible for the repairs. Mayor Moya asked when she held this meeting. Ms. Cooper stated that they met the day before yesterday and they

signed off on their memorandum of understanding today. Mayor Moya asked if Commissioner Hinojosa was present. Commissioner Hinojosa stated no, but was aware that was going to happen. Commissioner Hinojosa stated it was done to have a record on file of who is responsible for what. Mayor Moya stated that she was just wondering why she wasn't involved in that. Ms. Cooper stated that she did not know that she needed to involve her.

Mr. Sergio Moya, a citizen, stated that if they knew there was a problem, why did they wait for a home to burn down to take action. Mr. Moya stated if they found out about this a long time ago, that whoever gave the order to stop testing the hydrants, shouldn't they have jumped and said wait a minute there is something wrong here. Mr. Moya asked what would have happened if someone got burned and killed in the house. Ms. Cooper stated that she became aware of the problem after the fire. Mr. Moya asked after the fire, but stated that Ms. Cooper stated that she knew that someone had told them to stop checking the fire hydrants a long time ago. Ms. Cooper stated that she became aware of that after the fire when they started investigating. Mr. Moya asked who gave the order to stop checking the fire hydrants. Mr. Pruett stated it was the previous Water and Sewer Superintendent. Mr. Moya stated that he said to stop checking them and nobody did anything about it. Commissioner Simms stated that would have been Mr. Terry Stevens. Mr. Pruett stated to his knowledge he thinks the reason he did that was when the fire department checked the fire hydrants it broke something or another and the lines were so old, Mr. Stevens felt that it would back pressure and burst lines when they were doing that. Mr. Pruett stated that they were not aware about the problem until this particular fire. Mr. Pruett asked Chief Gregory if this fire hydrant not working on this particular fire, did it make a difference on the structure of the fire. Chief Gregory stated no. Mr. Brown, a citizen, asked if there was a time delay on running the house to the fire. Chief Gregory stated no sir, they did not run a hose. Chief Gregory stated that they nursed off of J.C.'s pump. Mr. Brown stated so they had to call J.C. over here. Chief Gregory stated that they always do. Mr. Pruett stated it is state law and that they are under a mutual aid policy and any time they have a house fire they... Mr. Brown stated that he understood that, but when he is looking down the street at the fire hydrant on the corner of 15th and Woolfe. Mr. Pruett stated that he understood his concern. Mr. Brown stated that he was very concerned. Mr. Pruett stated that they are too and they were not aware of this until this particular fire and that particular fire hydrant was checked and it did not work. Mr. Brown stated that he was not trying to put blame on anybody and he is just asking the questions, but he thinks that Mr. Hinojosa and Mr. Simms need to get involved in this since they are in charge of fire and water and sewer. Mr. Moya asked if it didn't make sense to check them every year, and how much does it cost to check them. Mr. Moya stated that this man lost his home and he is handicap. Mr. Pruett stated again they were checked on a regular basis. Mr. Moya asked every year. Mr. Pruett stated yes. Mr. Moya asked when was the last time that fire hydrant was checked. Mr. Pruett stated that the fire department did a routine check and it was stopped by the previous water and sewer superintendent, because they would turn the water on and shut the valve off and the back pressure would bust the lines. Mr. Moya asked what was his plan B, if that fire hydrant wasn't working what were they going to do, let the house burn down like it did. Mr. Pruett stated they were not aware that happened until this particular fire. Mr. Pruett stated now that they are aware measures have been taken and they are looking at about what Tojuana quoted about \$4,000.00 a piece for the hydrants. Ms. Cooper stated that was if we had a contract to replace them and some of them...Mr. Pruett stated if they have to be placed they are about \$4,000 apiece. Mr. Brown asked if some of them are refurbish able. Ms. Cooper stated that she did not know, but her and the fire chief are in the process of checking them. Mr. Brown stated that he had a problem with them saying the lines are busting when you turn them on, he can see them bust when you turn them off. Ms. Cooper stated that closing the line was the majority of the problem. Ms. Cooper stated that water hammering can occur and it was a valid concern at the time. Mr. Brown stated that his understanding is that a fire hydrant works by extending the stem down into the pipe and asked if that was correct. Chief Gregory stated yes. Mr. Brown stated therefore the water line is going up from there, so the line shouldn't really be affected very much by water pressure. Ms. Cooper stated that it is known that water hammer occurs when...Mr. Brown stated when you are closing the fire hydrant. Chief Gregory stated that Mr. Brown asked why they have not been checking them, they

have to open and close them to check them but not during a fire. Mr. Brown stated asked if they have a status on how many fire hydrants have busted pipes by turning them off or on. Chief Gregory stated that he would not know. Ms. Cooper stated that she had no record, but it is a known fact, based on what was published in our water distribution by TCEQ. Ms. Cooper stated that what they have done is that the Chief and herself met with both of their groups and they talked about how they should be closed. Ms. Cooper stated which is slowly to prevent problems. Mr. Brown stated that closing he can understand because you can get a high...Ms. Cooper stated closing is the main problem. Mr. Brown stated that if they closed them on a slow bases like any other water system that has that problem, you are going to relieve the air out. Ms. Cooper stated that is correct you are supposed to close slowly. Ms. Cooper stated that the only reason it is advisable to open them slowly is to minimize ground water that can occur as a result of an increase in the water. Mr. Brown stated that even that is better than having them nonfunctioning. Ms. Cooper stated that she agreed and all she can do is to take action to prevent the problem in the future.

A citizen stated that he would like to comment on the fire hydrants. He stated that he did sprinkler work and that fire hydrant and you go to open it, it is under pressure right there. He stated that you cannot rush to open the fire hydrant it is not a quick opening valve. He stated that you can open that thing as quick as you and it shouldn't change, because it is coming in slowly like a gate that opens to let the water in. he stated every time you go around it gets higher and higher. He stated that if you took the caps off water was going to come out right there and nothing is going to build up. He stated if you leave the caps on it will build up pressure, but it won't blow anything up. He stated those things are designed to open and close as fast as you want. Chief Gregory stated for a correction if you open the cap there shouldn't be water unless you have opened. The citizen stated right. Chief Gregory stated that he was just trying to clear that up. The citizen stated that the cap should already be on there unless someone has taken it off, but the city has a problem with the underground pipes. Mr. Brown stated that in case you can't tell he is extremely angry and someone has lost their house. Mr. Brown stated that he didn't know how many times in the past there was a fire and the closest fire hydrant wasn't working, then asked Chief if he could tell him. Chief Gregory stated that was the first one and the fire hydrant that wasn't working wasn't the closest. Mr. Barry Ponder stated that he can clarify some of it and he was with the fire department when they stopped checking the fire hydrants and it was under Mr. Harvard's administration. Mr. Ponder stated that it was because they were closing the valve too quick and they hammered them. Mr. Ponder stated that at that time the head administration decided they would no longer. Mr. Ponder stated that he told Ms. Cooper a couple months ago that at that time they knew that over half of the fire hydrants on Holland Ave. did not work. Mr. Eric Broussard, a citizen, asked Ms. Cooper if she knew a couple months ago. Ms. Cooper stated that she does not recall that. Mr. Ponder stated that Ms. Cooper was talking to him about the contamination on the report and she was going to send a letter out to everybody and she wanted him to get on the email and explain to everybody that the water was ok. Ms. Cooper stated the water quality report. Mr. Ponder stated yes and that is when he told her that they had stopped checking the fire hydrants, because they were hammering them and she said if they closed them properly they wouldn't do that. Mr. Ponder asked Ms. Cooper if she remembered that. MS. Cooper stated that she did not remember and she stated that conversation was in regards to Galena Manor where someone stated that the contractor was open and closing them and causing their water lines to break, and Mr. Ponder wanted her to look into it because if they did close those valves too fast it would cause water hammering. Mr. Brown asked if they have come to the conclusion that water hammering is only caused when they close the valve. Ms. Cooper stated yes, but they advise to open and close slowly. Mr. Brown asked what was the problem with this fire hydrant. Chief Gregory stated that it would not turn on. Mayor Moya called on Ms. Dorothy Harding, a citizen. Ms. Harding stated that what concerns her is, how many years ago did the fire happen in Galena Manor under these same circumstances and she heard all of this redirect then, about something having to be done. Mr. Pruett stated that Galena Manor is fixing to get all new fire hydrants as well piping. Mr. Pruett stated that they are slowly replacing the hydrants and the piping as they go and it is part of the rehab project that is ongoing now. Mr. Pruett stated that they had been aware that they have had fire hydrant issues, they just weren't aware of which ones, but when

they run across them they fix them. Mr. Pruett stated that they run about \$4,000 a piece to fix them, but it has to be done. Mr. Brown stated that he knew he was over his three minutes, but wanted to ask if there is any way that they can have some kind of formality by the next council meeting as to what is going to be done to get these things tested. Mr. Pruett stated that Ms. Cooper just explained what they were going to be doing. Mr. Pruett stated that the water department and the fire department have an agreement and the fire department is going to go around and check them and bag the ones that are not working. Mr. Pruett stated that Ms. Cooper is getting bids on the ones that are not working to repair them. Mr. Brown stated that he has one other question about putting black bags over the hydrants. Mr. Brown asked if there wasn't some kind of ring they are to put on the hydrant. Chief Gregory stated that they could put an out of service ring on it, but in the middle of the night could he see that out of service ring.

Ms. Dawn Fisher, a citizen, asked Ms. Cooper how long she has worked with for the city. Ms. Cooper stated since October 2014. Ms. Fisher stated that these problems have been going on for years and years. Ms. Fisher stated that Mr. Ponder stated that they quiet checking them under the Havard administration, which if she is not mistaking was in 1996 or 1994. Ms. Fisher stated that they cannot expect Ms. Cooper to fix all this immediately and she is doing a good job checking all the water lines and getting them worked on. Ms. Fisher stated for them to give Ms. Cooper some time. Mr. Ponder stated that he apologized if Ms. Cooper thought that he was on her, all he was saying was.... Ms. Cooper stated that all they talked about was Galena Manor, specifically about people breaking water lines and Mr. Ponder did not tell her anything about how to handle it. Mr. Ponder stated that all he was saying is if you go down North Main right now you will find four bagged hydrants and his concern is how much hose are they going to have to stretch if a home catches on fire on those four blocks to put the fire out. Mr. Ponder stated there were four hydrants in a row. Chief Gregory stated there was over 1,000 feet of hose and it doesn't matter where the hydrant is at. Ms. Cooper stated that they are working together on implementation of the memorandum of understanding. Mr. Moya stated in other words if this house would not have burned down, nothing would have been done. Ms. Cooper stated that they were not aware of the problem. Mr. Moya stated nothing would have been done if there wasn't this fire and they are lucky that nobody got killed. .

Mr. Tim Wehmeyer, a citizen, stated to Ms. Cooper that there are people that have worked for the city longer than her that could have checked on that stuff. Mr. Wehmeyer stated that every year it should be checked like your house alarm. Mr. Brown stated that he would like to see a continuing schedule on checking fire hydrants on a regular basis. Mayor Moya and Commissioner Hinojosa agreed. Mr. Brown stated that on the hydrants that are four in a row and not working, every other one should at least be fixed first. Commissioner Hinojosa stated that on his behalf in the commissioners corner he will put 1 there how many fire hydrants were addressed and how many were fixed during that month. Mr. Brown stated that he is not saying all of them should be fixed on that line, but the 1st and 3rd or the 2nd and 4th should be fixed. Mr. Pruett stated to Mr. Brown that the fire department is recruiting volunteer firemen. Mr. brown stated that he is 69 years old and doesn't think that he would last long after two heart attacks. Mayor Moya stated that he did not look a day over 21. Mr. Pruett stated that his expertise might be welcomed over there.

Mr. Broussard asked who made the decision to appeal the judgement. Mr. Broussard asked Mr. Defoyd or Mr. Pruett if they cared to answer the question. Mr. Broussard asked when they met, was it a closed session meeting, and who made the decision. Mayor Moya stated that she was not aware of the appeal so she does not know if Mr. Pruett or Mr. Defoyd would like to answer. Mr. .Pruett stated that he did not have any comment on it and did not realize an appeal had been filed until Ms. Ponder said it. Mr. Broussard asked Mr. Defoyd to answer. Mr. Defoyd stated that he did not have any comment on ongoing litigation. Mr. Broussard asked if the council members had any comment, because they run the city not them. Mr. Broussard stated that the commission had to give them permission to, Mr. Defoyd cannot do anything by himself, he does not run the city. Mr. Broussard stated that the four commissioners do and he wants to know when they decided to appeal. Mr. Broussard stated that the commissioners know the rules, laws, and Roberts Rules of Order. Mr. Broussard stated that he has a document where a meeting is set to discuss this on Thursday, but

the appeal has already been made. Mayor Moya asked Commissioner Flores and Commissioner Serna if they wanted to comment. No Comment was made by Commissioner Flores or Commissioner Serna. Mayor Moya asked Commissioner Simms if he would like to comment. Commissioner Simms stated that he was out of pocket yesterday. Mr. Broussard stated to Ms. Gonzales that he would like for his question to be placed in the minutes, that none of the councilmembers chose to answer his question. Mr. Moya stated that he guesses Mr. Hightower is running the city then. Mr. Broussard stated that Mr. Defoyd is running the city and that he guesses they should vote for him next time. Mr. Ponder stated that the appeal was made at 4:08 p.m. and they cannot put that on the appeal unless each and every one of them were asked first.

Ms. Elizabeth Rios, a citizen, stated that she had a question for Commissioner Flores. Ms. Rios stated that a couple months ago they were talking about the trucks that were over by Cantu and they went back and forth and they finally moved them. Ms. Rios asked why the on the left hand side, still has his trucks left there. Ms. Rios asked if he had special privileges or did he work something out with him. Ms. Rios stated that his truck is still there and she saw it that morning as well. Commissioner Flores stated that he was thinking of buying property on Clinton and he was going to move the trucks over there. Ms. Rios asked when, because the other guys moved their trucks since the day they were told to move. Commissioner Flores stated that he will move it and the code enforcement office is working it out with him. Ms. Rios asked working a favor out with him. Commissioner Flores stated no. Mr. Pruett stated that they gave the others 30-45 days to move them. Ms. Rios stated that they moved them quickly so why is this guy still there, there has to be a privilege. Mr. Pruett stated it was not a privilege and he will move it. Ms. Rios stated that she hoped so by the next meeting.

Item # 4- Consider approving the minutes of regular meeting on August 4, 2015. Commissioner Hinojosa moved to approve the minutes of regular meeting on August 4, 2015. Commissioner Flores, 2nd...Vote: 5 Ayes...Motion Carried.

Item # 5- Consider ratifying accounts payable from July 31, 2015 through August 14, 2015. Commissioner Hinojosa asked Mayor Moya if now was the time to ask questions. Mayor Moya stated under discussion. Commissioner Serna moved to approve ratifying accounts payable from July 31, 2015 through August 14, 2015. Commissioner Flores, 2nd... Mayor Moya asked Commissioner Hinojosa what was his question. Commissioner Hinojosa asked on page 4 under 1040, new project construction survey of 17th and Crown \$10,340.00. Mr. Hinojosa stated that he lived right around the corner from that and he was wondering what it was about. Mayor Moya called on Mr. Pruett. Mr. Pruett stated that if you go take a right on 17th street and go east you will see that the whole street is concrete based and it has subsided so bad that the water just sits in the neighbor's yard and has been a problem for years. Mr. Pruett stated that they had to do an engineering study because they are going to put storm sewers to get the water out of the neighborhood. Mr. Pruett stated that they are going to have to look at the cost factor for overlay or demolition. Mr. Pruett stated that this engineering lays this out for us and once we have a cost factor we will know how much money we have to spend and budget for. Mr. Pruett stated that every neighbor has complained over the years and it is something that they are going to have to do. Commissioner Hinojosa stated that he had one more question as well on page 4, 1050-41550 rental of land from the Port of Houston Authority. Commissioner Hinojosa stated that he went and asked Mayra about it and she answered his question, and the answer was that we lease 240 acres from the Port of Houston where the horse stables are. Commissioner Hinojosa stated that we lease them out for the same amount of money that we lease them from the Port of Houston, which is \$300.00 a month for 240 acres. Commissioner Hinojosa stated that it is \$600.00 a month for two leases and he stated that he looked at the leases and they are month to month leases. Commissioner Hinojosa stated that they cannot take any action on it, but he would like to have on the minutes that they discuss it or put it on the next agenda that they look at the lease that they have with the port and get a fair market price. Commissioner Hinojosa asked where in the world can you rent 240 acres for \$600.00. Commissioner Hinojosa stated that in being good stewards of our money and yours, in his opinion, hire a relator to go in

and see what the fair market value is and if they want to keep renting that, then they give us a fair market price. Mayor Moya stated that if he would like to put it on the agenda he would need three written letters with the item he would like to discuss. Vote: 5 Ayes...Motion Carried.

Item # 6- Consider opening and awarding seal bids for the construction of the gateway project. Mayor Moya stated that they had two bids. Mr. Pruett stated that the project engineer is there if they have any questions. Mayor Moya asked him who he was with. Bryan stated with Knudson, L.P. Mayor Moya stated that the first bid is from Hoggatt, L.P. for \$147,873.00. Mayor Moya asked if the second envelope they opened was his. Bryan stated no they are the architect. Mayor Moya stated there was not an amount. Mayor Moya stated they should not make a decision based on that. Commissioner Simms stated that he thinks it should be tabled for further review. Commissioner Simms made a motion to table the bid for further review and consideration. Commissioner Hinojosa, 2nd...Vote: 5 Ayes...Motion Carried

Item # 7- Consider authorizing the city secretary to advertise for the sale of city vehicles. Commissioner Simms moved to approve authorizing the city secretary to advertise for the sale of city vehicles. Commissioner Flores, 2nd...Vote: 5 Ayes...Motion Carried. Mayor Moya stated it was six vehicles.

Item # 8- Consider changing the employment status of Gwen Distefano from full time to part time employment- Water and Sewer Department. Commissioner Simms moved to approve changing the employment status of Gwen Distefano from full time to part time employment- Water and Sewer Department. Commissioner Hinojosa, 2nd...Vote: 5 Ayes...Motion Carried.

Item # 9- Consider changing the employment status of Edward Thraen from part time to full time employment- Firefighter/EMT-P. Commissioner Simms what the P stood for. Chief Gregory stated it was paramedic. Commissioner Flores moved to approve changing the employment status of Edward Thraen from part time to full time employment- Firefighter/EMT-P. Commissioner Hinojosa, 2nd...Vote: 5 Ayes...Motion Carried.

Item # 10- Consider approving the part time employment of Dean Bailey- Firefighter/EMT. Commissioner Simms moved to approve the part time employment of Dean Bailey- Firefighter/EMT. Commissioner Serna, 2nd...Vote: 5 Ayes...Motion Carried.

Item # 11- Consider approving Alan Gartner as volunteer for the Galena Park Fire Department. Commissioner Hinojosa moved to approve Alan Gartner as volunteer for the Galena Park Fire Department. Commissioner Serna, 2nd...Vote: 5 Ayes...Motion Carried.

Mayor Moya asked for announcements from the audience.

Mr. Robert Clowers, a citizen, stated that the council authorized the city secretary to go out for bids of city vehicles, are they selling all the vehicles. Mayor Moya stated no 6 six vehicles. Mayor Moya stated two Chevy impalas 2008, 2009 Chevy impala, two 2003 ford crown Victoria, one 2007 crown Victoria. Mr. Clowers stated that the way the motion sounded, it sounded as if they were going to sell all the vehicles. Mayor Moya stated that is why she said six vehicles. Mr. Clowers stated that was not in the motion and the motion was to sell city vehicles. Mayor Moya stated that it should have stated six city vehicles.

Commissioner Simms stated that working for the school district he wants everyone to be aware of school starting on Monday. Commissioner Simms stated that most of them there can apply for the gold pass for volleyball and football games. Commissioner Simms stated that they should support the youth and get out to the stadium and support all of the organizations.

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

Meeting adjourned: 6:49 P.M.


MAYRA GONZALES


APPROVED