

The City of Galena Park

City Commission Meeting

Date: September 15, 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 September 15, 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- Mr. Robert Clowers gave the invocation.

Item # 3- Comments from the audience.

Ms. Taggy Hall, a citizen, stated that she wanted to introduce her neighbor Heidi. Ms. Hall stated Ms. Heidi's concerns on a shooting at the park. Ms. Hall stated that Ms. Heidi is concerned that there are no lights near her house and it is very dark. Ms. Hall stated that Ms. Heidi is afraid at night and she cannot sleep. Ms. Heidi spoke and Mayor Moya translated. Saturday night there was a shooting and eight bullets were fired. Mayor Moya stated that Ms. Heidi was afraid in terms of a lost bullet. Ms. Heidi called the police department twice and was told that she needed to go outside to speak to the officer. Ms. Heidi was concerned that if she did go outside to speak to the officers and the people were still around that did this, they would go after her and her family. Ms. Heidi made a second phone call and they told her the same thing, the officers did come out, but they were on the other side of the park in Galena Manor. The officers were lighting up the other side, however where Ms. Heidi stated the incident took place did not have any surveillance. Mayor Moya stated that Ms. Hall had stated that this happened due to lack of lighting and surveillance at the park. Mayor Moya asked Commissioner Hinojosa if he would like to address the issue. Commissioner Hinojosa stated that he did not know anything about it and he was not advice about a shooting. Commissioner Hinojosa translated. Commissioner Serna asked if Chief Rader had any comments. Chief Rader stated that if he could he would get with her after the meeting and they would look into the situation for her. Ms. Heidi spoke. Commissioner Hinojosa translated. Ms. Heidi stated that she did call a second time and she was sorry to be bothering, and the dispatcher told her that she was not bothering and they had two or three other reports. The dispatcher stated to Ms. Heidi that the reports were coming in stating the incident happened on the east side instead of the west side of the park. Chief Rader stated that was the problem with discharging a fire arm, it may have happened in one location, but the way the sound reverberates may sound like it is coming from a different location. Mayor Moya stated correct, but Ms. Heidi stated that she called for a certain area, not where the bullets were heard. Mayor Moya asked Chief Rader if he was aware of the shooting. Chief Rader stated this incident was a discharge of firearm. Chief Rader stated that a shooting occurs when someone is hit and in this case this was a discharge of a firearm. Chief Rader asked Ms. Heidi if she lived on 15th St. Commissioner Hinojosa asked the Chief if he was aware of the discharge of firearms. Chief Rader stated that he was. Commissioner Hinojosa asked if this happens regularly. Chief Rader stated not very often, but he will get with her after the meeting. Ms. Heidi spoke. Mayor

Moya translated. Mayor Moya stated that Ms. Heidi stated that she was given a certain number if she sees a suspicious individual, but she was instructed to call 911 if she hears shootings. Mayor Moya asked Chief Rader if that was the process. Chief Rader stated that was fine, they could get there quicker if she did dial 911. Mayor Moya stated that they can still call our police department. Chief Rader stated absolutely. Ms. Heidi spoke. Mayor Moya translated. Mayor Moya stated that Ms. Heidi had concerns because they demanded her cell phone to make calls and when she refused to give them her phone they still made phone calls and they have her number on their phone. Commissioner Hinojosa continued to translate. Ms. Heidi was unloading groceries and three males came up to her and wanted to use her phone and she refused, they then asked if her husband was home. Ms. Heidi's husband was not home, but she told them that he was home. They kept harassing Ms. Heidi and there was nothing that she could do because her children were all with her and she would like for more patrol. Chief Rader stated that he has a policy that they go out there every hour. Chief Rader stated that he has a patrol unit that calls out in Galena Manor every hour and patrols the area. Ms. Daniels, a citizen, stated that she never has any problems with the police and if she calls them they are there. Ms. Daniels stated that all the lights are out on 15th and Hunter, making where Ms. Heidi lives a dark area. Ms. Daniels stated that Ms. Heidi is afraid for her family and if there is anything the city can do, she would appreciate it. Commissioner Hinojosa stated that Ms. Heidi also mentioned that between 2:00 a.m. and 4:00 a.m. there is a lot of activity going on in the park. Ms. Heidi spoke. Commissioner Hinojosa translated. Last year when Ms. Heidi was expecting, they were robbed and she wanted to move all her possessions somewhere else and her husband told her not too, because they already saw the police and the next day they came back kicked in the door and robbed them again. On one of those occasions Ms. Heidi did see them and she yelled at them and they took off. Ms. Heidi is very frustrated and every time she hears a noise or the dog barking she goes to the door or looks out the window, because she thinks someone is going to break into her home. Also, there are some abandoned houses nearby that people are going in and out of. Ms. Heidi thanked the council. Mayor Moya stated that they were going to get some type of lighting there.

Mr. Jerry Patton, a citizen, stated that he is a 1974 graduate of Galena Park and he lives at 1425 12th St. Mr. Patton stated that he is just retired and will be in Galena Park another 8-10 months before he retires to Thailand. Mr. Patton stated that he is a firm believer if there is a problem get to the solution. Mr. Patton stated that he challenges the council to do a performance evaluation for the department heads. Mr. Patton stated that if they work a little bit harder it goes to leadership. Mr. Patton stated it was called a gap analysis. Mr. Patton stated that the city had gaps and they were sitting there taking it easy and not getting the job done. Mr. Patton stated that he believed in a fair job for a fair days work and he challenges each one of them. Mr. Patton stated that the last few days he has been surveying the town and has seen a lot of the city employees text messaging on company time. Mr. Patton stated that he goes to city hall to pay the water bill and has to waive to get the ladies attention, because three of them are on their phones text messaging. Mr. Patton stated that Saturday he saw a Bobcat driver on his phone. Mr. Patton stated that there are a lot trees over grown on powerlines and nobody has called HL&P. Mr. Patton stated that he is appalled by the way this city is operated, and Galena Park people used to be proud of what we did here. Mr. Patton stated that they used to have gatherings and find a solution and that is what the past Mayors Baggett, Barrett, and Philpot did, they supported each other. Mr. Patton stated that he challenges all of them to start working together and getting things done. Mr. Patton stated he is going to be there and he has plenty of money and they cannot run him out of there.

Mr. Robert Clowers, a citizen, stated to Mr. Defoyd that he got ahold of his attorney in regards to the competitive bidding, and his attorney's answer was that any city must seek competitive bidding when they are purchasing health insurance if it is over \$50,000.00. Mr. Clowers stated that his attorney also said that a professional agent could be contracted to help them retrieve bids for the city. Mr. Clowers stated that they city may consider the bids and advise of the professional when they successfully bid with the health insurance. Mr. Clowers stated that it has to be bid off and it cannot wait every other year or every three years. Mr. Clowers stated that according to his attorney

we must go out for bids every year if it is over \$50,000.00, and the city is spending about 1.5 million dollars. Mr. Clowers stated that there had not been any bids that he is aware of or that have gone across the council table. Mr. Clowers asked Mr. Defoyd if his position was still that they do not have to do it. Mr. Defoyd stated that he did not tell Mr. Clowers that they did not have to do it. Mr. Defoyd stated what he said was if the city appointed an agent to gather bids from different insurance companies, and the city did that two years ago, Mr. Clowers was on the council and it was perfectly legal. Mr. Pruett stated that the agent this year recommended staying where we are at because the current carrier came in with a 9% increase and the other carriers were coming in as high as a 30% increase. Mr. Clowers asked if the councilmen saw those. Mr. Pruett stated that it was all open records. Mr. Pruett stated that there are only about three insurance companies that carry a group plan and if you change insurance companies every year you are very limited. Mr. Pruett stated that Blue Cross Blue Shield came in at a 9% increase and Aetna who the city had before came in at about a 25% increase. Mr. Pruett stated that the city went with the lessor cost and Mr. Clowers said so himself that the broker the city has is allowed to negotiate for the city. Mr. Clowers stated he is to go out for bids and bring back to city council for them to choose. Mr. Clowers stated that has never happened. Mr. Clowers stated that Mr. Ennis has been the agent.....Mr. Pruett stated that it has happened, it happened a couple of years ago and we went with Blue Cross Blue Shield because they came in cheaper and Aetna went up because of the claims involved. Mr. Clowers stated that if we would have gone out for bids then Aetna may have come in cheaper this year. Mr. Pruett stated that he does not believe so. Mr. Clowers stated that he does not know, because he didn't do it. Mr. Clowers stated for them to move on, because it isn't going to go anywhere.

A citizen asked what is the notice that has been posted in reference to and why is it just being put up. Mayor Moya asked what notice was that. Mr. Pruett stated that he did not know what it was. The citizen stated that it had been posted on the doors and in the council room. The citizen stated that to her it seems as if someone is keeping them from speaking or for them to be quiet. The citizen stated that if they spoke they would be charged with a misdemeanor. Mr. Pruett stated it has been out before. Mr. Jerry Patton, a citizen, stated that he has enough money for all of them to speak and say what is on their mind, it is still a free country. Mayor Moya stated that it was the free amendments and they can state what they want to state, this is the citizens meetings. The citizen asked what is the purpose of posting it. Mayor Moya stated that she did not know it was posted. Mr. Robert Clowers, a citizen, asked who posted the sign. Chief Rader stated that he posted it. Mayor Moya asked if there was a reason why he posted it. Chief Rader stated it was because it was Texas law. The citizen asked what are they trying to say, are they trying to say if we speak our mind...Chief Rader stated that no, it did not interrupt their first amendment. The citizen asked if they are saying if they talk out of turn are they going to be fined. Chief Rader stated no, that is what Texas law says. Chief Rader stated if they are violent....the citizen stated yes, if they are violent it is understandable. Chief Rader stated if they become disruptive and disrupt the meeting. The citizen asked if is being disruptive, speaking their minds. Chief Pruett stated that is not what it means. Officer Lavelle, Reserve Officer, stated that he recalls having to post it after he had to escort someone out of a meeting, who had been extremely disrespectful to our Mayor. Mr. Lavelle stated that he had to escort the individual out and it was posted a week later, not under his direction.

Mr. Robert Clowers, a citizen, asked that with Mr. Lavelle being there as a security guard, is he not the attorney for Robert Pruett. Officer Lavelle stated that he was there as a police officer not a security guard. Mr. Clowers stated that it was a conflict of interest that he is there doing security at the council meeting and he is Mr. Pruett's attorney. Officer Lavelle stated that he is there protecting city assets, personnel, and the citizens. Commissioner Simms stated that Officer Lavelle was in his police uniform. A citizen asked Officer Lavelle if he was Mr. Pruett's attorney. Officer Lavelle stated that he was an attorney.

Ms. Daniels, a citizen, stated that in Galena Manor are a lot of empty houses. Ms. Daniels asked if the city had any standard on what the home owners can charge for rent. Ms. Daniels stated one home was for \$1300.00 a month of rent and required a \$1300.00 deposit. Mayor Moya stated that

unfortunately if they are the home owner they have the right to put their own cost. Mayor Moya stated that all we can give are suggestions. Mayor Moya stated that the city cannot give a number of how much they can charge at their own personal home. Ms. Daniels stated that the homes are being ran down, because of their high rent expectation for the area. Mayor Moya stated that the city does have an ordinance for them to keep up with their home, but not on the amount they are allowed to charge. Commissioner Simms stated that those homes are the ones that we have trouble collecting taxes from, and it hurts all of us. Mayor Moya stated that we will be working on collecting the taxes.

A citizen asked that if they can get new microphones, they cannot hear anybody in the audience.

Ms. Heidi, a citizen, stated that there was a lot of mosquitos at the park in Galena Manor, because the water just sits there and it even smells bad. Mr. Ernesto Paderes, Parks and Recreation Director, stated that David Binning, the Public Works Director, and himself went out to the park and they are trying to come up with a way to build a trench to let the water drain. Mr. Paredes stated that they are looking into the lighting and reporting to HL&P any lights that do not work. Mayor Moya stated they would look into that.

Mr. Jack Brown, a citizen, stated that it was CenterPoint who they needed to contact about the lights not HL&P. Mr. Brown stated that he sees lights out all the time and he will call CenterPoint about the light and they will have it fixed within 3-5 days. Mr. Brown stated he had just had one fixed on the corner of 8th and Center. A citizen stated that she was told that it was the city's responsibility to fix the lights. Commissioner Serna stated to the citizen that if she stayed a little bit after the meeting that she would see what they can do to help her, but the city cannot do anything with CenterPoint's light poles. Commissioner Serna stated that she would indicate to her what she needed to do to get it fixed and she would also have a department head help her make the call to CenterPoint. Commissioner Serna stated that the more people that call CenterPoint the better the answer. Commissioner Flores stated that something they used to do in Houston would be that a group of people would volunteer and get together to drive around and take notes of what lights are out. Commissioner Flores stated that he would get with the interact kids and see if they would volunteer to drive around with him and take notes of what lights are out. Mr. Jerry Patton, a citizen, volunteered to drive around with him. Mayor Moya stated that when the citizens make a phone call we can start a list then designate someone to make those calls. Commissioner Flores stated that was fine, but there was a website that you can go to and get it done. Commissioner Flores stated that he would drive around with the kids, make a list and do it all on the website. A citizen asked if it wasn't part of their job to do that anyways. Mayor Moya stated yes, and that is why they were going to designate someone to take care of it. Mayor Moya stated that when the citizens make the calls we will have someone designated that can do it for you, even though it does not belong to the city it is part of the city. The citizen stated shouldn't the workers report the lights out as they are driving around. Commissioner Simms stated they did not have a night crew, other than the mosquito sprayer and the police. Mr. Patton stated to the Mayor that it goes to show them that they have gaps, and they need to close them. Mr. Patton stated that they are trusted servants and he is a man of his word and he will help them. Mr. Patton stated that there is a solution there and they need to get the information out to the people of Galena Park. Mr. Brown stated that a long time ago, you would call city hall about getting a light fixed and they would refer you to the light company. Mr. Brown stated that some people may not know how to go about contacting the light company and it would be great to have someone at city hall to go ahead and help them and take care of the issue. Mayor Moya stated that they are going to work on that. Commissioner Simms stated that they can put the information on the water bill and let people know where they need to call to get a light fixed. Mayor Moya stated correct, but we can also have someone help them here, because some people may not have a computer.

Ms. Daniels stated that she had a problem with trees. Commissioner Serna stated that was also CenterPoint. Ms. Daniels stated that she called city hall yesterday about some big trees. Ms. Daniels

stated that someone informed her that it could be the water company that could do something about it, because it was on the easement. Ms. Daniels stated that the limbs go over the driveway and scratch her car when she goes into her driveway. Mayor Moya asked Mr. Pruett if we could send someone out to her house at 2506 16th St. Mr. Pruett stated that they could send someone out to her house and they could cut the limbs if it is on the street, but they cannot go into private property and cut the tree. Mr. Pruett stated that they can talk to the neighbor and see if they would have some voluntary compliance, but they cannot go in and cut the trees.

Mayor Moya thanked everyone for their comments and concerns.

Item #4- Consider approving the minutes of regular meeting on September 1, 2015. Commissioner Flores moved to approve the minutes of regular meeting on September 1, 2015. Commissioner Serna, 2nd...Vote: 5 Ayes...Motion Carried.

Item # 5- Consider ratifying accounts payable from August 31, 2015 through September 11, 2015. Commissioner Hinojosa stated that he wanted the citizens to know that there would be no more Metro bus going through Galena Park. Commissioner Hinojosa stated that Metro a couple of months ago said that what we pay them a month is not enough to send a bus to pick up a couple of people in our city. Commissioner Hinojosa stated that is what the final payment is about on the payables. Commissioner Hinojosa stated for everyone to pass that along. Commissioner Flores moved to ratify accounts payable from August 31, 2015 through September 11, 2015. Commissioner Hinojosa, 2nd...Vote: 5 Ayes...Motion Carried.

Item # 6- Consider opening and awarding seal bids for six city vehicles. Mayor Moya stated that they only received one bid. Mayor Moya opened the seal bid and read aloud as follows. Mr. Herrera bid \$200.00 on a 2008 Chevy Impala Unit # 61 Vin#4486, runs with no A/C. Mr. Herrera bid \$200.00 on a 2008 Chevy Impala Unit #62 Vin # 9597, runs with no A/C. Mr. Herrera bid \$200.00 on a 2009 Chevy Impala Unit #64 Vin #9398, transmission problems. Mr. Herrera bid \$100.00 on a 2003 Ford Crown Victoria Unit # 73 Vin #2009, does not run. Mr. Herrera bid \$100.00 on a 2003 Ford Crown Victoria Unit # 72 Vin #3914, does not run and no rear window. Mr. Herrera bid \$100.00 on a 2007 Ford Crown Victoria Unit #79 Vin #3210, runs. Mayor Moya stated the bidder was Herrera's Auto Repair. Mayor Moya stated to keep in mind they did not have to accept the bids. Commissioner Simms made a motion to table the item to go out for more bids. Commissioner Hinojosa, 2nd...Vote: 5 Ayes...Motion Carried.

Item # 7- Consider approving the second and final reading of Ordinance 2015-12- adopting the budget for the City of Galena Park beginning October 1, 2015 and ending September 30, 2016. Mayor Moya stated that she believed they were going to discuss the budget before making any decisions. Mayor Moya stated that she is in agreement to give an increase to the hourly pay along with the fire department and the police department. Mayor Moya stated that they did the break down on the salaries that the department heads and administration are receiving and because of the fact of the city having to increase the water rates due to needing funds for the city, she does not think this is the right time to give the pay increase to the salary employees. Mayor Moya stated that she is in favor of giving the raise to the hourly pay employees along with police and fire. Mayor Moya stated that if they compare the numbers the hourly employees will not benefit as much as the higher pay salary employees. Mayor Moya stated that she hopes they are on board with her because they have to think about the future of the city and bring it up, before they think about giving pay raises and gas privileges. Mayor Moya stated that she thinks there is always time to do that later and she wants to prevent from putting another burden on the citizens and raise the water rates again. Mayor Moya stated that she refuses to do that and she will vote for the budget with the exception of that item. Commissioner Flores asked Mr. Pruett if it was dictated by the City of Houston. Mr. Pruett stated that the water and sewer rate increase is a different thing and is dictated by the City of Houston. Commissioner Serna asked if the city profited from it. Mr. Pruett stated state law prohibits us from profiting from the water and sewer department. Mayor Moya stated if they go back to how much

they can do if they do not give that pay increase, they can work on fire hydrants, a little bit on the infrastructure, and do more beneficial things that are going to be more productive for the city without having to put that burden on the citizens. Mayor Moya stated that is what she is there for to protect the money for the citizens. Mayor Moya stated that the administration is having 7-8% pay raises and she does not see the equality with the hourly employees. Commissioner Serna stated if the Mayor did not see that, let's say the engineer, has to overlook the work that the contractors are doing the work and if she was not there and if the council decided not to value her knowledge, they would have to hire an engineer on a contract bases that would cost them \$200.00 per hour. Commissioner Serna stated that it would cost them a lot more than \$5,000.00. Mayor Moya stated that she is not saying she does not deserve the pay increase she is just saying that this is not the right time. Commissioner Simms asked if the Mayor had a time table of when it would be a good time. Mayor Moya stated that they would have to go back and see how the books are looking. Mayor Moya stated that they just got a pay raise last year and they cannot afford to get a pay raise every year, it depends on how the funds are looking. Commissioner Serna stated that there are other valuable department heads and she thinks they should compensate them for their services. Mayor Moya stated that it goes back to the welfare and the future of the city and she hopes that they take this into consideration, because they can always give the pay raises but they need to secure the future of the city first. Commissioner Serna stated that \$25,000 was not going to get a big project done in the city. Mayor Moya stated that it can start fixing the fire hydrants and the safety of the city and citizens is very valuable to her and that is why she is here. Commissioner Serna stated not without the proper direction. Mayor Moya stated that she did not think that Ms. Cooper, water and sewer superintendent, would leave the city just because they don't give her the pay increase right now. Commissioner Flores stated it was not good to speak about personnel. Mayor Moya stated it was not personal. Mayor Moya stated that Ms. Cooper was very good at what she did, and she knows that Ms. Cooper likes what she does and she knows that she understands and she is doing her job for the good at the city. Commissioner Flores stated that one of their main concerns was the water and complying with TCEQ, and he understands the fire department is important, but so is the water department. Commissioner Flores stated that he understands Mayor Moya values the fire department, but the water department is also very important to the city and the citizens. Mayor Moya stated correct and those are the hourly employees that will have the pay increase. Commissioner Flores stated that they needed to have the top of the ticket, which is the engineer with the licenses. Mayor Moya asked Ms. Cooper how many employees she had under her that were certified. Ms. Cooper stated that she had two that are water certified and she is required to have two, and she has one under her that ha the appropriate waste water license. Mayor Moya stated that they do have good competent people that are qualified and they do deserve a pay raise. Mayor Moya stated that she did agree with him there. Commissioner Flores stated that he also agreed with her, but he also thinks they have to take of the employees that are at the top. Commissioner Flores stated that if they did not have that person where she is, they would be in worst shape than they are now. Commissioner Flores stated that just like the Mayor said about looking out for the future of the city, this is the future of the city. Commissioner Flores stated that the decision they make there tonight was going to mean something and he feels that they should compensate the employees that have the credentials and track record to do what they are about to encounter. Commissioner Flores stated that even if they are not there 9 months from then, whoever is going to inherit that. Mayor Moya stated that they have to have the funds to do so. Commissioner Simms stated that is why they have a budget for. Commissioner Simms made a motion to approve the 2015-2016 budget as presented. Commissioner Serna, 2nd...Mayor Moya stated that she disagreed, but again there is nothing that she can do because she is one vote. Mr. Jerry Patton, a citizen, stated that the main concern is if the city is cost efficient. Mr. Patton stated to get out of ego's and get into solution and they should do pay raises on performance evaluations. Commissioner Serna stated that they were on a time lime. Commissioner Flores stated that he does agree that from now on they should do performance evaluations. Mr. Robert Clowers, a citizen, stated that it looks like 60% of the budget is based on the employees' salaries, benefits, and perks. Mayor Moya stated that was correct. Mr.

Clowers stated that was high. Mayor Moya stated that was her point exactly. Vote: 4 Ayes...1 Nay (Mayor Moya) with the exception of giving the salary department heads a pay increase.

Item # 8- Consider approving the renewal with Blue Cross Blue Shield as the health, life, and dental insurance for full time employees. Commissioner Simms moved to approve the renewal with Blue Cross Blue Shield as the health, life, and dental insurance for full time employees. Commissioner Flores, 2nd...Vote: 5 Ayes...Motion Carried.

Item # 9- Consider approving the City of Galena Park's investment policy. Commissioner Simms moved to approve the City of Galena's Park investment policy. Commissioner Serna, 2nd... Mayor Moya asked Mr. Pruett to explain the investment policy. Mr. Pruett stated that it is something that the city does every year and adopt the city policy on investing the funds that they have. Mr. Pruett called on Nanette, the treasurer/city bookkeeper, to explain. Ms. Nanette stated that it is required under the Public Investment Act that the city adopt this policy and that it is looked at every year and revised if necessary. Ms. Nanette stated that one of the things that the auditors look at every year is that it has been passed before council and that we are doing what is necessary according to the law. Commissioner Hinojosa stated that the city does not invest in mutual funds and the city only has 5 cd's at the bank and they are not long term cd's. Commissioner Hinojosa stated that they are anywhere from 6 months to a year and because of that they are under 1% interest on them, but we have to do something with that money. Commissioner Hinojosa stated that in case there is an emergency in the city we have to get the cash out quick, and that is why we have this investment fund policy. Vote: 5 Ayes...Motion Carried.

Item # 10- Consider approving Resolution R08-2015- Forgiving water fund's debt owing to the general fund on the books of accounts of the city in the amount of \$500,000.00. Commissioner Simms moved to approve Resolution R08-2015- Forgiving water fund's debt owing to the general fund on the books of accounts of the city in the amount of \$500,000.00. Commissioner Flores, 2nd...Vote: 5 Ayes...Motion Carried.

Item # 11- Consider approving Resolution R09-2015- The sanitary sewer overflow initiative plan of the City of Galena Park to participate in the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality's program to address the sanitary sewer overflow issues of the city's sewer system. Commissioner Simms moved to approve Resolution R09-2015- The sanitary sewer overflow initiative plan of the City of Galena Park to participate in the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality's program to address the sanitary sewer overflow issues of the city's sewer system. Commissioner Hinojosa, 2nd...Vote: 5 Ayes...Motion Carried.

Item # 12- Consider the part time employment of Ryan Gonzales- Grounds Maintenance Department. Commissioner Flores moved to approve the part time employment of Ryan Gonzales- Grounds Maintenance Department. Commissioner Serna, 2nd...Vote: 5 Ayes...Motion Carried.

Item # 13- Consider approving the full time employments of Leonel Cantu, Jr. and Kristen Milton as galena park police dispatcher- police department. Commissioner Hinojosa moved to approve the full time employments of Leonel Cantu, Jr. and Kristen Milton as galena park police dispatcher- police department. Commissioner Serna, 2nd...Vote: 5 Ayes...Motion Carried.

Mayor Moya asked for Announcement.

Ms. Taggy Hall announced the Galena Manor luncheon and stated that they were going to be honoring the citizens that are over 90 years old.

Commissioner Flores announced that the city has been celebrating the 80th Birthday of the city with different events including a soccer tournament and a walk a thon. Commissioner Flores announced that there will also be a time capsule ceremony at city hall and they would like to invite everyone

and the past mayors or councilmen. There will be music from the band and in 50 years they will open it up. Commissioner Flores announced that at the senior luncheons they will be honoring residents that are 90 years old and older.

Ms. Harding stated that where McDonald's is at, it used to be the Harding's Hotel. Mayor Moya asked if they were related to her. Ms. Harding stated yes. Their story is in one page of the Galena Park History book.

Commissioner Flores stated that he is working with the kids at the high school and their study body and would like for the Mayor and Commissioners to know and help inform them on what the Council does.

Commissioner Serna stated that the Parks and Recreation department are the recipients of the Lyondell Global Care day that will take place on September 19th. They will be a fenced in dog park and put benches in the toddler playground area along with a shaded area and a sandbox. The Baggett parking lot will be sandblast and painted. Commissioner Serna stated that 200 volunteers will participate and a value of \$5,000-\$10,000 at no cost to the city.

Commissioner Flores stated that they also received a donation of about 30 trees from Trees for Houston and they will be planting the trees in memory of the 80th anniversary. Ms. Harding stated that it does not do any good to have trees donated if nobody takes care of them.

Commissioner Flores also announced National Night Out at the Shafaii parking lot. Commissioner Serna announced National Night out at the Fire Department in Woodland Acres and the other one will be on 4th and Graham. Commissioner Serna stated that they will start at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Taggy Hall announced they will also have theirs in Galena Manor.

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

Meeting adjourned: 7:21 P.M.


MAYRA GONZALES


APPROVED