

The City of Galena Park

City Commission Meeting

Date: December 01, 2015

A regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Galena Park was held at City Hall in Council Chambers, Tuesday evening at 6:00 P.M. on December 01, 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 6:02 p.m.

Item # 2- Mr. Robert Clowers gave the invocation

Item # 3- Comments from the audience.

Mr. Jerry Patton, a citizen, addressed the Mayor and Commissioners. Mr. Patton stated that they needed to get a grip on how they handle city business. Mr. Patton stated that there was no structure and good solid leadership overcomes that. Mr. Patton stated to the citizens to not be dismayed with the election coming up, that they will see people become very proactive. Mr. Patton stated that the core services of Galena Park are in dire need of improvement and the streets are not adequate. Mr. Patton stated to the council to get with the program and step up to the plate. Mr. Patton stated that they can only rise as high as their skill level and he challenges them for their skill level.

Item # 4- Consider approving the minutes of the regular meeting on November 17, 2015. Commissioner Serna moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on November 17, 2015. Commissioner Flores, 2nd...Vote: 5 Ayes...Motion Carried.

Item # 5- Consider ratifying accounts payable through December 01, 2015. Commissioner Flores moved to approve ratifying accounts payable through December 01, 2015. Commissioner Serna, 2nd...Vote: 5 Ayes... Motion Carried.

Item # 6- Consider approving the assignment letter from LJA Engineering for engineering services for an emergency waterline repair at Clinton Drive and Main Street- Proposal No. 15-01655. Commissioner Serna moved to approve the assignment letter from LJA Engineering for engineering services for an emergency waterline repair at Clinton Drive and Main Street- Proposal No. 15-01655. Commissioner Hinojosa, 2nd... Vote: 5 Ayes...Motion Carried.

Item # 7- Consider approving a task order agreement and task order no.1 for the engineering services between the City of Galena Park and Alan Plummer Associates, Inc. for the sanitary sewer overflow initiative implementation program. Commissioner Serna moved to approve a task order agreement and task order no.1 for the engineering services between the City of Galena Park and Alan Plummer Associates, Inc. for the sanitary sewer overflow initiative implementation program. Commissioner Flores, 2nd...Vote: 5 Ayes...Motion Carried.

Item # 8- Consider approving the assignment letter from LJA Engineering for engineering services for Crown and 17th Street drainage and road repaving- Proposal No. 15-01634. Commissioner Flores moved to approve the assignment letter from LJA Engineering for engineering services for Crown and 17th Street drainage and road repaving- Proposal No. 15-01634. Commissioner Serna, 2nd...Vote: 5 Ayes...Motion Carried.

Item # 9- Consider approving the assignment letter from LJA Engineering for engineering services for the Mayo Shell road ditch cleaning and regrading-Proposal No. 15-01635. Commissioner Flores moved to approve the assignment letter from LJA Engineering for engineering services for the Mayo Shell road ditch cleaning and regrading-Proposal No. 15-01635. Commissioner Serna, 2nd...Mayor Moya asked if they had anybody had any question in bases of the terms of compensation. Mayor Moya asked if everybody knew how much it was going to cost the city. Commissioner Serna stated yes ma'am. Mayor Moya stated the lump sum of \$234,345 per section 5.1.3 lump sum fee of the agreement. Mayor Moya stated that for the bidding phase the lump sum fee of \$4,000.00 per section 5.1.3 lump sum fee of the agreement. Mayor Moya stated that the construction fee would be based on a lump sum fee of \$8,000.00 per section 5.1.3 lump sum fee of the agreement. Mayor Moya stated the extra services per section 5.1.4, additional services for preliminary budgeting service they estimate \$1,500 in record drawings and \$6,500 in project representation. Along with an estimated \$3,500 in reimbursable expenses. Mayor Moya asked if they comprehend that section. The council stated yes they do. Vote: 5 Ayes...Motion Carried.

Mayor Moya asked for Announcements.

Mayor Moya stated that she had a letter that was given to her and she would like to read it. Mayor Moya read the following:

" I wanted to take a minute to bring to light my appreciation and to Officer Alex Pinon. On the day of November 1st, I was in my front yard clearing weed out of my rock garden. Since I am undergoing chemo for my cancer I get very tired, very quickly. I decided to get down on the ground on my side, which makes it easier for me to pull the weeds. Officer Pinon was driving by and saw what appeared to be a senior citizen to be lying on the concrete side walk of his house. He backed up, got out of his vehicle and started walking over to me to evaluate the situation. We spoke briefly and he asked me if I was ok, I assured him that I was. Having been an MP (Military Police) in the army we talked military for a few minutes then he left. I would like to thank the Galena Park Police for their vigilance and I feel they are doing a fantastic job as policemen and women, like Officer Pinon. There is too much negative publicity with police in general and all of the good that is done gets swept under the rug. I would like to believe there are other police officers that are doing good things for our city, as does Officer Pinon. What Officer Pinon does for me means a lot to me, as a senior citizen of this town. Had I been really injured it is comforting to know that the police department was there to assist me. Our police and fire/ems crews deserve a lot more credit for doing by the right citizens of Galena Park. Mayor Moya stated thank you and for Commissioner Hinojosa to notify Officer Pinon. Mr. Pruettt stated that the man that letter was in the audience. Mayor Moya thanked Mr. Paul Henry.

Commissioner Flores thanked everyone that participated in the tire round up to clean the city. Commissioner Flores announced that they will be going around to give a prize to the best Christmas decorated homes. Commissioner Flores also announced that they are still working on the street light project. Mayor Moya stated that she would like to thank Lon Squyres from Jacinto City for the tire round up. Commissioner Flores stated that he will be meeting with him and he will thank him again for giving the city the opportunity to participate.

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

Mayor Moya announced the tree lighting would be following the meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 6:16 P.M.


MAYRA GONZALES


APPROVED