

The City of Galena Park

City Commission Meeting

Date: December 15, 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 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- Commissioner Danny Simms gave the invocation

Item # 3- Comments from the audience.

Mr. Jerry Patton, a citizen, stated that his wife and himself would like to wish each one of them a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and he hopes that 2016 is a very prosperous year for the City of Galena Park. Mr. Patton thanked Mayor Moya for everything that she has accomplished and for everything that she has tried to do. Mr. Patton stated that come May 7th the citizens of Galena Park will have their voice again, and he will assure them that the next people that take office will not make a mockery of the city charter. Mr. Patton stated that Mr. Clowers made an excellent comment on how the council picks and chooses. Mr. Patton stated that the ultimate authority of the City of Galena Park are the citizens, and the only one that took that to heart was the Mayor. Mr. Patton stated that he made a phone call to PCT. 2 office and inquired about Mayoshell Rd. Mr. Patton stated that they told him that Mayoshell Rd. was not on their road log and that it is a private road. Mr. Patton stated that his biggest concern is, why would the city want to spend all that money on Mayoshell Rd. Mr. Patton stated to ask the citizens how many times they have been down that road. Mr. Patton stated that he can think of other ways to spend that money. Mr. Patton stated that they could have spent it on crisis intervention training for the police department. Mr. Patton stated that they are so dysfunctional and everything is politically motivated. Mr. Patton stated that this did not happen overnight and he can give them that. He stated that the infrastructure of the city has got so bad. Mr. Patton stated that the Mayor had experienced people that could have helped the city and he even offered to help, but they do not know how to do a budget or follow the rules. Mr. Patton stated that every successful entity in the United States has one thing in common, they sore up their revenue resources, and they couldn't even do that.

A citizen stated that the council meeting was the last meeting of 2015. The citizen stated that he has seen good change in Galena Park. He stated that the city is cleaner and he sees good service from the police department. He stated to Commissioner Hinojosa, that he had a lot of work to do and keep the citizens safe. He stated that the street were looking clean and he knows that Commissioner Flores is doing everything that the can. He thanked Commissioner Serna for a good job and he stated that Mr. Paredes, Parks and Recreation Director, works very hard. The citizen stated that nobody is wrong there; if for some reason they make little mistakes, they can try to correct the mistakes little by little. The citizen wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

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Item # 4- Consider approving the minutes of regular meeting on December 01, 2015. Commissioner Flores moved to approve the minutes of December 01, 2015. Commissioner Hinojosa, 2nd ...Vote: 5 Ayes...Motion Carried.

Item # 5- Consider ratifying accounts payable through December 15, 2015. Commissioner Serna moved to approve ratifying accounts payable through December 15, 2015. Commissioner Flores, 2nd...Vote: 5 Ayes... Motion Carried.

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

Item # 7- Consider changing the employment status of Robert Wright from full time to part time- Water Department. Commissioner Flores moved to approve changing the employment status of Robert Wright from full time to part time- Water Department. Commissioner Hinojosa, 2nd ...Vote: 5 Ayes...Motion Carried.

Mayor Moya asked for Announcements.

Commissioner Serna announced that the Galena Park Recreation Department will be having the annual Holiday party for all the senior citizens. Commissioner Serna stated that it is a combined event for Galena Manor and Galena Park and it will be sponsored by Judge Risner. Commissioner Serna stated that the city employees will be getting together on the 17th.

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

Meeting adjourned: 6:15 P.M.


MAYRA GONZALES


APPROVED