

# The City of Galena Park

## City Commission Meeting

Date: January 19, 2016

A special 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 January 19, 2016.

<b>Present were:</b>	<b>Esmeralda Moya</b>	<b>Mayor</b>
	<b>Danny Simms</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>
	<b>Maricela Serna</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>
	<b>Juan Flores</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>
	<b>Vanessa Charles</b>	<b>Administrative Secretary</b>
	<b>Robert Pruett</b>	<b>City Administrator</b>
	<b>Jim DeFoyd</b>	<b>City Attorney</b>

<b>Absent:</b>	<b>Mayra Gonzales</b>	<b>City Secretary</b>
	<b>Cruz R. Hinojosa, Jr</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>

Item # 1- Mayor Moya called the meeting to order.

Item # 2- Mayor Moya called on Mr. Patton for the invocation.

Item # 3- Comments from audience.

Mr. Clowers, a citizen, asked if we were having four senior luncheons this month. Stated that Commissioner Serna sent out on the council corner that we were having a luncheon on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday and that we were also having one on the 21<sup>st</sup> and the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Commissioner Serna stated that we were not having 4 luncheons it was probably a mistake. Mr. Clowers also asked who our financial advisor was. Mr. Pruett stated that it was Jim Gully same one that we have used for the last 20 to 25 years. Mr. Clowers asked if he is the one doing the bonds. Mr. Pruett answered that he is not the one doing the bonds but he is the advisor of that.

Mr. Brown, a citizen, stated that in the agenda there is an order to survey 33 acres and will like to know where we have 33 acres at and will like to know why it is being done, is it being sold or traded? Mr. Pruett answered that the property was deeded over to the city about 32 to 33 acres it is on the North side of the city on the other side of the horse lots, it is actually in the city of Houston City Limits, it is something that the city has owned for 30 or 40 years.

Mr. Patton, a citizen, stated that in the last council meeting the budget and some figures were discuss and that he gets a letter in their water bill saying that we have money but he is concerned that the budget was over read by nine hundred and fifteen thousand dollars. Mr. Patton, stated that all he has are facts , that number can be manipulated and he can see that that money was amended and will like to know where that money went and he also doesn't want the citizens to be misled that if they fix the streets because there is elections coming.

A citizen wanted to thank the City of Galena Park for keeping the street clean; Galena Park is changing, Thank you to the community to the residence. He also had a question about someone marking his property and will like to know if the city had anything to do with it. He was advised that it could be a survey crew doing easements. Mr. Cooper stated that that the water department is repairing sewer lines if he lived on 1<sup>st</sup> and east way they are working on sewer rehab in that area and they have to called to get the utility marked for the contractor, that may be what the markings are for on his property.

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**Item # 4 Consider approving the minutes of regular meeting on January 5, 2016, workshop on January 4, 2016, and special meeting on January 8, 2016. Flores tabled the meeting minutes since they were not completed. Commissioner Serna, 2nd. Vote 4 Ayes...Motion Carried.**

**Item # 5-Consider ratifying accounts payable through January 19, 2016.Commissioner Serna moved to approve ratifying accounts payable through January 19, 2016. Commissioner Flores 2<sup>nd</sup>...Vote 4 Ayes...Motion Carried**

**Item # 6- Consider authorizing the city administrator to order a survey on 33 acres of city property. Commissioner Flores moved to approve the city administrator to order a survey on 33 acres of city property. Commissioner Serena 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote 4 Ayes...Motion Carried**

**Item # 7-Consider approving changing the employment status of Dean Bailey from part time to full time-Firefighter/EMT. Commissioner Simms moved to approve changing the employment status of Dean Bailey from part time to full time-Firefighter/EMT. Commissioner Flores 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote 4 Ayes...Motion Carried**

**Item# 8- Consider approving the part time employment of Raymond Gallatin- Firefighter/Paramedic. Commissioner Flores moved to approve the part time employment of Raymond Gallatin-Firefighter/Paramedic. Commissioner Serna 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote 4 Ayes...Motion Carried**

**Item# 9- Consider approving Rick Garland to the civil service board. Commissioner Simms moved to approve Rick Garland to the civil service board. Commissioner Flores 2<sup>nd</sup>. . Vote 4 Ayes...Motion Carried**

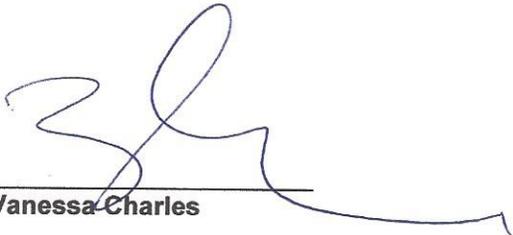
**Item# 10- Consider approving the part time employments of Martha Lance and Jacob Gallegos-Parks and Recreation Department. Commissioner Flores approved the part time employments of Martha Lance and Jacob Gallegos-Parks and Recreation Department. Commissioner Serna 2<sup>nd</sup>. . Vote 4 Ayes...Motion Carried**

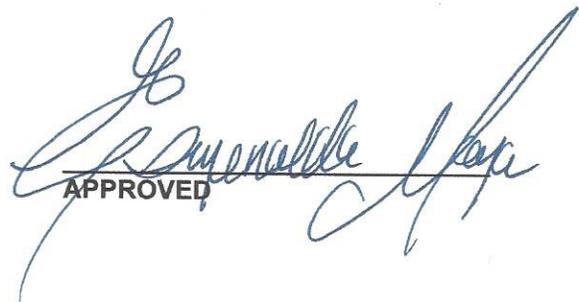
**Mayor Moya asked for Announcements.**

**Tojuana Copper wanted to remind everyone that she has set a workshop for February 2, 2016 from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. to have Simens come and talk about lessons that they have learned from using smart meters we are placing 51 Commercial and Industrial meters they will like to come and give an educational workshop about different technologies associated with smart metering, things that we should take into consideration when selecting meters and the lessons that they have learned, they are a mutual party.**

**Mr. Patton, a citizen, stated 16 Saturdays to the election.**

**Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.**

  
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Vanessa Charles

  
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