

The City of Galena Park

City Commission Meeting

Date: March 15, 2016

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 March 15, 2016.

Present were:

Esmeralda Moya
Cruz R. Hinojosa, Jr.
Maricela Serna
Juan Flores
Mayra Gonzales
Robert Pruett
Jim Defoyd

Mayor
Commissioner
Commissioner
Commissioner
City Secretary
City Administrator
City Attorney

Absent: Commissioner Danny Simms

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

Item # 2- Mayor Moya led the invocation and pledge.

Item # 3-Comments from audience.

A Citizen asked if someone could tell him what a street captain is? Mayor Moya responded that it is someone that has to take care of the block. Citizen asked if that was a position that you just give to someone and tell them they run the street. Mayor responded that she believes that the street captain was assigned by someone on the Civic board. Citizen stated that Captain Aretha Douglas thinks she is running the streets. He stated that he is retired and they are mad at him. Citizen also stated someone called on his car a 228 Camaro, he stated that it has been there 30 years in his carport and due to the call it was tagged because of the City ordinance. Citizen stated that he has a list of approximately 30 vehicles in Galena Manor that have been there since day 1 and would like to give it to someone. List was giving to the City Administrator. Citizen stated that Aretha also had a car parked in front of her house and that she has favoritism.

Mr. Patton a citizen stated that he went online and looked in the Charter and will like to know if the Commissioners that live in Galena Park get special treatment for not paying their property taxes? Mr. Patton stated that he would like to know why Commissioner Serna had not paid her property taxes for 2014 or 2015. Commissioner Serna stated that she had paid the 2014 taxes and the 2015 she had not. Mr. Patton asked why she was getting special treatment. Commissioner Serna stated that that was not getting special treatment she pays interest on that.

A citizen would like to know why a lady on 16th street is getting a disconnection notice. Mayor Moya asked why her water was going to be disconnected and citizen stated that the citizen received a bill of \$161.00 and the citizen is 73 years old. The citizen asked why the employees that work for Galena Park do don't pay their taxes and they want to disconnect the 73 year old's water. She stated that it was a joke and ridiculous. Mayor Moya asked the citizen for the bill so she can see it.

Dorothy Harding, a citizen, asked for someone to translate. Mayor Moya translated.

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Item # 4 Consider approving the minutes of regular meeting on March 2, 2016. Commissioner Hinojosa moved to approve the minutes of regular meeting on March 2, 2016. Commissioner Flores 2nd...Vote: 4 Ayes...Motion Carried.

Item # 5- Consider ratifying accounts payable through March 15, 2016. Commissioner Hinojosa moved to approve ratifying accounts payable through March 15, 2016 Commissioner Flores 2nd... Vote: 4 Ayes...Motion carried.

Item # 6- Consider approving the agreement between City of Galena Park and Election Systems & Software, LLC. for rental equipment software and services for the May 7, 2016 Election. Commissioner Hinojosa moved to approved the agreement between City of Galena Park and Election Systems & Software, LLC. for rental equipment software, and services for the May 7, 2016 Election. Commissioner Flores 2nd...Vote: 4 Ayes...Motion carried. A citizen asked why the city was using this company, it makes it difficult for some citizens to work the machines. City Secretary advised that she checked with the county and they were not leasing the e-slate machines to the municipalities this election cycle and she also check with another company and they quoted almost double the amount per machine than ES&S.

Item # 7-Consider approving the revised assignment letter for engineering services as required for Crown and 17th St. drainage, water, sanitary sewer and road paving. Commissioner Flores moved to approve the revised assignment letter for engineering services as required for Crown and 17th St. drainage, water, sanitary sewer and road paving. Commissioner Serna 2nd...Vote: 4 Ayes...Motion carried.

Item # 8.-Consider approving the promotion of James Wells to patrol sergeant-Police Department. Commissioner Hinojosa moved to approve the promotion of James Wells to patrol sergeant-Police Department. Commissioner Flores 2nd...Vote: 4 Ayes...Motion carried.

Item # 9 –Consider changing the employment status of Ben Burnett from full time to part time-Fire Department. Commissioner Flores moved to approve changing the employment status of Ben Burnett from full time to part time-Fire Department. Commissioner Serna 2nd...Vote: 4 Ayes...Motion carried.

Item # 10- Consider changing the employment status of Raymond Gallatin from part time to full time –Fire Department. Commissioner Hinojosa moved to approve changing the employment status of Raymond Gallatin from part time to full time –Fire Department. Commissioner Flores 2nd...Vote: 4 Ayes...Motion carried

Item# 11 –Consider approving Alejandro Gonzalez as Volunteer Firefighter-Fire Department. Commissioner Hinojosa moved to approve Alejandro Gonzalez as Volunteer Firefighter-Fire Department. Commissioner Flores 2nd...Vote: 4 Ayes...Motion carried

Mayor Moya asked for Announcements

Mr. Patton announced that approximately 2000 hours on May 7, 2016 we will see the results when they take their city back.

Citizen announced that last Tuesday someone was assaulted at the park between 6-7p.m and they called the police and nobody came by. Mayor Moya advised for Commissioner Hinojosa to look into it.

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Mr. Clowers recommended moving the afterhours night drop box were people don't need to get out of their vehicle. Mayor Moya advised that they would look into it. Robert Pruett, the city administrator, stated that they would consider looking into it.

Commissioner Flores made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hinojosa 2nd ...Vote 4 Ayes...Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned: 6:18 P.M


Mayra Gonzales


APPROVED