

The City of Galena Park

City Commission Meeting

Date: May 17, 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 May 17, 2016.

Present were:	Esmeralda Moya	Mayor
	Cruz R. Hinojosa, Jr.	Commissioner
	Maricela Serna	Commissioner
	Rodney Chersky	Commissioner
	Oscar Silva, Jr.	Commissioner
	Eric Broussard	Commissioner
	Barry Ponder	Commissioner
	Mayra Gonzales	City Secretary
	Mr. John Hightower	Special Counsel
Absent:	Danny Simms	Commissioner
	Juan Flores	Commissioner

Item # 1-Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. on the front steps of city hall.

Item # 2- Pastor Stewart led the invocation.

Item # 3- Comments from audience. No comments were made.

Item # 4- Consider approving the Resolution R04-2016- Canvassing election returns for the election held on May 7, 2016. Commissioner Hinojosa made a motion to approve Resolution R04-2016- Canvassing election returns for the election held on May 7, 2016. Commissioner Serna, 2nd... Vote: 3 Ayes...Motion Carried. Mr. Hightower thanked Commissioner Serna and Commissioner Hinojosa for coming out to do their duty. Mayor Moya stated that she appreciated them taking the time to come out and if that they will be there if they ever needed anything from them.

Item # 5- Oath of office and certificate of election. Ms. Esmeralda Moya, Mr. Rodney Chersky, Mr. Oscar Silva, Jr., Mr. Eric Broussard, and Mr. Barry Ponder were sworn in and given their certificate of election. Mayor Moya stated that the remainder of the meeting will take place in the council chambers.

Item # 6-.Consider approving the minutes of regular meeting on May 3, 2016. Mayor Moya confirmed that the minutes for the May 3, 2016 meeting were correct. Mr. Hightower stated that even if the new council was not in the meeting they are entitled to vote on the minutes. Commissioner Ponder made a motion to approve the minutes of regular meeting on May 3, 2016. Commissioner Chersky 2nd ...Vote: 5 Ayes...Motion Carried.

Item # 7-Consider ratifying accounts payable through May 17, 2016. Commissioner Silva moved to approve ratifying accounts payable through May 17, 2016. Commissioner Broussard 2nd...Vote:5 Ayes...Motion Carried.

Item # 8- Consider approving Resolution R05-2016 setting fees and hours of operation

for the City of Galena Park Swimming Pool. Commissioner Broussard moved to approve Resolution R05-2016 setting fees and hours of operation for the City of Galena Park Swimming Pool. Commissioner Chersky 2nd...Vote: 5 Ayes...Motion Carried.

Item # 9-Consider approving the part time employment of Daniel B. Jones and the part time summer employment of the following for parks and recreation:

Lifeguards: Ivan Daniel Campillo	Summer Fun: Marisol Ovalle
Rachel Elisabet Sosa	Nunik Fernandez
Jasmine Contreras	Monica Espinoza
Cesar Javier Gonzalez	
Vincent Noel Cuellar	
Rocio Chavez	
Oscar Angel Rodriguez	

Commissioner Broussard move to approve the part time employment of Daniel B. Jones and the part-time summer employment of the following for parks and recreation:

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Commissioner Chersky 2nd...Vote: 5 Ayes...Motion Carried.

Item # 10 Consider approving the part time employment of Ryan Sadler as Firefighter/Emt-Fire Department. Commissioner Silva moved to approve the part time employment of Ryan Sadler as Firefighter/Emt-Fire Department. Commissioner Ponder 2nd...Vote: 5 Ayes...Motion Moved.

Item # 11- Consider approving Ordinance 2016-01- An ordinance amending the personnel ordinance of the City of Galena Park, Rescinding ordinance 2015-10 providing for severance package agreements and benefits. Mayor Moya suggested that item #11 be moved to # 13 after the executive session. Commissioner Ponder moved to approved moving item # 11 to #13 after the executive session. Commissioner Chersky 2nd...Vote: 5 Ayes...Motion Carried.

Item # 12-Executive session: Pursuant to the open meeting act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Section 551.074, the city commission will meet in closed executive session to discuss the employment status of the chief of police and the city administrator. Commissioner Chersky moved to approve going into executive session: Pursuant to the open meeting act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Section 551.074, the city commission will meet in closed executive session to discuss the employment status of the chief of police and the city administrator. Commissioner Ponder 2nd...Vote: 5 Ayes...Motion Carried. The city commission went into closed executive session at 6:38 p.m.

Item# 13- City Commission will reconvene into open session to consider and take action on the employment status of the Chief of Police and the City Administrator. Commissioner Ponder moved to accept the resignation of Robert Pruett as City Administrator. Commissioner Broussard 2nd...Vote: 5 Ayes...Motion Carried. Commissioner Silva moved to table Chief Rader's employment status until further notice. Commissioner Broussard 2nd..Vote: 5 Ayes...Motion carried.

Item #11- Consider approving ordinance 2016-01-An ordinance amending the personnel ordinance of the City of Galena Park, Rescinding ordinance 2015-10 providing for severance package agreements and benefits. Commissioner Broussard moved to accept approving ordinance 2016-01 an ordinance amending the personnel ordinance of the City of Galena Park, Rescinding ordinance 2015-10 providing for severance package agreements and benefits. Commissioner Ponder made a motion to dispense with the two reading requirements. Commissioner Silva 2nd... Vote: 5 Ayes... Motion Carried. Commissioner Broussard made a motion to adopt the ordinance with one reading.

Commissioner Ponder made a motion to approve ordinance 2016-01 an ordinance amending the personnel ordinance of the City of Galena Park, Rescinding ordinance 2015-10 providing for severance package agreements and benefits. Commissioner Broussard 2nd... Vote: 5 Ayes...Motion Carried.

Item # 14-Consider approving the appointment of Christopher Sanchez as intern acting Police Chief. Commissioner Silva moved to table approving the appointment of Christopher Sanchez as intern acting Police Chief. Commissioner Broussard 2nd..Vote 5 Ayes...Motion Carried.

Announcements-

Commissioner Broussard stated that there would be refreshments at the Alvin Baggett Community Center after the council meeting which is being held by the Committee for a Better Galena Park.

Mayor Moya thanked the citizens for believing in them and for the support.

Commissioner Chersky stated that he has an open door policy. If citizens have any problems or complaints he will like to hear them.

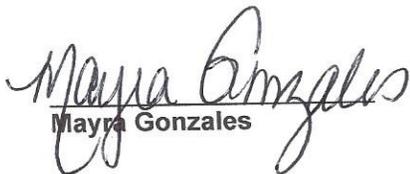
Commissioner Silva stated to feel free to come see him with any questions.

Commissioner Broussard stated he plans on doing what we can to upgrade the parks and he would be happy to hear any suggestions.

Commissioner Ponder stated that there is a lot for them to do and they have decided to do it for the citizens.

Commissioner Ponder made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Chersky 2nd... Vote: 5 Ayes...Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned:


Mayra Gonzales


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