

The City of Galena Park

City Commission Meeting

Date: November 1, 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 November 1, 2016.

Present were:

**Esmeralda Moya
Rodney Chersky
Oscar Silva, Jr.
Eric Broussard
Barry Ponder
Mayra Gonzales
Robert Collins**

**Mayor
Commissioner
Commissioner
Commissioner
City Secretary
City Attorney**

- I. Mayor called meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- II. Commissioner Chersky gave the invocation.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance.
- IV. Consideration and possible approval of the minutes of the regular meeting on October 18, 2016. Commissioner Chersky moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on October 18, 2016. Commissioner Ponder, 2nd the motion. Mayor Moya called for the vote: Commissioner Chersky...Aye, Commissioner Silva...Aye, Mayor Moya... Aye, Commissioner Broussard ... Aye, Commissioner Ponder...Aye...5 Ayes...Motion Carried.
- V. Consideration and possible approval of the accounts payable through November 1, 2016. Commissioner Chersky moved to approve the accounts payable through November 1, 2016. Commissioner Ponder, 2nd the motion. Mayor Moya called for the vote: Commissioner Chersky...Aye, Commissioner Silva...Aye, Mayor Moya... Aye, Commissioner Broussard ... Aye, Commissioner Ponder...Aye...5 Ayes...Motion Carried.
- VI. Consideration and possible approval for the city attorney to negotiate and Mayor to agree to an extension of waste collection services with the current or other waste collection service provider(s), and declaring it an emergency that the city provide such services through an outside service provider for the health and safety of the residents of Galena Park. Commissioner Chersky moved to approve the city attorney to negotiate and Mayor to agree to an extension of waste collection services with the current or other waste collection service provider(s), and declaring it an emergency that the city provide such services through an outside service provider for the health and safety of the residents of Galena Park. Commissioner Ponder, 2nd the motion. Commissioner Broussard asked the city attorney to explain this, and stated that the city had received a seal bid and only one company bid. Mr. Collins stated that the council opened the sealed bid and the city did not accept the bid. Mr. Collins stated that they had proposed to increase the rate to the citizens by about 60%. Mr. Collins stated that with the contract ending they must discuss with some service provider and they are going to be able to continue, short term, the

services without an increase, but it will be for a very short term. Commissioner Broussard asked who else were they going to talk to if nobody else bid. Mayor Moya stated that it was advertised in the paper. Commissioner Broussard asked if it was going to be legal for them to go out...Mr. Collins stated that was the purpose of them declaring an emergency, the people of Galena Park must have trash services and it would be an emergency if the city did not have trash pick-up. Mr. Collins stated that we posted it properly and only got on bidder and reduce the cost as much as possible. Commissioner Silva asked if the city was going to stay with the same company. Commissioner Broussard asked if we were going to pay them more. Mr. Collins stated that they have been able to negotiate at to continue services at the same price. Mr. Collins stated that anybody they negotiate with is going to want an increase, because we have been paying a substantially low rate when all the other cities are paying anywhere from \$16.00-\$20.00. Commissioner Broussard stated that he did not want the company to come back and say that they bid and them be violated of some right. Mr. Collins stated state law applies to and that is why we are following it. Mayor Moya called for the vote: Commissioner Chersky...Aye, Commissioner Silva...Aye, Mayor Moya... Aye, Commissioner Broussard ... Aye, Commissioner Ponder...Aye... 5 Ayes..Motion Carried.

- VII. Consideration and possible approval of Blue Cross Blue Shield for health insurance, Reliance Standard for dental and vision insurance, and Dearborn National for life insurance for all full time employees. Commissioner Chersky moved to approve Blue Cross Blue Shield for health insurance, Reliance Standard for dental and vision insurance, and Dearborn National for life insurance for all full time employees. Commissioner Ponder, 2nd the motion. Commissioner Silva asked what was the price increase for the health insurance compared to what they are paying now. Ms. Gonzales stated that it was an 8% increase. Mayor Moya called for the vote: Commissioner Chersky...Aye, Commissioner Silva...Aye, Mayor Moya... Aye, Commissioner Broussard ... Aye, Commissioner Ponder...Aye... 5 Ayes..Motion Carried.
- VIII. Consideration and possible approval of the full time employment of Lucia Quintero as Utility Billing Clerk- Water Department. Commissioner Chersky moved to approve the full time employment of Lucia Quintero as Utility Billing Clerk- Water Department. Commissioner Ponder, 2nd the motion. Mayor Moya called for the vote: Commissioner Chersky...Aye, Commissioner Silva...Aye, Mayor Moya... Aye, Commissioner Broussard ... Aye, Commissioner Ponder...Aye... 5 Ayes..Motion Carried.
- IX. Consideration and possible approval of Jerson Ibarra as Volunteer- Fire Department. Commissioner Chersky moved to approve Jerson Ibarra as Volunteer- Fire Department. Commissioner Ponder, 2nd the motion. Mayor Moya called for the vote: Commissioner Chersky...Aye, Commissioner Silva...Aye, Mayor Moya... Aye, Commissioner Broussard ... Aye, Commissioner Ponder...Aye... 5 Ayes..Motion Carried.
- X. Commissioner Broussard made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Ponder, 2nd the motion ... Mayor Moya called for the vote: Commissioner Chersky...Aye, Commissioner Silva... Aye, Mayor Moya...Aye, Commissioner Broussard...Aye, Commissioner Ponder...Aye...Vote: 5 Ayes... Motion Carried.

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Meeting Adjourn at 6:11 p.m.


Mayra Gonzales
City Secretary


APPROVED