

The City of Galena Park

City Commission Meeting

Date: February 7, 2017

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 February 7, 2017

Present were:	Esmeralda Moya	Mayor
	Rodney Chersky	Commissioner
	Oscar Silva, Jr.	Commissioner
	Eric Broussard	Commissioner
	Barry Ponder	Commissioner
	Mayra Gonzales	City Secretary
	Robert Collins	City Attorney

- I. Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- II. Mayor Moya led the Our Father.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Consideration and possible approval of the minutes of the regular meeting on January 17, 2017. Commissioner Chersky moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on January 17, 2017. 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 February 7, 2017. Commissioner Chersky moved to approve the accounts payable through February 7, 2017 . Commissioner Ponder 2nd, the motion. Mayor Moya called for the vote: Commissioner Chersky...Aye, Commissioner Silva...Nay, Mayor Moya...Aye, Commissioner Broussard...Nay, Commissioner Ponder... Aye...3 Ayes...2 Nays...Motion Carried.
- VI. Consideration and possible approval of the agreement between the City of Galena Park and Official Payments Corporation. Commissioner Chersky moved to approve the agreement between the City of Galena Park and Official Payments Corporation. Commissioner Ponder 2nd the motion. City Secretary stated that citizens can make payments online with card and also in person. 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 the agreement between the City of Galena Park and Emergency Consultants, Inc. Commissioner Chersky moved to approve the agreement between the City of Galena Park and Emergency Consultants, Inc. Commissioner Ponder 2nd the motion. .Commissioner Silva asks for the agreement to

be explained. Mayor Moya called on Fire Chief Gregory. Fire Chief Gregory stated that the agreement is so that Emergency Consulting students can ride on the Galena Park ambulance to make up their student time and get training time and it is affiliated with Texas A & M University. Commissioner Silva asked if the City would need to get a different type of insurance for the program. Fire Chief Gregory stated that the Emergency Consultation will be covering that. 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 changing the employment status of Jaime Cepeda from part time to full time employment - Street Department. Commissioner Chersky moved to approve the changing the employment status of Jaime Cepeda from part time to full time employment. 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. Presentation by Chief of Police for Certificates of appreciation. Chief Mata and Officer Tidwell gave appreciation certificates from the Galena Park Officer's Association to Street Addictions Cookers and Homeboy Cookers for cooking a lunch for First Responders. Chief Mata also presented a certificate to Mr. Ramos who is a pastor with Galena Park First Baptist Church for hosting Coffee with a Cop. Mr. Ramos stated that they appreciate the Police Department and they put their lives on the line every day.

X. Comments by public for up to three minute period- per posted procedures and rules.

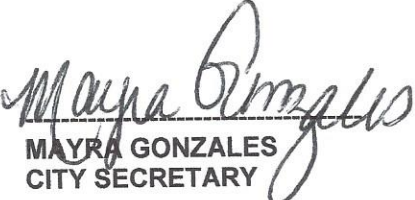
Mr. Robert Clowers, a citizen, stated that Galena Park gives the senior citizens that are 65 and over a tax exempt of \$30,000 on their home and the city has 511 units which comes to \$15,780,456.00 that we have taken off the city roll. Mr. Clowers stated that the City is press for revenue and there is gossip going around about the City will be having alcohol sales to raise revenue and gambling machines. Mr. Clowers also stated that he has a list of the 511 citizens and it looks like no one is checking it. Mr. Clowers stated that there are 20 homes that should not be on the roll which is \$600,000 that should be put back on the tax roll. Mr. Clowers stated that he scanned the list and there is several people that he can see that have passed away in the last 7 years. Mr. Clowers stated that Mayor's father in laws house on 14th street is one of them. Mr. Clowers stated that he has passed away 4 years ago and that house is still on the roll as an over 65 exception and the City is collecting \$30,000 less than it should be. Mr. Clowers suggested that the City should get with the Appraisal district and have them reevaluate.

XI. Commissioner Chersky 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.

Meeting Adjourn at 6:15 p.m.



APPROVED



MAYRA GONZALES
CITY SECRETARY