CITY OF DEL RIO, TEXAS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL
109 WEST BROADWAY
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 08, 2015 - 6:30 P.M.

AGENDA

ITEM NO.  DESCRIPTION

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Robert Garza called the meeting to order on the above date at 6:32 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present:  Mayor Robert Garza; Councilperson Rowland Garza; Councilperson Elizabeth Elizalde; Councilperson John Sheedy IV; Councilperson Mike Wrob; Councilperson Fred Contreras; Councilperson Rene Luna

Staff: Henry Arredondo; Suzanne West; Ryan Rapelye; Bob Parker; Manuel Chavez; Fred Knoll Jr;

Present:  Apolonio Hernandez; Manny Herrera; Juan Onofre; Bob Gardner; Ori Fernandez; Emit Salinas; Lori Venegas; Cynthia Pimentel; Mark Guerra; Mario Garcia; Mitch Lomas; Mary Canales; Janice Pokrant; Susan Corp; Orlando Castillo

Attendees:  news media and visitors

3. INVOCATION - Assistant Pastor Daniel Faz, Tabernacle Assembly of God

Assistant Pastor Daniel Faz, Tabernacle Assembly of God, gave the Invocation.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All of those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. CITIZEN COMMENTS

(NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN)

This is the opportunity for visitors and guests to address the City Council on any issue. City Council may not discuss any presented issue, nor take any action on any issue. A sign-up sheet is available for citizens who wish to address the Council. Please limit remarks to three minutes. Topics of operational concerns shall be directed to the City Manager. Comments should not personally attack other speakers, Council or staff.

This Agenda Item was discussed at 6:47 p.m., directly after Agenda Item No. 7a.

6. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

(NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN)

Mayor Robert Garza stated that the Christmas Parade was a huge success. There were 80 entries that participated in the Parade.
7. **PUBLIC HEARING**

   a. **Conduct Final Public Hearing on Contract 713121 Community Development Block Grant for the improvement of the Amistad Boulevard drainage project.**

   Mayor Robert Garza opened the Public Hearing for the above Agenda Item at 6:35 p.m., asking if anyone would like to speak either for or against it.

   No one came forward to speak, therefore, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 6:47 p.m.

   Mr. Esser gave a brief Power Point Presentation that covered the background of the drainage project. He stated that the Public Hearing is a requirement for the Grant.

8. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

   (NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN)

   a. **Update on Del Rio Main Street Program Events - Micheal Diaz, Main Street Committee**

   Mr. Michael Diaz, Main Street Committee, gave a Power Point Presentation which covered Events held and Advertising of Downtown businesses. He ended by stating that the Main Street By Laws calls for 9 members, but the Committee presently only has 6.

   There was a discussion as to feedback about not having a Main Street Coordinator, whether positive or negative.

   There was also a discussion as to Food Vendors selling Downtown and possible locations.

9. **CONSENT AGENDA**

   (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON THESE MATTERS)

   This is a procedure to help facilitate the meeting with a CONSENT AGENDA. One motion will approve all action items, noted as consent. These are routine matters which are repeated on the agenda. Approval means they will be implemented as recommended by the administration. Prior to acting on the consent agenda, any Councilmember may have a consent item withdrawn from this portion of the agenda so that it may be discussed prior to action.

   a. **Request Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes for Nov. 24, 2015 - Susan Corp, City Secretary**

   Councilperson Garza moved to approve the minutes. Councilperson Contreras seconded the motion.

   **Vote:** 7 - 0

10. **ORDINANCES**

   (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON THESE MATTERS)
O: 2015 - 112 An Ordinance by the City Council of the City of Del Rio, Texas hereby authorizing and directing the City Manager Henry Arredondo to execute a contract with the firm of S&B Infrastructure, Ltd. for the Second International Bridge Phase II studies and other associated work leading to the possibility of constructing a Second International Bridge for the City of Del Rio, Texas - Bob Parker, City Engineer

Councilperson Wrob felt that this would cost too much. Mayor Robert Garza pointed out that the funding was in place. Mr. Manuel Chavez, Finance Director, stated there is 2.9 million in Reserves and $600,000 in Charter Reserves. There was further discussion on this topic.

Councilperson Sheedy asked Staff to look at other bridges to see what impact it had. He stated that he supports the 2nd Bridge, but would like "to do due diligence".

Councilperson Contreras moved to approve Ordinance No. O: 2015-112. Councilperson Elizalde seconded the motion. **Vote:** 5-1-1 (Nays - Councilperson Wrob; Abstain - Councilperson Sheedy)

O: 2015 - 113 An Ordinance by the City Council of the City of Del Rio, Texas Authorizing and Directing City Manager Henry Arredondo to Issue Deductive Change Order No. 3 in the Amount of -$72,117.42 to the Contract with Spiess Construction Co., Inc. for the Sanitary Sewer Collection Rehabilitation Project, CWSRF 73639 Project Number DLR12315 - Alejandro Garcia, Public Works Director

Councilperson Luna moved to approve Ordinance No. O: 2015-113. Councilperson Garza seconded the motion.

**Vote:** 7 - 0

O: 2015 - 114 An Ordinance by the City Council of the City of Del Rio, Texas Authorizing and Directing City Manager Henry Arredondo to issue deductive Change Order No. 2 in the amount of - $54,130.34 to the contract with the Firm of Alvin E. Stock Contractor Ltd., for the Del Rio Water Rehabilitation Project- Phase A&C, Texas Water Development Board Project 61580 - Alejandro Garcia, Public Works Director

Councilperson Contreras moved to approve Ordinance No. O: 2015-114. Councilperson Luna seconded the motion.

**Vote:** 7 - 0

O: 2015 - 115 An Ordinance by the City Council of the City of Del Rio, Texas, Authorizing the Emergency Purchase and Directing the City Manager, Henry Arredondo, to Purchase, with Installation, Two (2) Electric Motors to be installed at the City of Del Rio's Water Production Plant from Advanced Water Well Technologies, in the Amount of $74,671.00 as Authorized by the Texas Government Code, Chapter 252.022. - Mitch Lomas, Water Production Superintendent / Mario A. Garcia, Purchasing Agent

Councilperson Luna moved to approve Ordinance No. O: 2015-115. Councilperson Contreras seconded the motion.

**Vote:** 7 - 0
RESOLUTIONS
(ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON THESE MATTERS)

a. R: 2015 - 088 A Resolution by the City Council of the City of Del Rio, Texas Authorizing and Directing the City Manager Henry Arredondo to Give Notice to Advertise for the Request for Qualifications (RFQ)'s for a firm to to be hired to perform all tasks required to design and produce a set of plans and specifications for the sidewalk project on North Main Street - Bob Parker, City Engineer

Councilperson Garza moved to approve Resolution No. O: 2015-088. Councilperson Contreras seconded the motion.

Vote: 7 - 0

b. R: 2015 - 089 A Resolution by the City Council of the City of Del Rio, Texas Providing for the Determination of the Vote for the Nominated Candidate(s) to the Board of Directors of the Val Verde County Appraisal District - Alma Venegas, Tax Assessor/Collector

Councilperson Wrob moved to approve Resolution No. O: 2015-088 with 860 votes for Nominee Bobby Lopez and 859 votes for Gilbert Mercado. Councilperson Contreras seconded the motion. After discussion, the vote was taken. Vote: 6-0-1 (Abstain - Councilperson Sheedy)

OTHER BUSINESS
(ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON THESE MATTERS)

a. Presentation of current Landfill usage and recycle center and tipping fees locally and other landfills vicinity of Del Rio, Texas - Alejandro Garcia, Public Works Director

Mr. Alex Garcia, Public Works Director, stated that Councilperson Wrob asked that he look at Landfill Fees in other cities. Doing this, Mr. Garcia concluded that our Landfill Fees could be re-assessed. We are lower than Uvalde and Maverick counties.

Councilperson Wrob asked that Staff look at Recycling also. Mr. Garcia stated that participation is low. There was a discussion as to how much the City pays for it and the size of the bins. Mr. Garcia was asked to bring back a report.

b. Update on the TSA Services at Del Rio International Airport - Juan Onofre, Airport Manager

Mr. Juan Onofre, Airport Manager, stated that TSA has denied service to the Airport. He is working with Senators Hurd, Cronyn and Cruz to interject on our behalf with Homeland Security. Mr. Henry Arredondo, City Manager, read an email aloud. Mayor Robert Garza discussed conversations held in Washington D. C.
c. **Discussion and Possible Action of the Establishment of a Golf Commission - Henry Arredondo, City Manager**

Mr. Henry Arredondo, City Manager, stated that the Council Members submitted names of people to comprise the Commission. He read the names aloud. Councilperson Garza asked about applicants for the Manager. Ms. Mary Canales, Human Resources Director, stated that they have received eight and are interviewing.

The Council took a break at 9:19 p.m.

The Council returned at 9:36 p.m. and moved to Agenda Item No. 12f.

d. **Update on the Collective Bargaining Process - Henry Arredondo, City Manager**

Mr. Henry Arredondo, City Manager, read various aspects of the negotiations, regarding base pay and adding columns to the pay scale, aloud.

Councilperson Sheedy referred the Council to page 3, Section 2. Other Pays, F. Field Training Officer. Ms. Mary Canales, Human Resources Director, stated that, once they have graduated from the Academy, they must ride with a FTO. A discussion ensued as to FTO Overtime.

Councilperson Elizalde referred to the Promotion Board and removal of having a Physical. Mr. Mark Guerra, Police Association President, stated that the physicals affect promotions. There was further discussion as to this topic.

There was a discussion as to Article 12 - Hiring and the removal of Language. Captain Manny Herrera stated that this will loosen up the hiring process. Some Law Enforcement Agencies are not under Civil Services Rules. He pointed out that these Rules can be taught after the hire.

Before the discussion ended, Mayor Robert Garza stated that it was his impression that, when the Council voted for the 2% COLA, it was for all City Employees, including Civil Service. It was "City Wide" to include the City Attorney, City Manager, City Secretary and Judge.

e. **Discussion and Possible Action on Current Balances Related to the Certificates of Obligation's for the City of Del Rio - Manuel B. Chavez, Finance Director**

Mr. Manual Chavez, Finance Director, showed the 2012 CO's that could be applied to the 2015 Streets and Water/Wastewater Projects. The balance of $1,594,274 could be used. There was further discussion. Staff was asked to bring this back at the next meeting.

f. **Discussion and Possible Action on the Colonia Water Line Extension Project for Escondido Estates, Rancho Del Rio and Rise Estates - Fred Contreras, Councilperson**

Councilperson Contreras stated that if he were present at the meeting that approved this Item, he would have voted against it. He felt it could affect the base. Mayor Robert Garza stated that he was against it, but the majority voted for the project. Ms. Janice Pokrant, City Planner, went over the Compatability Study.
Councilperson Contreras moved rescind the approval of the Project. There was no second. **Motion Failed**

The Council moved back to Agenda Item No. 12d at 10:06 p.m.

### 13. EXECUTIVE SESSION  
**(ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON THESE MATTERS)**

The City Council Convened into Executive Session Pursuant to the Provisions of the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551, Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated, in Accordance with the Authority contained in Section 551.074 - Personnel Matters at 11:13 p.m.

The City Council Re-convened into Open Session at 12:20 a.m. on December 9, 2015.

a. **Personnel Matters Relating to the Performance Evaluation of Suzanne West, City Attorney Including Review of Salary Information, and Salary Increase as Appropriate - Mary Canales, Human Resources Director**

Councilperson Wrob moved to increase the City Attorney's Salary by 4%. Councilperson Elizalde seconded the motion. **Vote: 5-2** (Nays - Mayor Robert Garza and Councilperson Luna)

Councilperson Elizalde moved to add 5 Executive Leave days to the City Attorney's leave. Councilperson Sheedy seconded the motion. **Vote: 4-3** (Nays - Mayor Robert Garza and Councilpersons Luna and Wrob)

### 14. ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business to come before the Council, therefore, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 12:31 a.m. on December 9, 2015.