

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY OF PORT ISABEL COMMISSION**

DATE: January 14, 2020
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: City Commission Chambers Meeting Room
MEMBERS PRESENT: Juan Jose “JJ” Zamora, Mayor
Martin Cantu Jr. Commissioner Pl No. 1
Carmen Rios, Commissioner Place No. 2
Martin C. Cantu Commissioner Place 3
Jeffery David Martinez, Commissioner Pl No. 4
Jared Hockema, City Manager
Nadini Jee, Assistant City Secretary
Gilbert Hinojosa, City Attorney

MEMBERS ABSENT Susie Alcocer, City Secretary

ALSO PRESENT: Daniel Lucio, Molly Smith, Gary Snyder, Ray Rios, Carlos Galvan Jr., Alana Hernandez, Glenda Stafford and James Dickens

ORDER OF BUSINESS

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Juan Jose “JJ” Zamora called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

II. INVOCATION

Commissioner Carmen Rios gave the invocation.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City Commission led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT/OPEN FORUM: PLEASE NOTE:

- Any person with business before the Commission, not scheduled on the Agenda as a Public hearing may speak to the commission.
 - Public Comment Forms are located on the table at the entrance of the City Chambers meeting Room. [For further information, contact the Office of the City Secretary]
 - Public Comment Forms must be filled out and presented to the City no later than fifteen (15) minutes prior to scheduled start of the meeting, to be considered and recognized.
 - The speaker must state his/her full name before speaking.
 - There is a three (3) minute time limit per speaker.
 - Public Comment Forms are not accepted after 5:45 p.m.
 - PowerPoint Presentations are not conducted during the public comment period.
- None

V. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

1. All Consent Agenda items listed are considered to be routine by the City Commission and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a City Commissioner so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.
 1. Consideration and approval of budget amendments and/or salary schedules. NONE

VI. REGULAR REPORTS

- Update reports from Department Heads
[Administration, EDC Revolving Loan, EMS, Fire, Public Works, Museum, PI Event & Cultural Center, Library and Police]
City Manager Jared Hockema informed the City Commission on the following:
 - The Medians Project is delayed until AEP is finished installing on the utility poles. We will continue the project sometime in the fall.

- The South Shore Project we are waiting for TDA to give us the contract that project will continue in Spring Time.
- The Lighthouse will be closed for a few days for repairs.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Discussion and potential action to approve the bills. [City Manager Jared Hockema]**
Commissioner Jeffery David Martinez motioned second by Commissioner Carmen Rios Commission voting three (3) for and two (2) abstaining with Commissioner Martin C. Cantu and Commissioner Martin Cantu Jr., abstained from voting to approve the bills. The motioned carried.
2. **Discussion and potential action to acknowledgment of 1ST Quarter 2020 Public Funds Investment Act Report. [City Manager Jared Hockema]**
Commissioner Carmen Rios motioned, second by Commissioner Martin Cantu Jr., and all voting “aye” to acknowledgment of 1ST Quarter 2020 Public Funds Investment Act Report.
3. **Discussion and potential action to award bids received for roof repairs. [City Manager Jared Hockema]**
Commissioner Jeffery David Martinez motioned second by Mayor Juan Jose “JJ” Zamora and all voting “aye” to approve the recommendation of Rick Hinojosa to hire SLR Building Contractors, LLC for the city buildings roof repairs.
4. **Discussion and potential action to approve change order #1 for the Arturo Galvan Coastal Park Project. [City Manager Jared Hockema]**
Commissioner Martin C. Cantu motioned, second by Commissioner Carmen Rios and all voting “aye” to approve change order #1 for the Arturo Galvan Coastal Park Project.
5. **Discussion and potential action to approve a request from the Cameron County Elections Department to designate City Commission Chambers Meeting Room, located at 305 E. Maxan as an Early Voting and Election Day site for the Democratic and Republican Primary Elections to be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020. [City Manager Jared Hockema]**
Commissioner Martin C. Cantu motioned, second by Commissioner Jeffery David Martinez and all voting “aye” to approve a request from the Cameron County Elections Department to designate City Commission Chambers Meeting Room, located at 305 E. Maxan as an Early Voting and Election Day site for the Democratic and Republican Primary Elections to be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020.
6. **Discussion and potential action to approve a Contribution -In-Aid-Of-Construction Agreement with AEP to install/construct certain electric distribution facilities install overhead street lights and facilities for the City of Port Isabel at 126 Island Avenue and 1822 N. Shore. [City Manager Jared Hockema]**
Commissioner Jeffery David Martinez motioned, second by Commissioner Martin Cantu Jr., and all voting “aye” to approve a Contribution -In-Aid-Of-Construction Agreement with AEP to install/construct certain electric distribution facilities install overhead street lights and facilities for the City of Port Isabel at 126 Island Avenue and 1822 N. Shore.
7. **Discussion and potential action to approve agreement between with Laguna Madre Water District for reimbursement of certain expenditures related to the Island and Tarpon paving project. [City Manager Jared Hockema]**
Commissioner Martin C. Cantu motioned, second by Commissioner Carmen Rios and all voting “aye” to approve agreement between with Laguna Madre Water District for reimbursement of certain expenditures related to the Island and Tarpon paving project for the amount of \$85,543.50.
8. **Discussion and potential action to appointment Rogelio Garza, Jeffery Valdez and Adrian Cabrera as reserve officers, pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 341 of the Texas Local Government Code. [Chief Robert Lopez]**
Commissioner Martin Cantu Jr., motioned, second by Commissioner Martin C. Cantu and all voting “aye” to appointment Rogelio Garza, Jeffery Valdez and Adrian Cabrera as reserve officers, pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 341 of the Texas Local Government Code.

9. **Discussion and potential act to approve the appointment of Luis Hernandez and Albert Rodriguez by the city manager as alternate municipal judges, at an hourly rate equivalent to that paid to the municipal judge. [City Manager Jared Hockema]**
Commissioner Martin C. Cantu motioned, second by Commissioner Martin Cantu Jr., and all voting “aye” to approve the appointment of Luis Hernandez and Albert Rodriguez by the city manager as alternate municipal judges, at an hourly rate equivalent to that paid to the municipal judge.
10. **Discussion and possible action to allow Port Isabel Police Department officers to travel to Bell County, Texas on January 11, 2020 to retrieve captured fugitive. [City Manager Jared Hockema]**
Commissioner Carmen Rios motioned, second by Commissioner Martin Cantu Jr., and all voting “aye” to allow Port Isabel Police Department officers to travel to Bell County, Texas on January 11, 2020 to retrieve captured fugitive.

VIII. CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Jeffery David Martinez motioned, second by Commissioner Carmen Rios and all voting “aye” to go into closed session at 7:24 pm.

1. **Deliberation regarding air permit application of Texas LNG, LLC, SOAH Docket No. 582-19-6261 TCEQ Docket No. 2019-0624-AIR, pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.071(1)(A).**
2. **Deliberation regarding applications of Texas LNG, Rio Grande LNG, Annova LNG and their affiliates before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the US Army Corps of Engineers, pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.071(1)(A).**
3. **Deliberation regarding sale of real property 0.336 acres located along “Abstract 1, Santa Isabel Grant, Block 49 & 61 Point Isabel Subdivision Plat No. 1 ORIGINAL TOWNSITE, pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.072.**
4. **Deliberation regarding sale of real property 0.062 acres located along “Abstract 1, Santa Isabel Grant, Block 12 Point Isabel Subdivision Plat No. 1 ORIGINAL TOWNSITE, pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.072.**
5. **Deliberation regarding sale of real property 0.149 acres located along “Abstract 1, Santa Isabel Grant, Lot 12 Block 12 Point Isabel Subdivision Plat No. 1 ORIGINAL TOWNSITE, pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.072.**
6. **Deliberation regarding exchange of real property at Laguna Madre Water District Warehouse, Port Isabel Little League, and P.I. Industrial Park on Woody’s Lane, pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.072.**
7. **Deliberation regarding Rosaura Vasquez, Janie Quiroz and Rafael Vasquez, Jr. Vs. Pete Delgadillo, Cameron County Pct. 1, Constable Deputy Jesse Estrada, Roberto Lopez, Port Isabel Police Department Chief of Police, et al; case no. 2019-dcl-07135-d, pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.071(1)(A).**

IX. OPEN SESSION

Commissioner Martin C. Cantu motioned, second by Commissioner Jeffery David Martinez and all voting “aye” to come out of closed session at 7:55 pm.

1. **Action relative to executive session.**
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7. **Action relative to executive session.**

Commissioner Martin C. Cantu motioned, second by Commissioner Carmen Rios and all voting “aye” to proceed as discussed under closed session for items No. 1 No. 2 and No.7.

Commissioner Martin C. Cantu motioned, second by Commissioner Carmen Rios and all voting “aye” to approve items No. 3, No. 4, No. 5 and Item No. 6 under closed session.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Martin C. Cantu motioned, second by Commissioner Jeffery David Martinez and all voting “aye” to adjourn at 7:56 pm.

CITY OF PORT ISABEL, TEXAS

Juan Jose “JJ” Zamora, Mayor

ATTEST:

Nadini Jee, ASSISTANT CITY SECRETARY