



**SPECIAL MEETING**

TAKE NOTICE THAT A SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE CITY OF EDCOUCH WILL BE HELD  
AT 211 W. SOUTHERN AVE., EDCOUCH, TEXAS, ON  
TUESDAY JANUARY 21, 2020  
COMMENCING AT 6:00 P.M.

**AGENDA**

- A. Call Meeting to Order**
- B. Roll Call**
- C. Pledge of Allegiance**
- D. Invocation**
- E. Discussion and possible action to get City Manager to get 3 quotes on demolition of Community Center Project.**
- F. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Delta Area MOA storm water Project**
- G. Adjournment.**

**NOTICE OF ASSISTANCE AT THE PUBLIC MEETING**

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If during the course of the meeting, The City Council should determine that a Closed Session or meeting is authorized by section 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, 551.075, 551.076, 551.084, 551.086 of the Government Code or Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated, notice of Closed or Executive Session will be given after the commencement of the meeting covered by this notice pursuant to Section 551.101 of the Local Government Code. Should any final motion, decision, or vote be required in the opinion of the council with regards to any item during the meeting, then such final action, decision, or vote shall be made during the open meeting covered by this notice upon the reconvening of the Public Meeting.

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above notice of said Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Edcouch was posted on the main entrance to Edcouch City Hall on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October 2019 at 5:00 pm and will remain posted continuously for at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled time of said meeting, in compliance with Chapter 551 of the Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes, Annotated (Open Meetings Act).

**WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL, THIS 17<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2020.**

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**Victor H. De La Cruz**  
City Manager



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**H. Call Meeting to Order** Meeting was called to Order by **Mayor: Gonzalez at 6:00 pm.**

**I. Roll Call** Roll call was called by **Mr. Hernandez** as follows:

	Present	Absent	City Staff:
<b>Mayor: Virginio Gonzalez Jr.</b>	<u>X</u>	_____	<b>Victor H. De La Cruz, City Manager</b>
<b>Mayor Pro Tem: Rene Flores</b>	<u>X</u>	_____	<b>Orlando Jimenez, City Attorney</b>
<b>Alderman: Joel Segura</b>	<u>X</u>	_____	<b>Manuel Hernandez Jr., Finance/Grants</b>
<b>Alderman: John Chapa</b>	<u>X</u>	_____	
<b>Alderman: Robert Gutierrez</b>	<u>X</u>	_____	
<b>Alderman: Lorenzo Cabrera</b>	<u>X</u>	_____	
<b><u>Mr. De La Cruz</u> - Mayor, we have a quorum</b>			

**J. Pledge of Allegiance** Pledge of Allegiance was led by \_\_\_\_\_.

**K. Invocation** was led by \_\_\_\_\_

**L. Discussion and possible action to get City Manager to get 3 quotes on demolition of Community Center Project :**

**Hugo:** Mayor, we decided to have a special board meeting today, because of course we all know about the project for the community center. I am asking for permission to allow me to get three quotes for the demolition of the parking lot. This project is not complete, the part of the parking lot is not a part of the overall Project, But it's a very important part of the overall project because its going to be what the people see off of 107. So, this is to demo approximately 9,700 square feet. And I'm asking for permission to go out there, its going to be less than 50,000. If I can get the three quotes, I believe that we do have the funding so that we can go out there. Quotes right now are ranging anywhere from 30-5-,000. **Mayor:** and these funds are coming from the money that we secured from state? **Hugo:** No, this is going to be from general funds. **Flores:** So, you can't use the park money for that? **Hugo:** I can use the park money as long as I put it back. Now, what part of this particular project is going to be the fees for the engineer. **Mayor:** I would assume anything associated with that project, we can tie it back to **Hugo:** we can tie it back, but I didn't want to take anymore funding from that particular project, to kind of concentrate on the community center and the park. One thing I forgot to tell you all is that the parking lot is going to be done by precinct one. So, precinct one will be doing the actual work, but we are going to have to purchase the materials. **Mayor:** Are we going to do a MOU? **Hugo:** They are going to set up a MOU, we are going to check to see if we can use existing MOU, or if we are going to need a new one. They are telling me that they have a new council for the county now so, it's a lot easier than before. One of the things that they mentioned, was that they are going to get the material and we are going to pay them. So, we are going to get the material at their cost. It's a small parking lot, I don't think it'll be more than \$10,000. **Mayor:** So, 10 plus 50. **Hugo:** Well I'm not trying to go with the 50. Anything over 50, we have to go out for bids. Just so you know the process, anything over 50,000 we have to go out and post it and do that whole thing. Anything less than 25,000 I can do it here. But anything over 25,000 I do have to talk to the commission. **Mayor:** So, obviously when you get the quotes, we are going to be looking at price and the amount of time these people are going to take to mobilize and demolish the area. **Hugo:** I'm

going to be taking a look at all those aspects and make sure they are bonded and all that good stuff. It's not just going to be a throw away project. But at the same time if I can find something less than 25,000, I'm going to take it. Right now, we got about 4 quotes, they are over 30. But I think we are going to be okay. **Mayor:** Can you guys do some homework, make sure that there is no surprises there. We don't want to find an old gas. **Flores:** Didn't we already look into that? There shouldn't be anything. And even if there is as long as its parking lot it shouldn't effect that. Because there's not going to be an actual building on top. **Cabrera:** For them to take the debris also. **Hugo:** what I am asking for is for you to get the 3 quotes that I need, I'm going to go with the lowest bid. And based off the lowest bid will be, taking care of the debris, and clean up everything. So, it's going to be left plain. What I'm trying to do here is ask for permission. If in case I cant find anything less than 25. **Flores:** I don't want it to come out of general funds. **Mayor:** Right, its part of the package, the community center. **Flores:** Maybe if we can get it from the park, and then towards the end if we are seeing that funds the parks is going to sort of come to an end and we have to pay it back from the city then I understand. But if we can start it from there. **Hugo:** The way I'm going to be moving the money, and just this, and the reason being like I said. I don't want from the integrity from that particular project. The reason this went as a separate project is of precinct 1 helping us out. We are going to be saving quite of bit of money with precinct 1 doing it. If we have to put in some money, we are looking at 30,000 or whatever. The money is there, we can figure it out. We are not going to be using, for instance I have on the budget I have about 15,000 on pool maintenance. Which we are not going to be using this. So those monies I will be moving over. **Mayor:** maybe we can start setting up a workshop so we can figure out our budget, so I can see what areas we can amend. The thing that we were never able to do was prioritize the areas that we need, such as this construction. So, we need to come up with a plan to help the budget and amend the budget as needed. **Hugo:** Once we get to that point, I would say maybe we can so a workshop so we can set up, and we can talk about prioritizing different things. **Mayor:** That might include the funding, **Hugo:** a good example might be the entrance. Because people are saying, oh we are going to get a new community center but look at the entrance of the city. So, this is an accident waiting to happen. So those are the areas I want to concentrate on and see if we can move some money. But if we do a workshop, maybe along with the ordinances. **Flores:** When are we going to have the workshop? **Mayor:** As soon as possible. Because we need to start looking at money for items such as this. Ok. So, I'll need a motion to allow city manager to get 3 quotes on the demolition on the community center project. Motion by commissioner Chapa, second by commissioner Flores.

A motion to **approve** 3 Quotes on demolition was made **Alderman \_\_\_\_\_**, 2<sup>nd</sup> by **Alderman: \_\_\_\_\_**. **All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.**

**M. Discussion and possible action to Approve Delta Area MOA storm water Project.**

**Hugo:** Mayor, there is a MOA with the package, and this is with the storm water. They had requested for us, during the last meeting if we have any questions manny is the one that's contacting with storm water. **Flores:** MOA, Its and understanding for City of Elsa, La Villa and Edcouch. **Hugo:** This is an effort. There is measuring system that the storm water system has, and what they do is place a radar and put it on different, like a river or a casaca or something and it measures the water. What they are wanting to do is to combine all three cities. It's nothing that's happening right now but they just want to have a MOA in order. They are doing the same thing with Elsa and the same thing with La Villa. **Mayor:** What are they going to charge us to be part of this. **Hugo:** I believe there was about 50,000 dollars that they wanted to spend. It's not in here but its going to be broken down between the cities. But like I said this is just preliminary, they want to have everything in order. Then they will come in and present, whether we want to move forward at that point in time we can. **Mayor:** But we are guaranteed some sort of service,

right? **Hugo:** Yes. **Mayor:** Not all going to one or the other? **Hugo:** Its throughout the delta area. **Flores:** Has OJ Seen this? **Hugo:** OJ has not looked at this. We did mention it to him though. **Flores:** Maybe if we preapprove it, pending legal advice. **Manny:** It's pending approval, so they can proceed with what they need to. We've already given a payment a couple months back. **Hugo:** Yeah but this is for the... But we haven't paid this.

A motion to **approve** the Delta Area MOA storm water Project was made by \_\_\_**Chapa**\_\_\_, 2<sup>nd</sup> by **Alderman:Gutierrez**. All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

**N. Adjournment.**

At **6:15 pm**, a motion to **adjourn** was made by Chapa, 2<sup>nd</sup> by **Alderman: Flores**. All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

**Take Notice that this are the true and correct minutes taken of the Special Meeting of the City of Edcouch held on Wed, January 21, 2020.**

**Passed and Approved by the Board of Aldermen on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2020.**

**ATTEST**

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**Manuel Hernandez**  
**City of Edcouch**