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04/16/2020 6:00
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ON THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2020
COMMENCING AT 6:00 P.M.

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DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING MATTERS:

AGENDA

- A. **Call Meeting to Order**
- B. **Roll Call**
- C. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- D. **Invocation**
- E. **Public Comments**
- F. **Discussion and possible action on approval of Minutes:**
 - 1. **Regular Meeting Minutes of April 02, 2020**
- G. **Presentation and latest update on the COVID 19 pandemic**
- H. **Discussion on City of Edcouch Street Project**
- I. **Latest update on the Negotiations of Edcouch Community Center and Pool Project**
- J. **Discussion and Possible Action to enter into a contract with selected Contractor for Edcouch Community Center**
- K. **Discussion and Possible Action to enter into a contract with selected Contractor for Edcouch Swimming Pool Project**

L. Adjournment.

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WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL, THIS 13th DAY OF APRIL 2020.

Victor H. De La Cruz
City Manager

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MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF EDCOUCH

211 W. SOUTHERN AVE., EDCOUCH, TEXAS
THURSDAY, April 16, 2020
6:00 P.M.

AGENDA

- M. **Call Meeting to Order** Meeting was called to Order by Mayor Gonzalez at 6:14_p.m.
- N. **Roll Call** Roll call was called by Mr. Manuel Hernandez as follows:

| | Present | Absent | City Staff: |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------------------------|
| Mayor: Virginio Gonzalez Jr. | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> | Victor H. De La Cruz, City Manager |
| Mayor Pro Tem: Flores Admin | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> | Manuel Hernandez Jr., Fin./Court |
| Alderman: Joel Segura | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> | Interim Chief: J. Quintana |
| Alderman: John Chapa | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> | |
| Alderman: Robert Gutierrez | <u> </u> | <u> X </u> | |
| Alderman: Lorenzo Cabrera | <u> </u> | <u> X </u> | |
| City Attorney: Orlando Jimenez | | | |

Mayor, we have a quorum.

- O. **Pledge of Allegiance** Pledge of Allegiance was led Mayor Gonzalez
- P. **Invocation** Invocation was led by Victor He De La Cruz
- Q. **Public Comments** No Public Comments
- R. **Discussion and possible action on approval of Minutes:**

1. Regular Meeting Minutes of April 02, 2020.

A motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 02 ,2020 was made by Alderman Flores _____ , 2nd by Alderman __Chapa_____. All Voted Aye/ Motion Carried.

S. Presentation and Latest Update on COVID-19 pandemic

Hugo: Mayor at this time you know basically the information I have to share with you today is a lot of the information that I've been sharing with each individual board member on different occasions that I discussed and basically right now we know that we have two active cases, confirmed cases, here in the City of Edcouch. One of them I'd like to say that after we got the address it's not in the actual city limits. So it's outside of the city limits. The other case we have not been able to get the actual physical location. The county has not been able to find the physical location so on that one we're a little bit behind. Now, as far as some of the things that we've been doing to _____ for the city we've been attending meetings via conference, via teleconference, with Precinct 1, Emergency Management, mayor's meeting and in some cases we've had governor's meeting with the judges and mayors. And so a lot of the information we are getting right now is basically we're getting close to the apex, to the midpoint of the pandemic here in this area. One of the things we are doing to prepare for that is that we're meeting with the individual business owners to start a reopening strategy. What that means is basically we are

predicting and our prediction actually came through today. Today was the meeting with the governor and basically the same thing that we've been discussing with the businesses actually came through which is more than likely what's going end up happening is that the reopening, part of the reopening strategy is that a business will have to have all the safety precautions in place before they can actually reopen. I'll give you an example, if for instance one of the business is a restaurant, they have to abide by the separation of six feet and so on and so on. There has to be hand sanitizer and they have to come up with a reopening plan. And so that's what we've been working on. If you have any questions I'll take any questions at this time.

Mayor: That's a lot of information flying around so maybe Hugo if we can type just something real quick, a summary , we got three different meetings, several different clients at the same time that way we're all on the same page. I was confused with the curfew I thought it was ten, ten to five, actually it's eleven to five. That way we're all on the same page.

Hugo: One of the things that came up on social media was one person specifically complaining about the siren at ten o'clock because his kids are asleep and it scares them but other than that social media has been pretty quiet. We don't base ourselves based on the negativity or anything like that but that one really stood out because it was sord of like a concern more than anything so I wanted to bring that up.

Mayor: So we keep the sirens.

Hugo: I'll work on that report and I'll e-mail everyone.

Mayor: All right, appreciate it. Any other questions?

Alderman Flores: No

T. Discussion on City of Edcouch Street Project

Hugo: Mayor as we know we are already getting ready to start the project with Urban County, as a matter of fact Manny and myself are going to be having a prebuilding meeting with them and so I'm going to pass this on to Manny who has been working on this project.

Manny: Good evening mayor, city council members, city attorney, yes I'm very excited about this project that it's becoming a reality. I know that we've been talking about this already for a while and I know that our citizens are kind of already concerned and asking well what happened to the street project, well the big thing about this is the COVID-19 did play a big role in delaying this project. The people from Urban County are now working one week on and one week off. So it so happened that the gentlemen in charge of our project ,Erik Trevino, is off this week. I did get on the phone with him and he did mention he will e back on Monday. I did find out that our contracts have been sent out to the contractor to Joey Villarreal for Foremost Paving, Joey has already acknowledged them and signed them. So Monday when Erik get back everything will be ready to proceed. Like Mr De la Cruz did mention we will be having a preconstruction meeting with Foremost Paving on Wednesday. So after that there will be a notice to proceed and we could see the street project starting not this Monday but the following Monday.

Mayor: Once we get started what is the projected time? How long do they take?

Manny: I'm not sure. They did not say anything but I don't see it taking more than two to three weeks.

Mayor: Is there any drainage involved in this one?

Manny: There is not going to be drainage involved. Just overlay.

Mayor: Just overlay

Hugo: What we are doing mayor is we are prepping the sewer taps and water taps that are necessary so that way we don't have to go back and break streets or anything like that so that is something that has to be coordinated with Johnny O and Mr Olivares and the contractor.

Mayor: Ok, anymore questions for Manny on the street project? Ok. Thank you Manny.

U. Latest update on the Negotiations of Edcouch Community Center Project and Pool Project

Hugo: Mayor I'd like to go ahead and request that we go ahead and go to the next item. I don't really have update other than the next two items in the agenda.

V. Discussion and possible Action to enter into a contract with selected Contractor for Community Center Project

Hugo: Mayor as we know we we're working on the numbers. The numbers we had gone back from the selection of the contractors. We had gone back to negotiate with the contractor. The numbers came back a little high. After meetings that we had with the contractor, the architect and the engineer we were able to come back with numbers that I think will be feasible for us to continue on and recommend that we approve on the Edcouch Community Center project. Total \$475, 346.21 and this is not an ultimate number so I would recommend that you approve pending still negotiating to see if we can go further than that but not, and I'll ask OJ council, to see if we can maybe approve pending lowest number except access at that point. This is the number but if we can go even lower, I would recommend that we try to see if we can go even lower.

Rene: How much is for community center and how much is for the pool?

Hugo: The community center and the pool? On the pool renovation project we are showing 454,830 and the number I gave you right now is 475,346 so that comes to approximately 930,000.

Manny: Gentlemen, you guys need to understand also that there is great chunk. Remember we have those \$400,000 also from the library grant and there is a big chunk that will be also deducted, or is it already deducted Hugo here on the 475?

Hugo: No

Manny: No. so it's not deducted yet. So you're looking at a big chunk. . .

Hugo: Actually, Im sorry, I take that back, We're actually over 30,000 and this is including the deductions from the library.

Rene: So for the library we have 400,000 so you're taking away how much?

Hugo: We're over 30,000

Rene: So you have 454 for the pool, 475 for the community center?

Hugo: Yes

Rene: And then 400 for the library?

Hugo: 300

Rene: So where did the other 100 go?

Hugo: It went into this project for construction.

Rene: So 50 and 50 or 100?

Hugo: 90,000 went to the community center.

Rene: So we're left with 300?

Hugo: Yes

Rene: We're still over 30,000?

Hugo: Correct

Rene: Where are we going to get those 30,000? Are we going to be able to pull it from the 300 or?

Hugo: We're going to have to do some budget amendments. We have some trips that we didn't take like the Urban County conference. The conference that we had at the island that was cancelled. It moved on to August but that is something that we have there. The Vegas conference was also, that was approximately about 15,000 there that was budgeted 20,000 that was budgeted. There was also budget amounts going towards the pool maintenance. There was also some budget amounts for pool employment and so we're going to have to take a look at the budget and pull it from there. I didn't want to go back and rebid an go through the whole process and then have the architect possibly charge us again for redesigning

Joel: When are they planning on breaking ground?

Hugo: The contract process will probably be about two weeks depending on OJ. I don't know OJ if two week is about right to say? Can OJ hear us?

OJ: Yes, I can hear you but two weeks for what though?

Hugo: To enter into contract for this project with the contractor.

OJ: oh yeah, it shouldn't take seven days really. It shouldn't take that long. Once we get the contract prepared which will take a couple of days then we review them back and forth, I think what's going to be a little bit more time consuming, if anything, is going to be the negotiation. Once you feel comfortable in the amount then we're just going to plug that amount into the contract.

Hugo: And basically OJ what I'm trying to say is this could be the final? It won't go higher than this. So what I'm asking is for them to accept this at 430 contingent on us maybe finding ways on reducing it even more.

OJ: 17:41

Rene: What would happen if we just go with this 930? I mean if they do do it for less or they find things as they go, I mean, what would change?

Hugo: Nothing

Rene: So that's what I mean. I mean let's just go with what we got just so we can get the process going. Don't you think or?

Mayor: Yeah for time sake. So we know for a fact we're over 30. Right? So now our job is to find the 30 or find ways to cut 30.

Rene: How long is this construction going to take?

Hugo: Well on their actual bid they have up to six months. Off course it'd not going to take six months.

Mayor: What's a realistic timeline? Four five?

Hugo: Realistically I would say four. Manny I don't know.

Manny: They have six months. Realistic time is about four months.

Mayor: Just depending on weather and all that other stuff. I know the raining season is coming.

Rene: I just feel like if we go at this price at 930 I mean we're pretty much, I don't see a problem with them finding something along the way and us saving money. I mean we wouldn't have to do any approving to do any changes, no?

Hugo: No just keep in mind that and I want everyone to know that there are certain things that well originally the way I had discussed this especially when it came to pool it was pretty straight forward. We didn't really talk to much. We're getting a complete pool other than the things we dint know we weren't going to be able to get which were the canopies and things like that. But the other part which is the community center. Originally we had talked about getting just a plain room. Just a plain Jane. That would have prompted the architect to have to redesign and so the price that I'm giving you right now that's with a conference room, that's with the library, that's with the bathrooms where they were originally, and that's also with some storage rooms

Rene: Ok, so that's basically what we saw?

Hugo: Yes

Joel: That's awesome!

Rene: I say we just go for it.

W. Discussion and possible Action to enter into a contract with selected Contractor for Community Center Project

A motion to approve to enter into a contract with selected Contractor for Community Center Project was made by Alderman ___Chapa_____. Second by Alderman ___Segura____. All voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Manny: Mayor before you proceed, I'm sorry I just got notification that this Xoom meeting will probably get cut off any minute now so if it does I will send a quick invitation back to you guys.

X. Discussion and Possible Action to enter into a contract with selected Contractor for Edcouch Swimming Pool Project

Hugo: Recommend the same thing mayor, the pool is straight forward. The amount we are looking at 454,830.

A motion to approve to enter into a contract with selected Contractor for Pool project was made by Alderman _____Flores_____. Second by Alderman _____Chapa_____. All voted Aye.

Y. Adjournment.

At 6:34 pm, a motion to adjourn was made by Alderman: Flores, 2nd by Alderman: Chapa. All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Take Notice that this are the true and correct minutes taken of the Regular Meeting of the City of Edcouch held on Thursday, April 16, 2020.

Passed and Approved by the Board of Aldermen on this 16th day of April 2020.

ATTEST

Manuel Hernandez
City of Edcouch