



**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF EDCOUCH
211 W. SOUTHERN AVE., EDCOUCH, TEXAS
THURSDAY, March 19, 2020
6:00 P.M.**

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:**
 - Special Meeting Minutes of 11/10/2021**
- G. Discussion and possible action to issue request for proposals (RFPs) for administrative services and request for qualifications (RFPs) for engineering services related to the community development block grant 2019 DR-4454 Lower Rio Grande Valley and Severe Texas Storms of 2018 Dr 4377 Grant Program Administered by the Texas General Land Office.**
- H. Discussion on the selection by mayor for the creation of a library advisory board.**
- I. Discussion on the selection by the mayor pr-tem for the creation of community center and parks and recreation advisory board.**
- J. Discussion and Possible Action to adopt or amend Existing Chapter 826, Texas Health code, as the next City Ordinance 2021-003**
- K. Discussion and Possible Action to discuss the Chief of Police employment with the City of Edcouch.**
- L. Executive Session: Texas Government Code Chapter 551, Section 551:071: Consultation with City Attorney, the council shall convene to Executive Session to discuss the following:**
 - 1) Discussion and Possible Action to discuss the Chief of Police employment with the City of Edcouch.**
- M. Reconvene: The Council Shall Reconvene and take possible action if items discussed in closed Meeting/ Executive Session to discuss the following:**
 - 1) Discussion and Possible Action to discuss the Chief of Police employment with the City of Edcouch.**

N. Adjournment.

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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 Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Edcouch was posted on the main entrance to Edcouch City Hall on the 16TH day of November 2021 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 16th DAY OF November 2021.

Victor H. De La Cruz
City Manager



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- O. Call Meeting to Order** Meeting was called to Order by **Mayor Gonzalez at 6:00_ p.m.**
- P. Roll Call** Roll call was called by **Mr. Manuel Hernandez as follows:**

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

Mayor, we have a quorum.

- Q. Pledge of Allegiance** Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Chief Victor Nieves**
- R. Invocation** Invocation was led by **Victor H De La Cruz**
- S. Public Comments Mr De La Cruz:** Mayor, I signed up for public comment and basically I just have news that the NAD Bank closing went through and that will be a great benefit to the city. I will report more on the next meeting.
- T. Discussion and possible action on approval of Minutes:**

Special Meeting Minutes of 11/10/2021.

A motion to table the Special Meeting Minutes of 11/10/2021 was made by Alderman _Segura_____ , 2nd by Alderman _Gutierrez_ . All Voted Aye/ Motion Carried.

- U. Discussion and possible action to issue request for proposals (RFPs) for administrative services and request for qualifications (RFPs) for engineering services related to the community development block grant 2019 DR-4454 Lower Rio Grande Valley and Severe Texas Storms of 2018 Dr 4377 Grant Program Administered by the Texas General Land Office.**

Mr De La Cruz: Mayor this is something that I have been getting from different engineers and also different administrative companies that handle grants and I thought it would be a good approach for us to go ahead and go out for RFQs and RFPs on this item so I am recommending approval.

Mayor: What will be the timeline for the deadline?

Mr De La Cruz: Well, if we go out right now I think there is a deadline for March. So we would have to start now and start requesting.

A motion to approve to issue request for proposals (RFPs) for administrative services and request for qualifications (RFPs) for engineering services related to the community development block grant 2019 DR-4454 Lower Rio Grande Valley and Severe Texas Storms of 2018 Dr 4377 Grant Program Administered by the Texas General Land Office , was made by Alderman Chapa_____Chapa_____, 2nd by Alderman Gutierrez___Segura_____. All voted Aye. Motion Carried.

V. Discussion on the selection by mayor for the creation of a library advisory board.

Mr De La Cruz: Mayor, I put this item as a discussion because it is important that we start discussing the library. I think its important and I would recommend myself and our assistant manager , Mr Rosales, have been discussing the possibility of creating an advisory board. The difference between an advisory board and a regular board is an advisory board is there to just advise and at the end of the day the commission, you all are the ones that make the decisions. Now the benefits of having an advisory board is one, they will be able to have fundraisers as an advisory board. They will be able to have fundraisers for the library. They will be able to create protocols and bring them to you and then you all control them. I am at this point just advising mayor, that you take this board and go out into the community and bring in people from the community. I think it will benefit. I don't really have a profile of people. I think that the community out there is willing to come in and help and assist for the betterment of our children

Mayor: Does it have to be approved by the commission?

Mr De La Cruz: Not at all.

Mayor: So what would be a good number to add, between 5 and 7?

Mr De La Cruz: Unless Oj that you have anything. This is an advisory board. There's no limit and at the same time there is also no, we don't have to create any bylaws or anything like that. Is that correct?

OJ Jimenez: Yes sir that is correct. That's advisory you are actually correct. No bylaws, no article, no corporation, or anything like that for the city or that the city needs.

Commissioner Segura: Who chooses?

Mr De La Cruz: In this case it would be the mayor. We are recommending that the mayor. We are not actually voting on anything today. You all can discuss it. I mean if the mayor chooses to pick one of you all and actually lead off that, that's fine.

Commissioner Segura: Just wanted to know.

Mayor: Ill get working on that. Ill start on it right away.

W. Discussion on the selection by the mayor pr-tem for the creation of community center and parks and recreation advisory board.

Mr De La Cruz: Again, assistant city manager and myself, we discussed this item also. It is up for discussion. We thought that it would be a good idea for mayor pro-tem to also be a part of the selection of the community center advisory board. Same thing, same concept. These people would be there to come up with ideas. Just like you all have come up with ideas that have come up for the community center. We have already seen allot if things happen at the community center. We are going to have a

blood drive. We have had vaccinations come by. We've done other sorts of events. We have also had other events like I think there was a wedding and all that so we have had to come up with certain pricing because I think we are going to have to rent the community center. Of course, the advisory board will come up with ideas and we are going to have to come up with some rules there. So the advisory board would be able to help us come up with that.

X. Discussion and Possible Action to adopt or amend Existing Chapter 826, Texas Health code, as the next City Ordinance 2021-003

Mr De la Cruz: Mayor you have the example of an ordinance there. This is actually an item that mayor you recommended to the city. If you want to go through it. This is basically with our dog issues that we have. We already have an ordinance, what we are asking is for you all to vote today to allow myself and legal to start taking a look at this ordinance, make the necessary resolution, and then report to you hopefully by the next workshop we are going to be having (9:15)

A motion to adopt or amend Existing Chapter 826, Texas Health code, as the next City Ordinance 2021-003 was made by Alderman __Gutierrez_____. Second by Alderman _____Chapa_. All voted Aye

Mr De La Cruz: Let me just add before we continue, the ordinances we will be having, when we go to this workshop, we will be having

Y. Discussion and Possible Action to discuss the Chief of Police employment with the City of Edcouch.

Mr De La Cruz:

Z. Executive Session: Texas Government Code Chapter 551, Section 551:071: Consultation with City Attorney, the council shall convene to Executive Session to discuss the following:

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A motion to take action on the Chief of Police employment with the City of Edcouch by Alderman _____ . Second by Alderman _____ . All Voted Aye

BB. Adjournment.

At __ pm, a motion to **adjourn** was made by **Alderman: _____**, 2nd by **Alderman: _____**.
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, March 19, 2020.

Passed and Approved by the Board of Aldermen on this __th day of _____.

ATTEST

Manuel Hernandez
City of Edcouch