



SPECIAL MEETING

TAKE NOTICE THAT A SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE CITY OF EDCOUCH WILL BE HELD
AT 310 PADRE BLVD, SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, TEXAS, ON
FRIDAY DECEMBER 03, 2021
COMMENCING AT 12:00 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 City Ordinance for Parades
- G. Discussion and Possible Action on Contract with North Alamo Water for New Development on Mile 17 ½ and Mile 4, Rancho Nuevo Estate Subdivision.
- H. Discussion and Possible Action the Amendment, Changes, or Additions to City Ordinances as discussed in the Workshop.
- I. Discussion and Possible Action on Voting Board Members for Hidalgo County Appraisal District
- J. Discussion and Possible Action to Discuss the Chief of Police Employment with the City of Edcouch
- K. Texas Government Chapter 551 Consultation with City Attorney pursuant to 551071 the Council shall Convene to Executive Session to Discuss the following
 1. Discussion of Possible Action to Discuss the Chief of Police Employment with the City of Edcouch
12:43pm Council entered into Executive Session
12:54pm Council reconvened from Executive Session
- L. Reconvene. The council shall reconvene and take Possible Action on items discussed in Closed Session Meeting.
 1. Discussion of Possible Action to Discuss the Chief of Police Employment with the City of Edcouch

M. Adjournment

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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 1ST day of DECEMBER 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 1ST DAY OF DECEMBER 2021.

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N. Call Meeting to Order : Meeting was called to order at **12:32pm** by Mayor Virginio Gonzalez

O. Roll Call : Roll call was made by **Ernesto Rosales**

	Absent	Present	
Mayor Pro-tem Rene Flores	<u>X</u>	_____	City Manager Victor H De La Cruz
Alderman Place 2 Joel Segura	<u>X</u>	_____	Asst City Mngr Ernesto Rosales
Alderman Place 3 John Chapa	<u>X</u>	_____	Victor Nieves
Alderman Place 4 Robert Gutierrez	<u>X</u>	_____	
Alderman Place 5 Lorenzo Cabrara	_____	<u>X</u>	

P. Pledge of Allegiance: Pledge was led by **Ernesto Rosales**

Q. Invocation: Invocation was done by **Mayor Virginio Gonzalez Jr**

R. Public Comments: No Public Comments

S. Discussion and Possible Action on City Ordinance for Parades

Mr Rosales: Mayor, I am going to go ahead and hand this over to council.

OJ Jimenez: What item is this? Im sorry I don't have a copy od the agenda

Mr Rosales: Possible Action on the City Ordinance for Parades

OJ Jimenez: Ok, Mayor, city council good afternoon. After further review and analysis on this particular ordinance what we went ahead and did, apparently TxDot is requiring an application coupled with a resolution so that way the parade on December 11th can go forward. So we did provide to the city a resolution to that effect and the resolution has been preliminary approved by the TXDot legal department regarding that. At this time mayor, it is not going to be an ordinance, it is going to be an adoption of the resolution allowing the closure of State Hwy 107 as outlined in the resolution and then what we are going to do in turn, once that is accepted today, om Monday we will submit the application with this particular resolution. So it is our recommendation that this resolution is adopted and accepted.

A motion to Approve City Ordinance on Parades was made by Alderman Gutierrez, a second motion was made by Alderman Segura. All in favor signify by saying Aye. Opposed. Motion Carried.

T. Discussion and Possible Action on Contract with North Alamo Water for New Development on Mile 17 ½ and Mile 4, Rancho Nuevo Estate Subdivision.

Mr Rosales: Mayor, we ask at this point for a recommendation from our engineer. What we want to make sure is that by us getting into this agreement that we are not basically giving up our right for annexation. I do believe that we discussed this in the past with our engineer and it was his recommendation a that time that we annex Mile 4 all the way to Monte Cristo. So when in fact the developer was to bring plans for approval for us, we could ask for voluntary annexation of that property at that time. So basically id like to ask our engineer if by getting into this agreement if we are not giving up that right?

Eddie Saenz: You shouldn't be giving up that right. And basically and OJ can step in here, your attorney, the way I understand it is the agreement between North Alamo Water Supply and the city. Well the city can get into agreement only if it's in its city limits and under their jurisdiction. So we need to get that voluntarily annexed first during the development process. So I think you can make it subject to that happening and then we could probably pass it on back to the attorney at North Alamo Water.

Mayor: So right now you're recommendation is?

Eddie Saenz: It is to allow the process to happen in regards to annexing Mile 4. So we can be connected to the potential development. The development has to be submitted anyway officially first to the city before you can even act on it and then act on this. Because now you have jurisdiction over the property of the development.

Mr Rosales: So your recommendation would be to table this item?

Eddie Saenz: Yes, to table the item and talk to the developer and see their development but also at the same time start the process of putting together the survey and the needs of annexing Mile 4 all the way north to Monte Cristo.

A motion to Table Contract with North Alamo Water for New Development on Mile 17 ½ and Mile 4, Rancho Nuevo Estate Subdivision was made by Alderman Gutierrez, a second motion was made by Alderman Chapa. All in favor signify by saying Aye. Opposed. Motion Carried.

U. Discussion and Possible Action the Amendment, Changes, or Additions to City Ordinances as discussed in the Workshop.

Mr Rosales: Mayor, I recommend at this time that we table this item or I don't know, this is also a question for legal, I don't know if we can pass this item pending this afternoon session for our workshop.

OJ Jimenez: According to the way that it is written, and the way I heard it being written. It says something along the lines as discussed and so you can't really do that because it hasn't been discussed yet so we don't know what parameters the city council is accepting.

Mr Rosales: Ok, so I think it is your recommendation at this time that we table the item, we discuss it in our workshop, and then we can bring it back in the next meeting and pass it.

OJ Jimenez: Exactly

Mr De La Cruz: Ernie, if I may, on this I know we are going to be going through the ordinances this afternoon and I don't know if it is written in a way to where we could, because basically what we are going to do is we are going to go through each of these ordinances that we have and then any additions, deletions, or id ont remember how I worded it but that could be maybe approved pending going through them or pending. I don't know the word Im looking for but if not that's fine.

Victor Nieves: It is amendments, changes, or additions.

Commissioner Chapa: Discussed, but that means that we already talked about it but we are barely going to talk about it so that means it has to be tabled.

Mayor: Unless we have one right now that we need to accept or change then we do.

Mr De La Cruz: so it says as discussed?

Everyone: Yes

Mayor: So if you have one Hugo, that we need to change right now. Is there one that we need to talk about right now and add or amend?

Mr De La Cruz: There is one that should be discussed and that is the one with the signs but it is up to you all. We can wait until this afternoon then as soon as we make those changes I will revisit this item.

Mr Rosales: Yeah, I think that on that one Hugo, I think that the purpose that it was designed, the party that was in question has already picked up the signs. So I think that we can table it until next meeting and adapt it and do it the right way.

Mr De La Cruz: Ok

Mr Rosales: So mayor, at this time we would like to table this item.

A motion to Table Amendment, Changes, or Additions to City Ordinances as discussed in the Workshop was made by Alderman Gutierrez, a second motion was made by Alderman Segura. All in favor signify by saying Aye. Opposed. Matione Carried.

V. Discussion and Possible Action on Voting Board Members for Hidalgo County Appraisal District

Mr Rosales: Mayor, I think everyone has been given a paper with the names. We are being asked that we vote for the member that we recommend and it is going to be submitted for the Appraisal District.

Mayor: All right, so we have 5 votes available. In the motion we can split the votes or we can give all 5 to the member that you guys decide. So if you guys have an nominee, I'll take that as a recommendation.

Commissioner Segura: I would like to nominate Joe D Olivarez.

A motion to Nominate Joe D Olivarez when Voting Board Members for Hidalgo County Appraisal District for by Alderman Segura, a second was made by Alderman Chapa All in favor signify by saying Aye. Opposed. Motion Carried.

Mayor: So 5 votes for Commissioner Joe D Olivarez

W. Discussion and Possible Action to Discuss the Chief of Police Employment with the City of Edcouch

Mr Rosales: Mayor, I am going to go ahead and pass this to council but I recommend that this is done in Executive session.

OJ Jimenez: Yes, Mayor city council, since we are going to be discussing an employment it will have to be done in Executive Session.

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Mr Rosales: Mayor, at this point we are recommending that we terminate employment with the Chief of Police. After discussing it with council we will put it up for a vote.

Commissioner Flores: Can I put on record that I would like to abstain from this vote.

Mayor: Noted, Commissioner Flores but first I will need a motion.

Commissioner Flores: I will be abstaining

Mayor: Commissioner Flores will abstain from this vote.

Commissioner Flores: Thank you.

A motion to terminate the Chief of Police Employment with the City of Edcouch was made by Alderman Segura, a second was made by Alderman Gutierrez. All in favor signify by saying Aye. Opposed. Motion Carried.

Z. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made at 12:56pm by Alderman Chapa, a second motion was made by Alderman Gutierrez. All in favor signify by saying Aye. Opposed. Motion Carried.

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