



REGULAR MEETING

TAKE NOTICE THAT A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE CITY OF EDCOUCH WIL BE HELD
AT 211 W. SOUTHERN AVE., EDCOUCH, TEXAS, ON
TUESDAY, June 02,2022
COMMENCING AT 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 approving City of Edcouch Resolution 2022-10 LBSP**
- G. **Discussion and Possible Action on approving City of Edcouch Resolution 2022-11 Stonegarden**
- H. **Discussion and Possible Action on approving City of Edcouch Resolution 2022-12 Sanitation Project (Keeping Edcouch Clean)**
- I. **Discussion and Possible Action on requesting approval to complete and submit joint application with Hiadalgo County Drainage DistrictNo 1, with City of Edcouch serving as Project Lead, for the 2018 South Texas Floods Competition to the General Land Office (GLO)**
- J. **Discussion and Possible Action on requesting approval to complete and submit joint application with Hiadalgo County Drainage DistrictNo 1, with City of Edcouch serving as Project Lead, for the 2019 South Texas Floods Competition to the General Land Office (GLO)**
- K. **Discussion and Possible Action on requesting approval for City of Edcouch Mayor to sign Federal Assistance Standard Form 424 (SF-424), along with any other documentation that may be needed, in preparation for submittal of application(s) to GLO's 2018 South Texas Floods Competition.**

- L. Discussion and Possible Action on requesting approval for City of Edcouch Mayor to sign Federal Assistance Standard Form 424 (SF-424), along with any other documentation that may be needed, in preparation for submittal of application(s) to GLO's 2019 South Texas Floods Competition.**

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- N. Discussion and Possible Action to on approving interlocal agreement between the City of Edcouch and Edcouch-Elsa ISD in reference to the City of Edcouch Community Center/Library and water park.**

- O. Consultation with attorney to discuss pending case Roel Guerra VS City of Edcouch**

- P. Executive Session: Texas Government Code Chapter 551, Section 551:071, Consultation with City Attorney**

Pursuant to Chapter 551 Section 071: Consultation with City Attorney, the Council shall Council shall convene to Executive Session to discuss the following:

- 1) Consultation with attorney to discuss pending case Roel Guerra VS City of Edcouch.**

- Q. Reconvene: The Council Shall Reconvene and take possible action of items discussed in Closed Meeting/ Executive Session:**

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- R. 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 13th day of September 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 27th DAY OF May 2022

Victor H. De La Cruz
City Manager



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S. Call Meeting to Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:01pm by Mayor Virginio Gonzalez

T. Roll Call: Roll call was dome by Victor H De La Cruz:

	Present	Absent	
Mayor Virginio Gonzalez Jr	<u> X </u>	_____	
Mayor Pro-tem Rene Flores	<u> X </u>	_____	
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>	_____	

Mayor, we have quorum

U. Pledge of Allegiance: Pledge was led by: Commissioner Gutierrez

V. Invocation: OJ Jimenez

W. Public Comments: No public Comments

X. Discussion and Possible Action on approving City of Edcouch Resolution 2022-10 LBSP

Mr Rosales: Mayor, I am going to go ahead and hand this over to Chief Leal. This is a Resolution Local Border Star Security. I know that Mr Nieves is the one thar does the applications and all that but I thought it was a good idea if the chief would be here so he can let you all know exactly what this is going to be used for.

Chief Leal: Mayor, commissioners, good afternoon, this grand is for Border Star. We got a grant that we applied for some time last year and got awarded \$7,000 for overtime. This is overtime to have more boots on the floor during working hours, day or night. The officers will accumulate overtime and also protect mere. The city will have more people working at night just for that reason that's why we applied for.

Mayor: How are you dividing up the overtime for this?

Chief Leal: We divide it as since we are short staffed, whoever wants to come in and work on their days off or after their shift they can come in and work extra time.

Mayor: So, you give them an option or

Chief Leal: If I don't have anybody showing up then I will put in mandatory that they have to come in.

Mr Rosales: Basically mayor, the Chief and I got together, and we were discussing this and we got together and came to the agreement that everybody was going to be given a fair opportunity. We were going to divide the overtime with the amount of money allocated amongst everybody. Of course, he does have officers sometimes that opt not to work the overtime, so then it is passed on to whoever wants it.

Mayor: As long as everybody has the opportunity

Mr Rosales: But it is not one or two people taking all the overtime like I know it had gone on in the past.

Mayor: Second bullet, they are talking about matching price. So, we pay 7,000 and then they pay 7,000?

Chief Leal: Yes, you get reimbursed quarterly.

Chief Nieves: So how it works is they work it, we pay them, then we ask for our reimbursement. So, we submit reports and hours, what they did. So, they statistics they have to follow. There are reports where the officer reports I did this much mileage, this much gas, I stopped this many people, arrested this many people, got so many drugs and reported it to the state level or federal level.

Mr Rosales: But to answer your question mayor, I think your question was if we have to match it. The answer is no, basically what they are saying by matching is once we pay the seven, they are going to match those seven and give them back to us.

Chief Leal: Also, mayor, these 7,000, gas is included. So whatever gas we use doesn't come out of the city, it comes out of this grant. Also, the maintenance on the vehicle as well.

Mayor: As long as we get the full grant back.

Mr Rosales: I am recommending approval on this item.

A motion to Approve City of Edcouch Resolution 2022-10 LBSP was made by Alderman Chapa, 2nd by Alderman Segura. All Voted Aye/ Motion Carried.

Y. Discussion and Possible Action on approving City of Edcouch Resolution 2022-11 Stonegarden

Mr Rosales: Again mayor, I am going to go ahead and give this over to Chief Leal. This is something that affects him and his department so I would like for him to give you a brief explanation of what it is going to be used for.

Chief Leal: This is the same thing as Border Star except this one is a federal grant. Border Star is a state grant. So, on this one we got awarded \$90,000.

Commissioner Segura: This is not matching, right?

Chief Leal: Yes, its matching.

Mr Rosales: I think there is a misunderstanding. When you say matching, we don't have to match the 90,000. In other words, we have to front the money and we get reimbursed.

Chief Leal: But on this one it is a little bit different. They gave us \$35,000 for overtime for the officers. Exactly like Border Sta but Border Star gave us \$7,000 because the stats from last year were real low so that is why they gave us very little. So now on Stonegarden we got \$35,000 for overtime and then we got \$55,000 to purchase a new vehicle. So, it works the same. We have to pay the \$55,000 and then we request it and they pay us back the \$55,000. Fiscal Year is by March 1st, 2023. If we don't buy it by March the 1st then we lose the money and we lose the grant.

Mayor: Hiw much are the cars?

Mr Rosales: What we are looking at is going to be at about 55 because we purchase the unit by itself. Then you have to put the cage, then you have to put equipment

Mayor Pro-Tem Flores: How many officers do we have?

Chief Leal: We have 8.

Mayor Pro-Tem Flores: Ride bikes, it's a 2-mile radius.

Chief Leal: Scooters

(Inaudible)

Mr Rosales: The problem with it is the way that the grant was written, we are limited to a pick-up truck because that is the way it was written. I know that when me and Mark first looked at it we said maybe we can get 2 small cars and they turned back and they said no it has to be a truck because that is the way it was written.

Chief Leal: And if we do want to change it from a pick-uo truck to two card, we have to send a letter to the Office of the Governor to change and amend the grant.

Mayor: Who did it?

Chief Leal: The chief before was the one that did it. The one for next year, I did that one and that is for 2 trucks so I think it is going to be for \$195,000.

Mayor Pro-Tem Flore: Why you don't like cars? Why trucks?

Chief Leal: They last longer.

A motion to Approve City of Edcouch Resolution 2022-11 Stonegarden was made by Alderman Cabrera, 2nd by Alderman Segura. All Voted Aye/ Motion Carried.

Z. Discussion and Possible Action on approving City of Edcouch Resolution 2022-12 Sanitation Project (Keeping Edcouch Clean)

Mr Rosales: Mayor, I am going to hand this over to Chief Nieves.

(Recorder ran out of space)

A motion to Table City of Edcouch Resolution 2022-12 Sanitation Project (Keeping Edcouch Clean) was made by Alderman Segura, 2nd by Alderman Cabrera

AA. Discussion and Possible Action on requesting approval to complete and submit joint application with Hiadalgo County Drainage DistrictNo 1, with City of Edcouch serving as Project Lead, for the 2018 South Texas Floods Competition to the General Land Office (GLO)

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BB. Discussion and Possible Action on requesting approval to complete and submit joint application with Hiadalgo County Drainage DistrictNo 1, with City of Edcouch serving as Project Lead, for the 2019 South Texas Floods Competition to the General Land Office (GLO)

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CC. Discussion and Possible Action on requesting approval for City of Edcouch Mayor to sign Federal Assistance Standard Form 424 (SF-424), along with any other documentation that may be needed, in preparation for submittal of application(s) to GLO's 2018 South Texas Floods Competition.

A motion to Approve requesting approval for City of Edcouch Mayor to sign Federal Assistance Standard Form 424 (SF-424), along with any other documentation that may be needed, in preparation for submittal of application(s) to GLO's 2018 South Texas Floods Competition. was made by Alderman Segura , 2nd by Alderman Cabrera . All Voted Aye/ Motion Carried.

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FF. Discussion and Possible Action to on approving interlocal agreement between the City of Edcouch and Edcouch-Elsa ISD in reference to the City of Edcouch Community Center/Library and water park.

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OJ Jimenez: No action can be taken at this time.

JJ. Adjournment

A motion to Adjourn was made at ____ by Alderman _____, a second motion was made by Alderman _____ . All in favor signify by saying Aye. Opposed. Motion Carried

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