

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTIES OF ARANSAS §
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CITY OF ARANSAS PASS §

A Regular Meeting of the Aransas Pass City Council was held on Monday, February 4, 2019 in the Aransas Pass City Hall, 600 W. Cleveland Blvd., Aransas Pass, Texas 78336. A notice of the meeting was posted 72 hours in advance in accordance with Section 551, Texas Government Code. Mayor Ramiro Gomez, and Council Members Billy Ellis, Janet Moore and Carrie Scruggs were present; Vickie Abrego was absent. Also present was City Manager Gary Edwards and City Attorney Roxann Cotroneo.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER.

Mayor Gomez called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES FLAG.

City Manager Edwards gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

3. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

3.I. Presentation, Update and Discussion regarding Demolitions and Vacant, Dilapidated Structures in the City.

City Attorney Cotroneo recognized the Demolition Team and Board Members in the audience. She then provided a seven-month progress on the demolition of structures in the city adding that through October 18, 2018 they demolished 18 structures, and after this date they demolished an additional 12 structures, for an overall total of 30 demolished structures to date. Ms. Cotroneo stated that the demolition team is working with property owners on the next phase of the demolition process

4. BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

4.I. Library Board

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ellis to reappoint Anita Kirkland, Marsha Wellman and Paula Stone to the Library Board, seconded by Council Member Scruggs and the motion passed with the following vote: Gomez, Ellis, Moore and Scruggs voting Aye; Abrego was absent.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

5.I. Approval of Workshop and Special Council Meetings of January 16, 2019.

A motion was made by Council Member Scruggs to approve Item 5.I, seconded by Council Member Moore, and the motion passed with the following vote: Gomez, Ellis, Moore and Scruggs voting Aye; Abrego was absent.

6. PUBLIC HEARING:

There were no public hearings.

7. CITY MANAGER:

- 7.I. Consider and Act on Ordinance No. 2019-4230 by the City Council of the City of Aransas Pass, Texas authorizing the issuance of "City of Aransas Pass, Texas Tax Notes, Series 2019", levying an Annual Ad Valorem Tax, within the limitations prescribed by law, for the payment of the obligations; prescribing the form, terms conditions, and resolving other matters incident and related to the issuance, sale and delivery of the obligations; authorizing the execution of a Paying Agent/ Registrar Agreement and a Purchase and Investment Letter; complying with the Letter of Representations previously executed with the Depository Trust Company; and providing an effective date.

Andrew Friedman, SAMCO Capital Markets stated that this item relates to the funding mechanism for the Ladder Truck. He stated that a total of 6 bids were received, with the best bid submitted by JP Morgan Chase Bank out of San Antonio, Texas at a rate of 2.57%, with true interest cost at 2.583%. He then discussed a comparison of a 7-year lease purchase cost at 3.98%, and with a Tax Note there is a \$32,048 benefit by selling tax notes versus entering into a lease purchase agreement. He stated he recommends using the Tax Note adding that debt service is \$260,000 annually, the rates will not change, and the bonds will not be callable.

Council Member Moore asked if this was a seven year tax note, and Mr. Friedman responded that is correct. Ms. Moore then asked when the first payment on the tax note is due, and Mr. Friedman responded February 1, 2020.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ellis to approve Item 7.I, seconded by Council Member Scruggs, and the motion passed with the following vote: Gomez, Ellis, Moore and Scruggs voting Aye; Abrego was absent.

- 7.II. Consider and Act on Resolution No. 2019-879 ordering an election to be held in the City of Aransas Pass on May 4, 2019 for the purpose of electing a Mayor and Council Members to Places 1 and 3; and to provide for consideration of a Proposition on "Whether to Aransas Pass Crime Control and Prevention District should be continued for ten years and the Crime Control and Prevention District sales and use tax should be continued for ten years; authorizing a Joint Agreement with San Patricio County Elections Administrator for the conduct of the election; providing for procedures for holding such election; providing for notice of election and publication; providing for establishment of Early Voting Polling Place and designating Election Day Polling Place location; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date.

Mr. Edwards stated that this resolution is to order the May 4, 2019 election for Mayor and Council Places 1 and 3, proposition for the continuance of the Crime Control & Prevention District for the sales and use tax for 10 years, and authorizes a joint agreement with San Patricio Election Administrator for the conduct of the election. He added that the approximate cost of the election is \$20,000 but this cost will be shared with the Aransas Pass Independent School District.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ellis to approve Item 7.II, seconded by Council Member Scruggs, and the motion passed with the following vote: Gomez, Ellis, Moore and Scruggs voting Aye.

8. COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT:

There were no Community Enrichment items.

9. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES:

There were no Development Services items.

10. FINANCE:

There were no Finance department items.

11. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:

There were no Information Technology items.

12. PUBLIC SAFETY:

12.I. Consider and Act on approving the Police Chief to purchase on unmarked Police Vehicle and two Marked Police Vehicles from Allen Samuels in Aransas Pass for an amount not to exceed \$135,000 with the funds from the Federal Drug Seizure Account.

Mr. Blanchard stated this is for the purchase of three vehicles, 2 marked police vehicles and 1 unmarked police vehicle from Allen Samuels for an amount not to exceed \$135,000. He added that Allen Samuels still holds the blanket bid and will be bringing to council for renewal sometime next year. Council Member Moore asked if this purchase will replace an administrative vehicle, and two marked patrol SUVs, and Mr. Blanchard responded that is correct.

A motion was made by Council Member Moore to approve Item 12.I, seconded by Council Member Scruggs, and the motion passed with the following vote: Gomez, Ellis, Moore and Scruggs voting Aye; Abrego was absent.

12.II. Presentation of the 2018 Racial Profiling Report and Audit by the Chief of Police.

Mr. Blanchard stated that the Annual Racial Profiling Report is statutorily required for submission by the State of Texas and includes background on the law, and changes related to the Sandra Bland Act. He stated that audits are performed four times a year by an outside auditor and added that the numbers are consistent with the break-up in the community as it relates to race and ethnicity, and reported that there are no complaints of racial profiling. Mr. Blanchard stated that the report will be posted on the city's website.

13. CITY COUNCIL OR STAFF ANNOUNCEMENT:

City Manager Edwards announced that the next City Wide Community Clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, February 16, 2019, from 9 am to 1 pm with dumpster locations at 520 W. Cleveland, 1052 S. Rife, and Community Park.

14. CITIZEN COMMENT:

Myron Schroeder, asked for an update on the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program – Flood Mitigation grant, specifically how much has been done and when the funds are expected to be received. Mr. Edwards responded that the Hazard Mitigation grant application was submitted on Thursday (Jan. 31, 2019) for twenty-nine generators related to the various Lift Stations in the city. He added other areas that may be covered are elevation and are looking for available CDBG monies for this area. Mr. Edwards stated that there are \$10 million dollars available and anticipates using all of these funds. Mr. Schroeder asked when the timeframe ends, and

Mr. Edwards responded it closes in April. Mr. Schroeder asked if these are Hurricane Harvey funds, and Mr. Edwards responded they are CDBG-DR funds.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The meeting was recessed into Executive Session at 6:56 pm under the provisions of Section 551, Texas Government Code to discuss the authority of:

1. Section 551.071, Thomas Dutton vs. City of Aransas Pass, Cause No. S-18-6046-CV-B in the 156th District Court in San Patricio County, Texas.
2. Section 551.071 and 551.074, deliberate the Appointment, Employment Evaluation, Reassignment, Duties, Discipline or Dismissal of a Public Officer or Employee – Municipal Court Judge.

The council reconvened in open session at 7:47 pm. Mayor Gomez announced that no action would be taken on the executive session items.

15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Gomez adjourned the meeting at 7:48 pm.

Ramiro Gomez
Mayor

Mary Juarez
City Secretary

Approved on: _____