

Interim City Manager
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City Attorney
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City of George West



Mayor
Andrew J. Garza

Mayor Pro-Tem
Jearl Rannefeld

Council
Tim Humphrey
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SPECIAL SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 9/16/2021

I. Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Garza called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

II. Roll Call

All Council Members were present. Patricia Clifton via Zoom.

City Attorney Present: Epi Ysassi

Staff Member Present: Shirley Holm, D'Ann Lane, Yolanda Guerrero, & Haley Maywald

III. Invocation

Mayor Garza led the Invocation.

IV. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States was led by City Secretary, D'Ann Lane.

V. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of Texas was led by City Secretary, D'Ann Lane.

VI. Public Comments

Maximum 3 Minutes per Person.

Must Complete Form and Turn in to City Secretary Before Call to Order.

Council Cannot Discuss any Presented Items or Take any Action at this Time.

Time cannot be passed to other speakers.

No public comments were made.

VII. Announcements and Correspondence

a) Bulky Pick-up September 23-24, 2021.

Mayor Garza announced that bulky trash pick-up will be September 23

24, 2021. Interim City Manager, Shirley Holm, verified that bulky items need to out by the curb on September 22, 2021.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Consideration and Action** to approve the following minutes:
 - a) Regular Session City Council Meeting Minutes 08-16-2021.
 - b) Emergency Session City Council Meeting Minutes 08-19-2021.

2. **Consideration and Action** to approve holding a Special Election for the City of George West, and designating:
 - c) Paper ballots as the method of voting;
 - d) The approval of ballot wording for printing;
 - e) The location for early voting as the George West City Hall;
 - f) George West City Hall as the location for election day voting;
 - g) The first two weekdays of the early voting period, October 18-19, 2021 to be open for early voting during the hours of 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.; and,
 - h) The remaining days and hours of the early voting period to be October 20-22, 2021 during the hours of 8:00 a.m-5:00 p.m.

3. **Consideration and Action** to approve the purchase of one Chevrolet Tahoe from Caldwell Country Chevrolet for the George West Police Department in the amount of \$75,443.50 through the utilization of the State Drug Forfeiture Funds as described in Chapter 59 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.

4. **Consideration and Action** to approve the purchase of 1 V110 G6 Fully Rugged Laptop with accessories from Ramco in the amount of \$5,729.24 through the utilization of the State Drug Forfeiture Funds as described in Chapter 59 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.

5. **Consideration and Action** to approve the purchase of two Ford Interceptors from Caldwell Country Ford for the George West Police Department in the amount of \$135,672.00 through the utilization of City of George West 2020 Funds.

6. **Consideration and Action** to approve the purchase of 2 V110 G6 Fully Rugged Laptops with accessories from Ramco in the amount of \$11,458.47 through the utilization of City of George West 2020 Funds.

Mayor Garza asked the Council if everyone had received their packets in a timely manner and had time to look over everything. All Council Members responded that they did. Mayor Garza asked if any of the Council Members wished to pull anything from the Consent Agenda. No Council Members wanted anything pulled. Mayor Garza called for a vote to approve the consent agenda. All Council Members voted "Aye." Consent Agenda carries.

BUSINESS:

- 7. Consideration and Action to convene into EXECUTIVE SESSION. In accordance with Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code (Deliberations about Real Property), the City Council may go into executive session to discuss the following:**

- a) Discussion on the Waste Water Sewer Treatment Plant.

Mayor Garza entertained a motion to go into Executive Session. Council Member, Tim Humphrey, made a motion to enter into Executive Session. Mayor Pro-Tem, Jearl Rannefeld, seconded the motion. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All Council Members in favor. City Council went into Executive Session at 5:42 P.M.

- 8. Reconvene.**

Mayor Garza entertained a motion to reconvene from Executive Session. Council Member, Tim Humphrey, made a motion to reconvene from Executive Session. Mayor Pro-Tem, Jearl Rannefeld, seconded the motion. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All Council Members in favor. City Council reconvened from Executive Session at 6:16 P.M.

- 9. Consideration and Action to purchase acreage in which the City of George West Waste Water Sewer Treatment Plant is located from Mark Katzfey.**

Mayor Garza called for "No Action," on this agenda item. Mayor Pro-Tem, Jearl Rannefeld, made a motion for "No Action." Council Member, Tim Humphrey, seconded the motion. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All Council Members in favor. Motion Carries.

- 10. Consideration and Action to convene into EXECUTIVE SESSION. In accordance with Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters), the City Council may go into executive session to discuss the following:**

- a) Discussion on Public Works Director.

Mayor Garza entertained a motion to go into Executive Session. Council Member, Patricia Clifton, made a motion to enter into Executive Session. Council Member, Tim Humphrey, seconded the motion. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All Council Members in favor. City Council went into Executive Session at 6:18 P.M.

11. Reconvene.

Mayor Garza entertained a motion to reconvene from Executive Session. Council Member, John Walker, made a motion to reconvene from Executive Session. Mayor Pro-Tem, Jearl Rannefeld, seconded the motion. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All Council Members in favor. City Council reconvened from Executive Session at 6:43 P.M.

12. Consideration and Action to accept the verbal resignation as depicted on the attached affidavits.

Mayor Garza read Agenda Item #12. Mayor Pro-Tem, Jearl Rannefeld, moved as read. Council Member, Tim Humphrey, seconded the motion. Mayor Garza entertained an action to amend Agenda Item #12 by inserting after resignation “of Pedro Pena, Interim Public Works Director.” Council Member, Tim Humphrey made a motion to amend. Mayor Pro-Tem, Jearl Rannefeld, seconded the motion. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All Council Members voted “Aye” to amend Agenda Item #12.

Amended Agenda Item #12. Consideration and Action to accept the verbal resignation or Pedro Pena, Interim Public Works Director, as depicted on the attached affidavits. Mayor Garza asked if any discussion was needed on amended Agenda Item #12. No discussion was needed. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All Council Members voted “Aye.” Motion carries.

13. Consideration and Action to authorize the Interim City Manager to post the position of a full-time Public Works Director.

Mayor Garza read Agenda Item #13. Council Member, Patricia Clifton, moved as read. Council Member, Tim Humphrey, seconded the motion. Open for discussion. Mayor Garza stated that the City of George West will offer the salary between \$60,000 - \$67,000 per year with all City benefits. Mayor Garza instructed Interim City Manager, Shirley Holm, to post the job opening in all the appropriate locations. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All Council Members voted “Aye.” Motion carries.

14. Consideration and Action to place Public Works under the direction of the Interim City Manager as sanctioned in Article VI, Section 6.04-Heads of Departments, of the George West City Charter.

Mayor Garza read Agenda Item #14. Council Member, Patricia Clifton, moved as read. Council Member, Tim Humphrey, seconded the motion. Mayor Garza asked if any discussion was needed. Mayor Garza stated that this will be just until the Council hires a full time Public Works Director. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All Council Members voted “Aye.” Motion carries.

15. Adjournment.

Mayor Garza adjourned the Council Meeting at 6:46 P.M.

Haley Maywald
Deputy City Secretary

Andrew Garza
Mayor