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NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 2021

MINUTES

In accordance with order of the Office of the Governor issued March 16, 2020, where he temporary suspended certain provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act, take notice that a regular meeting scheduled **at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 25, 2021** will be conducted by video conference in order to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings (also called “social distancing”), to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), to consider and act upon any lawful subjects which may come before it. **There will be no public access to the City of Cotulla Council Meeting.**

The City Council of the City of Cotulla, Texas will hold a REGULAR MEETING at the **Alexander Convention Center 290 N. IH 35 Access Road, Cotulla, Texas, 78104**. Council will have the option to attend in person or by Conference Call. The citizens of Cotulla will also be able to listen to the meeting by video conference. *Public Comment will only be accepted in writing no later than 30 minutes in advance of the meeting by sending them to City Secretary Bianca Maldonado at biancam.citysecretary@gmail.com. Questions regarding agenda items can be addressed by calling or messaging the following number during the meeting. (830) 483-1461.*

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VIDEO CONFERENCE. The public may access this meeting through the City of Cotulla YouTube Page at www.youtube.com City of Cotulla COC  or City of Cotulla webpage www.cityofcotulla.org.

1. Call to Order.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Javier Garcia.

2. Roll Call.

Present: Mayor Javier Garcia, Councilman Juan Garcia, Eloy Zertuche, Alfredo N. Gonzalez, Reynaldo Garcia

Absent: Councilman Luis Allala, Jr.

Motion to excuse Councilman Luis Allala, Jr. was made by Councilman Alfredo N. Gonzalez. The motion was seconded by Councilman Juan Garcia, with all in favor.

3. Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

4. Citizens to be heard. In order to limit the number of people in attendance per the Governor's Order. Public Comment will only be accepted in writing no later than 30 minutes in advance of the meeting by sending them to City Secretary Bianca Maldonado

at biancam.citysecretary@gmail.com. City Council cannot discuss any presented issues, nor may any action be taken on any given issue at this time. (Attorney General Opinion JC-0169).

No citizens comment.

MOTIONS TO BE APPROVED

5. **Discussion and possible action to approve a request submitted by Johnny Joe & Renee Gonzalez asking for permission to connect to the 12” water line that services TDCJ. Individuals have previously submitted a letter requesting annexation.**

Motion to approve a request submitted by Johnny Joe & Renee Gonzalez asking for permission to connect to the 12” water line that services TDCJ was made by Councilman A. Gonzalez. The motion was seconded by Councilman J. Garcia, with all in favor.

6. **Discussion and possible action on the mediated settlement regarding Cristo Rey Cemetery.**

Motion to move this item to Executive Session was made by Councilman E. Zertuche. The motion was seconded by Councilman J. Garcia, with all in favor.

7. **Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of the following vehicles**

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| a. <u>2021 Ford F-150</u> | <u>purchase price \$23,138.75</u> |
| b. <u>2021 Ford F-150</u> | <u>purchase price \$27,743.75</u> |
| c. <u>2021 Ford F-350</u> | <u>purchase price \$30,280.75</u> |
| d. <u>2021 Toyota Corolla</u> | <u>purchase price \$20,244.75</u> |

Motion to approve the purchase of the following vehicles

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| d. 2021 Toyota Corolla | purchase price \$20,244.75 |

was made by Councilman E. Zertuche. The motion was seconded by Councilman J. Garcia, with all in favor.

8. **Discussion and possible action on a request submitted by Nora G. Martinez asking for permission to submit an Accreditation in State Library System Application.**

Motion to approve a request submitted by Nora G. Martinez to submit an Accreditation in State Library System Application was made by Councilman A. Gonzalez. The motion was seconded by Councilman E. Zertuche, with all in favor.

9. **Discussion and possible action to approve the submittal of a letter to GSS, Inc voicing our opposition to construction of a monopole communications pole in our downtown historic district.**

Motion to approve the submittal of a letter to GSS, Inc voicing our opposition to construction of a monopole communications pole in our downtown historic district was made by Councilman A. Gonzalez. The motion was seconded by Councilman E. Zertuche, with all in favor.

10. **Discussion and possible action to approve an estimate submitted by GASTI, Inc. for a Gas Line Replacement of 150’ on Poole Street in the amount of \$14,500.00.**

Motion to approve an estimate submitted by GASTI, Inc. for a Gas Line Replacement of

150' on Poole Street in the amount of \$14,500.00 was made by Councilman J. Garcia. The motion was seconded by Councilman E. Zertuche, with all in favor.

11. Discussion on the housing situation of immigrants in Cotulla.

Discussion only, no action needed.

12. Discussion and possible action on a Mayoral Declaration of Local State of Disaster due to a public health emergency.

Discussion only, no action needed.

13. CLOSED SESSION - Tex. Gov't Code Ann. Sec. 551.071 (1),(2)

Council entered into closed session at 7:52 p.m.

a.) Myrta Garcia Easement

No action was taken in closed session.

14. OPEN SESSION - The city council will reconvene into open session to discuss and take possible action on the closed session item(s) 13 a.

Council reconvened into open session to discuss and take possible action on the closed session item(s) 13 a.

Motion to approve mediated settlement regarding Cristo Rey Cemetary was made by Councilman R. Garcia. The motion was seconded by Councilman E. Zertuche, with all in favor.

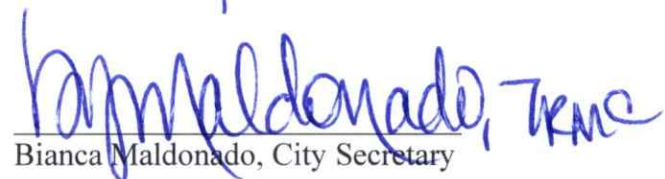
Motion to approve the purchase of the Myrta Garcia Easement in the amount of \$50,000 was made by Councilman E. Zertuche. The motion was seconded by Councilman R. Garcia, with all in favor.

15. Adjourn.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m. by Mayor J. Garcia.

PASSED AND APPROVED THE 8th DAY OF April, 2021


Javier Garcia, Mayor


Bianca Maldonado, City Secretary