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NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 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, April 29, 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.

Absent: Councilman L. Allala, Jr., Reynaldo Garcia.

Motion to excuse Councilman L. Allala, Jr. was made by Councilman A. Gonzalez. There was no second motion therefore, motion dies and absence is unexcused.

Motion to excuse Councilman R. Garcia was made by Councilman E. Zertuche. The motion was seconded by Councilman J. 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 on Change Order No. 003 submitted by Frank Architects Inc. increasing the contract time by 45 days making the new date of Substantial Completion April 15, 2021.**

Motion to approve Change Order No. 003 submitted by Frank Architects Inc. increasing the contract time by 45 days making the new date of Substantial Completion April 15, 2021 was made by Councilman J. Garcia. The motion was seconded by Councilman E. Zertuche, with all in favor.

6. **Discussion and possible action on a notice received by Stockmen's National Bank regarding a lockbox belonging to the City of Cotulla.**

Motion to allow Mayor, City Administrator and/or Council to inquire about the belongings inside the lockbox was made by Councilman E. Zertuche. The motion was seconded by Councilman J. Garcia, with all in favor.

7. **Discussion and possible action on an Agreement for Professional Services submitted by Martinez Consulting Services for professional services.**

Motion to approve an Agreement for Professional Services submitted by Martinez Consulting Services subject to changes made by City Attorney Steve Peña was made by Councilman J. Garcia. The motion was seconded by Councilman E. Zertuche, with all in favor.

8. **Discussion and possible action on a request submitted by Major Benjamin Morales from TDCJ.**

Motion to approve a request for monetary donation of \$700 by Major Benjamin Morales from TDCJ for their employee appreciation luncheon was made by Councilman A. Gonzalez. The motion was seconded by Councilman E. Zertuche, with all in favor.

9. **Discussion and possible action on a Mayoral Declaration of Local State of Disaster due to a public health emergency regarding the opening of the Alexander Convention Center.**

Discussion only, no action taken.

10. **CLOSED SESSION - Tex. Gov't Code Ann. Sec. 551.072 Deliberation About Real Property; 551.074 Personnel Matters**

Council entered into closed session at 7:32 p.m.

- a.) **Purchase of Real Estate – Francisco Lozano**
b.) **Personnel Matters – Maria T. Gonzalez**

No action taken in closed session.

11. OPEN SESSION - The city council will reconvene into open session to discuss and take possible action on the closed session item(s) 10 (a)(b).

Council reconvened into open session at 8:04 p.m. to take action on closed session items 10 (a)(b).

Motion to allow purchase property belonging to Francisco Lozano not to exceed \$48,000 was made by Councilman J. Garcia. The motion was seconded by Councilman E. Zertuche, with all in favor.

12. Adjourn.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. by Mayor Javier Garcia.

PASSED AND APPROVED THE 13th DAY OF May, 2021


Javier Garcia, Mayor


Bianca Maldonado, City Secretary