



Meeting Minutes

City Council Workshop Session

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Thursday, August 20, 2020

9:00 AM

City Council Chambers

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**Budget Workshop for Parks & Recreation, Libraries, and Health Department Operations**

**A. Mayor Joe McComb to call the meeting to order.**

Mayor McComb called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

**B. City Secretary Rebecca L. Huerta to call the roll of the required Charter Officers.**

City Secretary Rebecca L. Huerta called the roll and verified that a quorum of the City Council and the required Charter Officers were present to conduct the meeting.

**Charter Officers:**

**City Manager Peter Zanoni, City Attorney Miles K. Risley and City Secretary Rebecca L. Huerta.**

**Present** 7 - Mayor Joe McComb, Council Member Rudy Garza, Council Member Paulette Guajardo, Council Member Gil Hernandez, Council Member Michael Hunter, Council Member Ben Molina, and Council Member Greg Smith

**Absent** 2 - Council Member Roland Barrera, and Council Member Everett Roy

**C. BRIEFINGS TO CITY COUNCIL:**

**1. Proposed FY 2020 - 2021 Operating Budget for Parks & Recreation, Libraries, and Health Department Operations**

Interim Director of Parks & Recreation Tracey Cantu presented information on the following topics related to the Parks & Recreation Department: mission statement; about Parks and Recreation; an organizational chart; FY2020 achievements; performance measures; services; the FY2021 Parks and Recreation proposed General Fund, Enterprise Fund, Special Revenue Fund and Grant Fund budgets and revenue sources; FY2021 enhancements; and the FY2021 proposed capital budget.

Council members and Interim Director Cantu discussed the following topics: the status and timeline of the Cole Park Pier rebuild, including funding sources; sources of funding for meals provided by Parks and Recreation; programming offered for youth during the COVID-19 pandemic; staffing related to after hour kid power (formerly latchkey); the current status and future of the golf program; the aquatics manager; funding for aquatics in the Capital Improvement Plan; given the COVID-19 pandemic, the expected participation rate in the after hour kid power program in FY20-21, given the COVID-19

pandemic; funding for aquatics; the status of the City's senior centers and seniors themselves during the COVID-19 pandemic; the City's outreach efforts to seniors; changes to Park and Recreation's mowing cycles; the status of the meals-on-wheels program; how COVID-19 funding can be utilized to sustain the meals-on-wheels program; maintenance of baseball parks; funding for Parker Pool in relation to Parker Pool's continued operation; the status of and funding sources for the installation of shade structures in Sherrill Park; the estimated completion date of the rebuild of Cole Park Pier; a council member's desire to have an appropriate ceremony for the unveiling of a sign related to the change of name to Sherrill Veterans Park; and the status of and costs associated with the planned erecting of the sail of the former USS City of Corpus Christi submarine in Sherrill Park.

Director of Libraries Laura Garcia presented information on the following topics related to Libraries: mission statement; about library services; an organizational chart; FY2020 achievements; performance measures; services; FY2021 proposed Library budget and revenue sources; enhancements 1, 2 and 3; and FY2021 proposed capital budget projects.

Council members and Director Garcia discussed the following topics: the volume and availability of digital services and apps; that free wi-fi is available and public libraries; utilizing curbside service; patrons being able to access the internet via the libraries' computers; patrons' use of library laptops; and the status and anticipated cost of re-roofing the La Retama Central Library.

Director of the Health District Annette Rodriguez presented information on the following topics related to the Health District: mission statement; about Public Health; an organizational chart; FY2020 achievements; performance measures; public health services; the FY2021 Health District's proposed budget and revenue sources; enhancement 1; and the FY2021 proposed capital budget projects.

Council members and Director Rodriguez discussed the following topics: submitting COVID-19-related reimbursement requests to the federal government; the status of a COVID-19 vaccine; the number of flu vaccines ordered by the Health District, when they are expected to arrive, what they will cost and the price the Health District will charge to administer a flu vaccine; the number of free flu vaccines given by the Health District last year; challenges associated with some of the employees of the Health District being county employees; potentially transitioning all employees to either be all City or all County employees; the benefits of having a combined City/County Health District, particularly as has been evidenced during the COVID-19 pandemic; long-term plans and funding sources for mental health; the purpose of the Medicaid Waiver 1115 fund related to obesity and associated planned expenditures in FY20-21; the importance of everyone receiving the flu vaccine; the good relationship between the City and County at the Health District; and funding for mental health and intellectual disabilities.

## **D. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.