

**PALM VALLEY CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 21, 2020**

The City Council of the City of Palm Valley met in a Regular Session on the 21st day of January, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at 1313 N. Stuart Place Road, Palm Valley, Texas. The meeting was attended by the following persons:

Mayor George Rivera  
Council Members, Eric Hoff, Lisa Taylor, Jerry Wade, Cynthia Thompson,  
Michael Galvan

City Attorney: Jason Mann  
City Secretary - Sylvia R. Trevino

Staff: Chief A. R. Garcia  
Rosendo Flores - Public Works Director

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Mayor Rivera called the meeting to order.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - The Pledge of Allegiance followed led by Mayor Rivera.
3. **LEGISLATIVE PRAYER** - Led by Councilman Wade.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

John Speer, 5613 El Camino Real, spoke in reference to the 2005 easement agreement which, in his opinion, is illegal under the Constitution. He stated that the public was led to believe that the agreement was for the discharge of effluent in order to justify the expense of improving the other ponds at the Golf Course. The 2005 agreement allows the City to do anything they want on the Golf Course. If, in fact, the purpose is to control the discharge of storm water, Mr. Speer felt that a brand new agreement should be drawn that will benefit the City only and not for the benefit of private property.

5. **MINUTES FOR APPROVAL - DECEMBER 17, 2019**

Councilwoman Thompson noted some minor grammatical changes to Pages 7 and 10.

Councilman Wade made a motion to approve the minutes with the noted corrections.

Councilwoman Thompson seconded the motion.

Mayor Rivera took the votes and the motion carried unanimously by those present.

**6. VARIANCE REQUEST DENIED FOR 8 FT. HEIGHT SIDE FENCES AT 708 PALM VALLEY DRIVE EAST. PROPERTY OWNER: CHARLES RAMSEY**

Mayor Rivera commented that if the variance is approved, the previous ordinance that was adopted will have to be amended to allow 8 ft fences on the sides.

Councilwoman Thompson stated that after last month's meeting, she did notice several homes with 8 ft. high fences, whether approved through variances or maybe no permits were pulled and because of this she felt that it would not be in the best interest of the City to deny the variance.

Councilman Hoff stated that once the City starts granting variances the Council will be besieged with requests. The Council already approved 8 ft fences on Dilworth and there is already an ordinance in place which should be followed.

Councilwoman Taylor agreed with Councilman Hoff.

Mayor Rivera commented that if the Council approves the variance he would like to change the ordinance to allow 8 ft fences. Any variance requests would have to come before the Council and this will be a continuous issue. It is the Council's decision to approve or deny the variance request.

Councilman Wade made a motion to deny the variance request by Charles Ramsey.

Councilman Hoff seconded the motion.

Mayor Rivera took the votes and the motion carried by the following votes:

Aye: Wade, Hoff, Taylor, Galvan

Nay: Thompson

The motion to deny the request carried 4 to 1.

**7. NEW MEMBER APPOINTED TO THE ZONING COMMISSION TO FILL VACANCY**

Councilwoman Taylor nominated Dennis Easley to serve on the Zoning Commission to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Geane Gill. There being no other nominations, she made the motion to appoint Mr. Easley.

Councilman Hoff seconded the motion.

Mayor Rivera took the votes and the motion carried unanimously by those present.

**8. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH CAMERON COUNTY TO ADOPT A HAZARD MITIGATION ACTION PLAN FOR MITIGATION PURPOSES.**
- B. CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR THE PALM VALLEY EAST DRAINAGE PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,804.27.**
- C. TRAVEL FOR MAYOR RIVERA TO ATTEND THE ELECTED OFFICIALS CONFERENCE FOR TEXAS MAYORS, COUNCILMEMBERS AND COMMISSIONERS ON MARCH 4-6, 2020 IN FRISCO TEXAS.**

Minor discussion was held on the above noted items. Regarding Item A, Mayor Rivera explained that it is lot less expensive to join in with the County than if the City went at it alone.

Councilman Hoff made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilwoman Thompson seconded the motion.

Mayor Rivera took the votes and the motion carried unanimously by those present.

**9. EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.072 OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT: DELIBERATIONS ABOUT REAL PROPERTY FOR USE BY THE CITY OF PALM VALLEY**

Councilwoman Taylor made a motion to go into Executive Session.

Councilman Wade seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by those present.

The Executive Session convened at 6:20 p.m. and concluded at 6:50 p.m. without any action taken in closed session.

**10 ACTION TAKEN CONCERNING THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR USE BY THE CITY OF PALM VALLEY**

Returning to Open Session, Councilman Hoff made a motion to authorize the City Attorney to negotiate potential acquisition of real property subject to subsequent approval by the City Council.

Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion.

Mayor Rivera took the votes and the motion carried unanimously by those present.

There being no further action, the meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m. upon a motion by Councilwoman Taylor and a second by Councilman Hoff.



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George Rivera, Mayor

Attest:



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Sylvia R. Trevino, City Secretary