

**MINUTES
OF
CITY OF WHARTON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 2013**

Mayor Domingo Montalvo, Jr. declared a Regular Meeting duly open for the transaction of business at 7:00 P.M at City Hall 120 E. Caney Street Wharton, TX. Mayor Domingo Montalvo, Jr. led the opening devotion and the pledge of allegiance.

Councilmember's present were: Mayor Domingo Montalvo, Jr., Councilmembers Al Bryant, Terry David Lynch, Jeff Gubbels, Russell Machann, Don Mueller, and Karen Schulz.

Councilmember absent was: None.

Staff members present were: Finance Director Joan Andel, City Secretary Paula Favors, Assistant to the City Manager Cheryl Parker-Reznicek, EMS Director John Kowalik, and City Attorney Paul Webb.

Visitors present were: David Schroeder, Executive Director, Wharton Economic Development Corporation, I.O. Coleman, Jr., Jan Schroeder, Fernando Guzman, Jr., President of Prime Eco Group, Inc., and Rosario Guzman, Business Development with Prime Eco Group, Inc.

The second item on the agenda was Roll Call and Excuses Absences. All members were present.

The third item on the agenda was Public Comments. No comments were given.

The fourth item on the agenda was the Wharton Moment. Mayor Domingo Montalvo, Jr. stated prayers and thoughts were with City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. after undergoing a procedure on Tuesday, November 12, 2013. Mayor Montalvo also included prayers for the Freese family after the recent loss of Shirley Freese Mican. Councilmember Don Mueller thanked the Pilot Club of Wharton for an impressive Veteran's Day Ceremony held Monday, November 11, 2013.

The fifth item on the agenda was a proclamation. Mayor Pro-Tem Don Mueller presented a proclamation declaring Saturday, November 2, 2013 as Fernando J. Guzman Day in Wharton, Texas, which read as follows:

**CITY OF WHARTON
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, Fernando J. Guzman is presently President and CEO of Prime Eco Group, Inc. (Prime Eco Fluids) of Wharton, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Fernando is involved in the vision, management and development of all facets of the business, overseeing finances, operations, marketing, business development, and administration; and

WHEREAS, Fernando has received recognition as “Houston’s Manufacturer of the Year” by Houston Minority Business Development Center in 2006, “Most Influential Company” by Wharton Country Rotary Club in 2007 and “Jeffrey Butland Family-Owned Business of the Year” by the Houston District of US Small Business Administration in 2010; and

WHEREAS, On November 2, 2013, Fernando J. Guzman, President and CEO of Prime Eco Group, Inc. of Wharton, Texas was recognized as 2013 Male Entrepreneur by Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I, Domingo Montalvo, Jr., by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Wharton, Texas, do hereby proclaim

*Saturday, November 2, 2013 as
“Fernando J. Guzman Day”*

And acknowledge his family for their support throughout his journey in achieving this commendable award.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Wharton to be affixed this 13th day of November, in the year of our Lord two thousand thirteen A.D.

Domingo Montalvo, Jr.
Mayor

Mayor Domingo Montalvo, Jr. then presented the proclamation to Mr. Fernando J. Guzman and his wife Mrs. Rosario Guzman. No action was taken.

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The sixth item on the agenda was to review and consider the reading of the minutes from the regular meetings held October 14, 2013 and October 28, 2013. After some discussion, Councilmember Karen Schulz moved to approve the minutes from the regular meetings held October 14, 2013 and October 28, 2013. Councilmember Terry David Lynch seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The seventh item on the agenda was to review and consider Write-Offs:

- A. City of Wharton EMS
- B. Utilities

Finance Director Joan Anandel presented copies of two (2) memorandums dated October 31, 2013 with details of City of Wharton EMS and Utilities Write-Offs that were presented to the City Council Finance Committee for review and consideration on November 13, 2013. Mrs. Anandel stated there were \$430,704 of uncollected City of Wharton EMS receivables up to September 2012, and \$17,980.78 of uncollected utilities balances from October 2012 to September 2013 to be written off for non-payment. After some discussion, Councilmember Don Mueller moved to approve \$430,704 of uncollected City of Wharton EMS receivables up to September 2012, and \$17,980.78 of uncollected utilities balances from October 2012 to September 2013 to be written off for non-payment. Councilmember Al Bryant seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The eighth item on the agenda was to review and consider Wharton Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) presentation of the WEDC Annual Report by Mr. David L. Schroeder, Executive Director. Finance Director Joan Anandel presented a copy of a memorandum dated October 21, 2013 from Executive Director David L. Schroeder regarding the corporation's Fiscal Year October 1, 2013 thru September 30, 2013 report. Mr. Schroeder presented the corporation's Fiscal Year October 1, 2013 thru September 30, 2013 report to the City Council. After some discussion, no action was taken.

The ninth item on the agenda was to review and consider City Council Boards, Commissions and Committees:

- A. Beautification Commission.
- B. Holiday Light Decorating Chairman.

After some discussion, no action was taken.

The tenth item on the agenda was adjournment. There being no further discussion, Councilmember Don Mueller moved to adjourn. Councilmember Jeff Gubbels seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

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By: _____
Domingo Montalvo, Jr.
Mayor

ATTEST:

Paula Favors
City Secretary