

MINUTES
OF
CITY OF WHARTON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 13, 2007

Mayor Bryce D. Kocian declared a Regular Meeting duly open for the transaction of business at 7:00 P.M. Councilmember Ken Freese led the opening devotion and then Mayor Bryce D. Kocian led the pledge of allegiance.

Councilmembers present were: Mayor Bryce D. Kocian and Councilmembers V. L. Wiley, Jr., David Samuelson, Ken Freese, Don Mueller, Domingo Montalvo, Jr., and Ray Linseisen.

Councilmember absent were: None.

Staff members present were: City Manager Andres Garza, Jr., Finance Director Joyce Vasut, Assistant to City Manager Jackie Jansky, City Secretary Lisa Stavena, Planning Director Prudencio Arriaga, Sr., Police Chief Tim Guin, EMS Director John Kowalik, Interim Public Works Director Phillip Bush, Emergency Management Coordinator Jim Cooper and Assistant City Attorney Amy Rod.

Visitors present were: Benjamin Sharp with Wharton Journal Spectator, David Schroeder with Wharton Economic Development Corporation, Carlos Cotton, Louis Edwards, Pascual Castro, Yvonne Compian, and Felicia Compian.

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

The fourth item on the agenda was Wharton Moment. No comments were given. No action was taken.

The fifth item on the agenda was to review and consider the reading of the minutes from the regular meetings held July 9, 2007 and July 23, 2007. After some discussion, Councilmember Ray Linseisen made a motion to approve the Wharton City Council minutes of the regular meetings held July 9, 2007 and July 23, 2007 as presented. Councilmember Don Mueller seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The sixth item on the agenda was to review and consider the request by Mr. Pascual Castro, Chairman of the Fiesta Hispano Americana for City of Wharton assistance for the 26th Annual Fiesta Hispano Americana Event to be held Saturday, September 8, 2007:

A. Request for Waste Management to provide restroom facilities and solid waste receptacles during the event.

- B. Portable light plant for use during evening hours to be located near restroom facilities.
- C. Closure of Houston and Fulton Streets between Milam and Burleson Streets and use of barricades.
- D. Erecting and dismantling City of Wharton stage.
- E. Maintenance Personnel to assist with grounds maintenance during the event.
- F. Security.
- G. Authorization of parade route beginning at the corner of Walnut and Milam Street, proceeding west on Milam Street, passing through downtown area to north on Polk Street and ending at Guffey Park.

City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. presented a copy of the letter dated July 29, 2007 from Fiesta Hispano Americana Chairman Pascual Castro requesting the afore-mentioned items for the 26th Annual Fiesta Hispano American event to be held on the Wharton downtown square. Mr. Castro addressed the City Council and stated that the Fiesta was requesting the light plant for safety reasons to be placed near the restroom facilities. He stated that the light plant would only be needed on Saturday evening for 4 ½ hours. He stated that the vendors would have receptacles; however, requested the City Staff to assist with grounds maintenance during the duration of the event. After some discussion, Councilmember Domingo Montalvo, Jr. made a motion to approve the request by Mr. Pascual Castro, Chairman of the Fiesta Hispano Americana for City of Wharton assistance for the 26th Annual Fiesta Hispano Americana Event to be held Saturday, September 8, 2007 for the following:

- A. Request for Waste Management to provide restroom facilities and solid waste receptacles during the event.
- B. Portable light plant for use during evening hours to be located near restroom facilities, if City could obtain through donation.
- C. Closure of Houston and Fulton Streets between Milam and Burleson Streets and use of barricades.
- D. Erecting and dismantling City of Wharton stage.
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Councilmember Ray Linseisen seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Mr. Castro publicly thanked the City for their support toward the Fiesta Hispano Americana Event.

The seventeenth item on the agenda was to review and consider the recommendation by the Planning Commission for City Council consideration to approve the following:

- A. Request by Larry's Mexican Restaurant for a variance to construct a freestanding commercial sign 6 feet from the property line located at 210 S. Richmond Road, Gallaher 2nd, Block A, Lot 1A, 2A.

City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. stated that the Planning Commission met Monday, August 6, 2007 and discussed the item. He then presented a copy of the memorandum dated August 7, 2007 from Planning Commission Chairman A. J. Rath recommending the City Council consider approving. Planning Director Prudencio V. Arriaga, Sr. stated that the sign had been installed; therefore, a variance was requested. Assistant City Attorney Amy Rod stated that the City filed a

