

Minutes - Final

City Council

Tuesday, February 28, 2023	5:00 PM	1611 Pfennig Lane

Worksession

Public comment will be allowed in person at the Regular Meeting scheduled to begin at 7:00p.m.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Gonzales called the worksession to order at 5:00pm. Mayor Pro Tem Doug Weiss and Councilmembers Rudy Metayer, Jim McDonald, David Rogers; Ceasar Ruiz, and Kimberly Holiday were in attendance.

City staff in attendance: Sereniah Breland, City Manager; James Hartshorn, Deputy City Manager; Emily Barron, Assistant City Manager; Thomas Hunter, Assistant City Manager; Trista Evans, City Secretary; Charles Zech, City Attorney; Melissa Moore, Finance Director; Sara King, Assistant Finance Director; Christin Lindsey, Senior Budget Analyst; John Nguyen, Budget Analyst; Jennifer Coffey Griswold, Library Director; Brandon Pritchett, Public Utility Director; Evan Groeschel, Operations Director; Jeremy Frazzell, Planning and Development Services Director; Carlo Franco, Special Projects Manager; Jason Haun, Emergency Management Coordinator; Terri Toledo, Director of Management Services.

2. Discuss Only

2A. <u>2023-0089</u> Conduct a presentation regarding the FY23 Q1 Financial Update.

Mayor Gonzales opened the item for discussion. Ms. Moore reviewed the first quarter general fund revenue. Mayor Gonzales asked about when reports will see sales tax from holidays. Ms. Moore stated that will be seen in the February receipt of sales tax. Ms. Moore reviewed sales tax historical performance, general fund expenditures, and enterprise funds. Ms. Moore discussed debris removal expenditures. Ms. Holiday asked when the city would know the final expenditures for the debris. Ms. Moore stated she will have more information for the second quarter review.

2B. <u>2023-0123</u> Discussion regarding a legislative update from Focused Advocacy.

Mayor Gonzales opened the item for discussion. Brandon Aghamalian with Focused Advocacy reviewed bills filed at the legislature related to emergency services districts. Mr. Aghamalian discussed the process and time line to review the bills filed and answered questions from council. Mr. McDonald asked about the committees. Mr. Aghamalian provided information about the different purposes of the committees. Mr. Rogers discussed how the council can help. Mr. Metayer asked if there are any other bills the city should be aware of. Mr. Aghamalian provided information about some of the other bills that are being filed related to preemption and land use. Discussion followed regarding specific bills.

2C. <u>2023-0157</u> Conduct a presentation from Oncor regarding freeze event.

Mayor Gonzales opened the item for discussion. Mr. Haun introduced Armando Perez with Oncor. Mr. Perez discussed Oncor's regular maintenance for year-round seasonal weather preparedness such as contingency planning and being in compliance with the Public Utility Commission's weatherization rule. Mr. Perez discussed the annual review of critical load lists, staying in communication with its customers, and ways it prepared for the winter storm. Mr. Rogers asked about the in house meteorologists doing separate projections. Mr. Perez provided information stating they are used as a way to stay communicative with customers.

Mr. Ruiz asked about burying lines as a long term solution. Mr. Perez stated that while underground utilities does limit the type of exposure, outages can last a log longer and burying the lines is expensive. Mr. Rogers asked about preventative measured people can take with their trees. Discussion followed regarding tree maintenance. Mr. Perez discussed the storm impacts to recovery and power outages. Mayor Gonzales asked about the average time for an outage. Mr. Perez stated it varied. Mr. Perez provided information about communication methods and stated their communication was better prepared this time. Mayor Gonzales stated seeing these types of weather events is becoming more common. Mr. Perez discussed ongoing maintenance and forecasting to prepare. Discussion followed regarding limb debris and open communication between Oncor, citizens, and the City.

3. Adjourn

Mayor Gonzales adjourned the worksession at 6:09pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Trista Evans, City Secretary

Approved as _____ on March 14, 2023.