



MINUTES

PRESENT:

Norie Gonzalez Garza, Mayor
Ruben D. Plata, Mayor Pro-Tem
Jessica Ortega, Councilwoman
Marissa Ortega-Gerlach, Councilwoman
Alberto Vela, Councilman
Patricia A. Rigney, City Attorney
Mike R. Perez, City Manager
Anna Carrillo, City Secretary

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT:

David Willis
Jose P. Rodriguez
Javier Lara

STAFF PRESENT:

Judith Garcia, Deputy Media Relations Dir.
Ruben Hernandez, Media Relations

SPECIAL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH QUORUM

With a quorum being present, Mayor Norie Gonzalez Garza called the meeting to order at 11:33 a.m.

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION

Davis Willis, 1534 E. 6th Street, Suite 201, Brownsville, TX., representing Mission Police Association Local 293, addressed the council. He provided an overview of Local 293, noting its establishment in 2004. Mr. Willis stated that a majority of the Mission Police Department officers support Local 293 as their exclusive bargaining agent. He also referenced a memorandum presented by the Mission Police Law Enforcement Association (MPLEA), which claimed ownership of the petition; he asserted this claim was inaccurate. Mr. Willis urged the council to formally recognize Local 293 as the official bargaining agent.

Jose P. Rodriguez, 2105 Bald Cypress, Weslaco, TX representing Mission Police Association Local 293, reported that, as of March 31, there were 113 active members from the Mission Police Department affiliated with Local 293. Mr. Rodriguez clarified the sequence of events leading up to the petition's submission and requested that the council honor the will of the officers.

At 11:45 a.m., Mayor Pro Tem Ruben Plata moved to convene into Executive Session. Motion was seconded by Councilman Alberto Vela and approved unanimously 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon conclusion of Executive Session at 12:15 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Plata moved to reconvene the regular meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Jessica Ortega and approved unanimously 5-0.

1. Closed session pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), as to the City's legal duties and obligations relating to the petition submitted by the Mission Police Association Local 293 requesting recognition as the sole and exclusive bargaining agent for covered police officers employed by the City of Mission pursuant to 142 Tex. Loc. Gov't Code.

Councilman Vela moved to not accept petition of Mission Police Association Local 293 due to lack of legal status of the Association. Motion was seconded Mayor Pro Tem Plata and approved unanimously 5-0.

AGENDA ITEMS**1. Consideration and Possible Action if any regarding the petition submitted by the Mission Police Association Local 293 – Perez**

No Action

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:16 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Plata moved for adjournment. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ortega and approved unanimously 5-0.

Norie Gonzalez Garza, Mayor

ATTEST:

Anna Carrillo, City Secretary