

## MINUTES OF EMERGENCY COUNCIL MEETING

On the 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a regular session at 402 Park St., at the Kiva Hut, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

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| Pedro "Pete" Lopez | Mayor         |
| Lolo Hernandez     | Mayor Pro-tem |
| Rolando Rodriguez  | Absent        |
| JoAdrian Vara      |               |
| Leonard Vasquez    |               |

Others present: Mary Alice Sandoval, Finance Director and Jennifer Pineda, City Secretary.

**#1.** There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

**#2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.**

Mayor Lopez led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

**#3. Visitors.**

There were no visitor comments.

**#4. Consider and approve the use of the Kiva Hut located at 402 Park St. to distribute food to San Patricio residents 3 times a week: Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays. 11 to 1 pm. in response to COVID-19 Declaration of Disaster. Said Project is sponsored by Corpus Christi Food Bank.**

Councilman Vasquez made a motion to approve the use of the Kiva Hut located at 402 Park St. to distribute food to San Patricio residents 3 times a week: Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays. 11 to 1 pm. in response to COVID-19 Declaration of Disaster. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vara.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vara, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

Absent: Rodriguez

The motion carried.

**#5. Consider, discuss and take action to extend the Stay at Home Order until April 17, 2020, with an amendment to suspend penalty fees, disconnection fees, reconnection fees, processing fees, and service fees authorized under Ordinance Nos. 911, 927, and 1052.**

Councilman Vasquez made a motion to extend the Stay at Home Order until April 17, 2020, with an amendment to suspend penalty fees, disconnection fees, reconnection fees, processing fees, and service fees authorized under Ordinance Nos. 911, 927, and 1052. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vara.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vara, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

Absent: Rodriguez

The motion carried.

**#6. Consider, discuss and take action to approve overtime pay for exempt City employees due to a Declaration of Local Distaster known as Covid-19 issued by the State and Federal government on March 13, 2020 and effective on said date pursuant to City of Taft Personnel Policy Chapter 18(J).**

Councilman Vara made a motion to approve overtime pay for exempt City employees due to a

Declaration of Local Distaster known as Covid-19 issued by the State and Federal government on March 13, 2020 and effective on said date pursuant to City of Taft Personnel Policy Chapter 18(J). The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vara, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

Absent: Rodriguez

The motion carried.

**#7. Discuss, consider and act on the operational and logistical measures related to the City's preparedness and response to the federal, state, and city's local state of emergency declarations due to a public health emergency known as Covid-19 pandemic.**

Councilman Vasquez made a motion to close city hall to the public and have employees take cyber security training. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vara.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vara, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

Absent: Rodriguez

The motion carried.

**#8. Consider, discuss and take action to provide 30-day written notice to terminate Emergency Ambulance Services contract between City and Hidalgo Emergency Service Foundation dba South Texas Airmed.**

Councilman Vara made a motion to table this item. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vara, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

Absent: Rodriguez

The motion carried.

**#9. Adjournment.**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Vasquez to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vara.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vara, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

Absent: Rodriguez

The motion carried.

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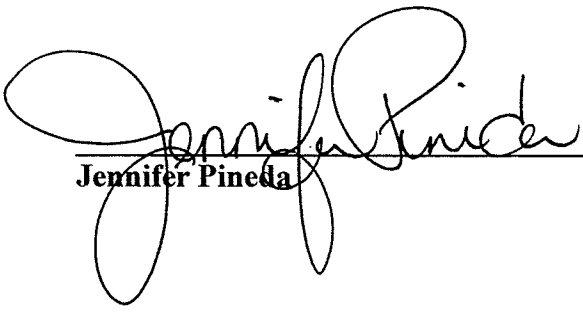


Pedro Lopez

Mayor



ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Pineda". The signature is written in a cursive style with large, flowing loops.

**Jennifer Pineda**

**City Secretary**