

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF ARANSAS
SAN PATRICIO AND NUECES
CITY OF ARANSAS PASS

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A Special Meeting of the Aransas Pass City Council was held on Monday, January 25, 2021 via Video Conferencing livestreamed at <http://youtube.com/user/cityofaransaspas>, as allowed by the Governor's Order issued on March 16, 2020 in an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. A notice of the meeting was posted 72 hours in advance in accordance with Section 551, Texas Government Code. Mayor Ramiro Gomez and Council Members Vickie Abrego, Jason Knight, Janet Moore and Carrie Scruggs were present. Also present was Interim City Manager Sandra Garcia and City Attorney Roxann Pais Cotroneo.

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER.**

Mayor Gomez called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

2. **CITY MANAGER:**

- 2.1 Consider and Act on approving Ordinance No. 2021-4337 amending the Drought Contingency Plan; establishing criteria for the initiation and termination of Drought Response Stages; establishing restrictions on certain water uses; establishing penalties for the violation of and provisions for enforcement of these restrictions; establishing procedures for granting variances; and providing severability and an effective date.

Sandra Garcia, Interim City Manager stated that it is necessary to update the Drought Contingency Plan. She added the plan was last updated in 2013. Ms. Garcia explained the city purchases its water from the San Patricio Municipal Water District (SPMWD) and it needs to mirror the City of Corpus Christi Drought Contingency Plan per the contract with SPMWD. She noted the old plan has the following five (5) stages: Mild, Moderate, Severe, Critical, Emergency, and the new plan has the following four (4) stages: Mild, Moderate, Critical and Emergency.

Ms. Garcia stated that the City of Corpus Christi has announced they are in Stage 1 and the City of Aransas Pass needs to announce that we are now in Stage 1 by the end of the month. She stated that Stage 1 means that residents can only water once a week and will begin notifying residents by including information in the utility bills, social media, and press release. Mayor Pro Tem Moore asked when does this become effective, and Ms. Garcia responded it is effective upon approval.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Moore to approve Item. 2.1, seconded by Council Member Scruggs, and the motion passed with the following vote: Abrego, Knight, Moore and Scruggs voting Aye.

3. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

The meeting was recessed into Executive Session at 5:34 pm under the provision of Section 551, of the Texas Government Code to discuss the authority of:

- 3.1 Section 551.074, City Manager

The council reconvened in open session at 7:30 pm.

A motion was made by Council Member Scruggs to re-hire Gary Edwards, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Moore, and the motion passed with the following vote: Abrego, Moore and Scruggs

voting Aye; Knight voting No.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Gomez adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Ramiro Gomez
Mayor

Mary Juarez
City Secretary

Approved on: _____