

CITY OF CONVERSE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2, 2010
7:00 PM

The City Council of the City of Converse met in a regular meeting at the Converse Municipal Complex on Tuesday, February 2, 2010 at 7:00 PM to discuss various items on the agenda. The following were present:

Mayor Al Suarez	Mayor Pro Tem Carlton Degenhardt, Place 4
Councilwoman Renee Paschall, Place 1	Councilman Bruce Cannon, Place 2
Councilman John Shadron, Place 3	Councilman Jon Lindgren, Place 5
Councilwoman Mary Riley, Place 6	Mr. Sam Hughes, City Manager
Mr. John Quintanilla, Assistant City Manager	Mr. Mark Luft, EDC Executive Director
Mr. Rick Jamison, Police Chief	Mr. Richard Wendt, Fire/EMS Chief
Ms. Deborah McKenzie, Police Data Clerk	Mr. Don Nickles, Building Inspector
Mr. Ray Ortiz, City Attorney	Ms. Penny Hieronymus, City Secretary

1. Call to Order

At approximately 7:00 PM, Mayor Suarez called the meeting to order.

2. Invocation by Pastor Joe Warren, Tabernacle Baptist Church, Universal City

Pastor Warren gave the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance: To the U.S. Flag led by Mayor Suarez
To the Texas Flag led by Mayor Pro Tem Degenhardt

Mayor Suarez led all those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag.

MPT Degenhardt led all those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

4. Roll Call and Recognition of Visitors

Mayor Suarez stated all Council members are present.

5. Consent Agenda. All Of The Following Items May Be Acted Upon By One Motion. No Separate Discussion Or Action On Any Of The Items Is Necessary Unless Desired By A Council Member

- A. Receive Park and Recreation Commission Minutes for Meeting Conducted on November 9, 2009
- B. Receive Planning Commission Minutes for Meeting Conducted on November 24, 2009

- C. Acton to Approve the Financial Statements for November 2010 (actually 2009)
- D. Action to Approve the Investment Report as of November 30, 2009

Councilwoman Riley made a motion to approve agenda items #5 A-D. Councilman Cannon seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

6. Special Consideration Items

- A. Recognition of Ms. Deborah McKenzie, Data Clerk, Converse Police Department, for More Than 5 Years Service to the City of Converse (Mayor Suarez)

Mayor Suarez, Council & staff presented Ms. McKenzie with a Certificate of Appreciation for her 5 yr. service to the Converse Police Dept. & all she does for the Citizens Police Academy.

Ms. McKenzie thanked Chief Jamison & CC for giving her the opportunity to come on board; there is never a dull moment.

- B. Recognition of Mr. Donald Nickles, Building Inspector, for More Than 5 Years Service to the City of Converse (Mayor Suarez)

Mayor Suarez, Council & staff presented Mr. Don Nickles with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Mr. Nickles thanked Mr. Hughes & Mr. Richmond for trusting him as a Building Inspector.

- 7. Citizens To Be Heard. This time is provided for Citizens to address City Council on any issues and concerns. No City Council discussion or action can be taken if the item is not on the agenda. Please limit your remarks to three (3) minutes and state your name and address for the record. No personal attacks shall be allowed.

-Ms. Kathy Selko of 7327 Trance Lane spoke on the Converse Fire/EMS Alumni Assoc. & Ms. Robin Benbrook's house fire, which started on Sun. & got it out, it re-started on Mon., she thanked Chief Wendt & the fantastic job they did, Steve Brown, Gloria & Richard Weers, John Woolery, Andy & Kathy Selko to help Ms. Benbrook.

-Mr. S.T. Russell of 224 Ralston shared his concerns on Ralston Road, which has been literally torn to pieces, what is the termination date of this project, they would like to see the project finished.

-Mr. Randy Pannell of 816 Meadow Peak stated he has received calls the last few days from people that live on Ralston Street, he is not in any type of authority or power to do anything for these people, but he encourages CC to give these people some answers.

-Mr. Jim Sherman of 10218 Plumas Dr. spoke on the EDC agenda item #10 C; he asked CC to be very careful about what they do in changing the By Laws of this organization. He would like to see them keep Council members as Board members of the EDC, the organization was started by the City for the City. The EDC is an organization designed to help increase & support businesses & EDC.

-Mr. Jeff Beehler of 112 Norris Dr. East asked why to the taxpayers have to pay to have Norris Dr. East repaved when it is not the City tearing it up, it is the people that are building the subdivision over by Miramar. He suggests that if we can't do anything now, maybe in the future, have those people pay a little extra perhaps or be responsible for the road they tear up.

-Mr. Robert Fink of 205 Ralston agreed with Mr. Russell's comments on the Ralston project. He is concerned for the safety of the people.

-Mr. Loren Weishaar of 212 Ralston commented on what they were told on Ralston Street. He read from a flyer that was left on his door on June 12, 2009 & be finished by early Sept. He asked CC to follow through & do a good job.

-Mr. Louis Abernathy of 249 Ralston spoke on 3 concerns on Ralston: 1-various huge vehicles coming & going; the road base was for residential, the streets are being ripped apart; what are we going to do about the people tearing up the road; 2-back flow valves – are we putting it in right; & 3-get back on Ralston.

8. Public Hearings

A. None

Mayor Suarez stated there were no Public Hearings.

9. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion and Appropriate Action on a Request to Approve an Agreement Between the City of Converse and JYSF to Conduct a Youth Baseball/Softball Program Using City Park Facilities (City Manager)

Mr. Hughes recommends approval.

Councilman Shadron made a motion to approve agenda item #9 A. MPT Degenhardt seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Ralston Street and Norris Drive East to Include a Detailed Status/Timeline Report of the Recycled Water Lines & Street Repairs (Mayor Suarez)

Mayor Suarez stated he drove these streets & took photos, which he handed out to the CC. He questions whether this road should even be opened.

Mr. Hughes had a day-to-day activity roster of the Water Depts. activities. He gave a briefing on Ralston & Norris Dr. East beginning June 16, 2009; it goes fairly well until July 28 when we stopped the project due to the amount of main breaks from the drought; Nov. 13 we went back on the project. Mr. Hughes reported at the last CC mtg., we had finished & loaded the line, had 5 services connected & had expected within the next 10 days to 2 wks. we would have all of the services connected along Ralston, which we have achieved. Next step, is replacement of the curbs, we solicited contractors, identified a person to do this & have signed an agreement for \$15 a linear ft. = \$9,000 for the replacement of 600' of curb, expect 1 wk. from dry weather to begin the project. We will mill, mix, compact & follow up with 1 ½' cap of asphalt & conclude this project. With good weather, could finish the job in 3 wks. time. Rocket Lane, Thornton Lane & North Park Road are independent of this project, with different contractors. The Water Dept. did a magnificent job keeping up with the main breaks. We can do Rocket Lane in 1 day, but need 1 day of good weather.

Mr. Hughes went over the Rocket Lane, Thornton Lane & North Park Road contracted to Dean Word. We have measured Norris Dr. E. & have calculated what it would cost (\$13,500) & asked Dean Word if they would do this as a change order to the Rocket Lane/Schaefer Road project – don't have an answer yet.

Mr. Hughes went over the Schaefer Road drainage, non-portable 12" line & expansion of the pavement is contracted, was Silverado Brothers, & at this stage has been accepted by V.K. Knowlton.

Mr. Hughes stated in terms of the Water Dept., Ralston it is not the highest priority. The hot project for the Water Dept. is to re-locate the force main that comes from McArthur Park across to Copperfield. The 1604 project was awarded to V.K. Knowlton & should start mid-March. We applied for a permit from TXDOT, it was approved, pipe has been ordered, have to dig a trench, put casing & new pipe in – have to have done by end of Feb. & get out of the contractors way so we don't disrupt the schedule for the 1604 improvements.

There was a briefing & no action was taken.

B. Discussion of the Chip Seal Street Maintenance Program (Mayor Suarez)

Mayor Suarez stated the chip seal process is the standard for Converse & we are failing to sweep the excess rock.

Mr. Hughes stated the guys are doing a pretty good job on the follow up. He spoke on some equipment (kick broom, backhoe & street sweeper) we use for this program. The crews do go to educational classes for training, we have learned a lot. The Grounds, Parks & Street Depts. have no day(s) when they don't have more work then they can possibly accomplish. But, when they are called, the response time has been good. He encourages the citizens to talk to us & we will respond.

Mr. Hughes stated on chip sealing, our first priority would be to finish the cul-de-sacs that we didn't get done last yr., then Copperfield, old sections of Autumn Run & if we have any time/money left we do Randolph Valley. We are looking at 3 pieces of equipment: Chip Spreader = \$65,000, Kick Broom = \$15,000; Pneumatic Roller = \$15,000; TOTAL \$95,000. We did a job for Sivage Homes & they agreed to pay \$94,000 for their part & have received a partial payment.

C. City Council Workshop to Discuss Proposed Amendments to the Economic Development Corporation Articles of Incorporation and By Law (Mayor Suarez)

Councilwoman Paschall stated her main concern is the way that Art. 10, Section A, Board of Directors reads. Her concern is for whoever/whomever happens to be the Chair of the Board of Directors & that person not be a CC person. The reason is because if that person is a voting entity of the EDC & a voting entity of the CC, that particular position has the authority to vote more than 1 time & is also privileged to information before the CC. The change she is proposing, the Corp. would still have a CC rep. but rather than hold office they would be a liaison & not a voting member & could still be a CC member. It is good with her if no CC member is affiliated with the EDC.

Councilman Shadron would like to include a nepotism clause to include no CC member should be related or affiliated with an EDC member because information is shared between the 2 partners, the By Laws using terms "President" & "Vice President" in lieu of "Chair" & "Vice Chair"; clarification of Corp. Sec. & Executive Sec. – should titles be addressed & asked about the By Laws, Article III, Officers, "A", regarding one person holding more than one office. He noticed there was a difference in the eligibility requirements for cities over/under 20,000. Councilman Shadron did not want to go back again, but we used those examples at the last mtg., but it's obvious in the case of a Councilman being Chair person, at times they voted for themselves & other times they didn't vote themselves in office; at one time, they broke the tie to put themselves in office. He thinks it is a problem.

Mr. Ortiz explained the difference in Executive Sec. & Corp. Sec. He stated the Executive Dir. does not vote but can go into Executive Session. He stated it sounds like they want a non-voting member, but attends the mtgs. & reports back to CC. He is waiting for CC to tell him what changes they would like made before he goes & re-invents the wheel.

MPT Degenhardt stated he asked Mr. Ortiz to review the By Laws. He gave examples of when EDC members voted for themselves when they were a CC person. He referred to the mtg. of June 2, 2009 item 10 A-New Business: Councilwoman Paschall's name was put forth as a member to be named to the Board of Dir.; Mayor Suarez made a motion to approve item 10, Councilwoman Paschall seconded the motion; 2 members voted for Councilwoman Paschall (Mayor Suarez & Councilwoman Paschall). He referred to the minutes of June 5, 2007, Mayor Suarez nominated MPT Scott Jauregui to the Board, it passed with 5 members (Suarez, Bazany, Benbrook, Weers & Jauregui) voting to approve. So, there is an example prior to him & after him. MPT Degenhardt stated he objects binding Council 10 yrs. from now to not being able to appoint whomever they think is the most qualified to serve. If this Council doesn't want Council members to sit on it, that's fine – don't, it is that simple. MPT Degenhardt said, "correct", why are we having this discussion, it is already Council's prerogative.

Councilman Shadron stated that was fine that MPT Degenhardt gave those examples, but the more recent examples identifies there is a problem, let's change it. If 10 yrs. down the road the new Council decides this isn't the road they need to do & go back to the original then they can change the By Laws. He said MPT Degenhardt can give his examples & we have June 3, June 11, 2008 & can use June 2, 2009.

Mayor Suarez stated in comparison to the names brought forward, they carried themselves in a different way where they didn't have any conflicts & removed themselves & thinks that is the difference. If we remove the Council member make the change there won't even be a vote for it & it is straight across. If it doesn't work, the next Council can make the change back. Citizens came up & spoke on this. The way he understands it, it shouldn't matter; if Mr. Ortiz goes through the trouble to change it & if we don't have it, then we don't have to address it. There are a couple of changes that need to be made on the Articles. He asks that everybody compromise & allow this to happen. The Mayor referred to the By Laws, Art. II, "D", "Removal from Office", so CC can remove any director or officer since CC appoints them.

Councilman Lindgren & MPT Degenhardt agreed that all Directors of the EDC & the Chair Person are appointed by this CC; therefore, this CC has control for whether the Chairman is a CC member or not.

Mayor Suarez stated at the next CC mtg. this will be put on as an Action Item. He asks that everybody that has a proposal should come prepared to the mtg. with the changes try to get them to City Hall for the next packet.

Mr. Ortiz asked for an Executive Session at the next CC mtg. to talk with CC on a couple of issues that can't be discussed in public, under the Attorney Client Privilege.

- D. Discussion and Appropriate Action on a Request to Approve a City Holiday for Thursday, December 23, 2010 for Celebration of Christmas Which Falls on Saturday, December 25, 2010 (City Manager)

Mr. Hughes stated we have a list of 12 total paid holidays for the City. We want to give the employees their normal quoted holidays for 2010.

Councilman Cannon made a motion to approve agenda item #10 D. Councilman Lindgren seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

- E. Discussion and Appropriate Acton on a Request to Approve the Use of the City Hall Conference Room at 405 South Seguin Street for a City Auction on Saturday, February 27, 2010 (City Manager)

Mr. Hughes stated once to twice a year, we accumulate excess material(s). This year we have charity items from NIOC that needs to be auctioned off to raise money for infrastructure improvements to our Parks. Traditionally, we have held them at the old Conf. Room on Sats., we don't have any Sats. available due to Mayor's Call" & "Council Call". The right time is on a Sat., set up on Fri., bidder registration & preview at 8 AM, begin at 9 AM & finish by 1-1:30 PM. We have Mr. Tex Farnsworth lined up to do the Charity Auction & he said he would do the City surplus items on the same day. We need to put ad in paper next week.

The Mayor & CC stated they could re-arrange locations.

Mayor Suarez stated we did not need an action item on this because they were giving it to him. No action was taken.

- F. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve the Final Plat for Miramar Unit 8 C (Assistant City Manager)

Mr. Hughes stated the Planning Commission, Engineer & City staff recommend approval.

Councilwoman Riley made a motion to approve agenda item #10 F. MPT Degenhardt seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

*At approximately 8:56 PM, Mayor Suarez called for a recess.

*At approximately 9:04 PM, Mayor Suarez called Executive Session to order.

- G. Executive Session in Accordance with Section 551.072, Texas Open Meetings Act DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY; Closed Meeting. A governmental body may conduct a closed meeting to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person. (202 Hilltop – CB 5951, Blk 8, Lots 1, 2, 15 & 16 – Toepperwein Road Realignment Project) (City Attorney and EDC Executive Director)

In attendance: Mayor Suarez, MPT Degenhardt, Council persons Paschall, Riley, Cannon, Lindgren & Shadron, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Quintanilla, Mr. Luft, Mr. Ortiz & Ms. Hieronymus.

*At approximately 9:11 PM, Mayor Suarez called the mtg. back to order.

- H. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Resolution #631;a Resolution Authorizing the City of Converse Economic Development Corporation [On Behalf of the City of Converse, Texas] to Acquire Property Rights Necessary for the Toepperwein Road Realignment Project; Appointing an Appraiser and Negotiator as Necessary; Authorizing the Executive Director of

the Converse Economic Development Corporation [Together with Legal Counsel] to Establish Just Compensation for the Property Rights to be Acquired; Authorizing the Executive Director [Together with Legal Counsel] to Take All Steps Necessary to Acquire the Needed Property Rights in Compliance with All Applicable Laws and Regulations; and Declaring and Providing an Open Meetings Clause (202 Hilltop – CB 5951, Blk 8, Lots 1, 2, 15 & 16 – Toepperwein Road Realignment Project) (City Attorney and EDC Executive Director)

Mr. Luft stated staff recommends approval.

Councilwoman Riley made a motion to approve agenda item #10 H. Councilman Shadron seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

11. Reports: In consideration of Texas Attorney General Opinion GA-0668, information provided on subjects not on the agenda shall be limited to statements of specific factual information; or recitation of existing policy. Any deliberation of or decision about a subject not on the agenda shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the agenda for a subsequent meeting.

A. Councilmember's Report/Items of Interest

Councilman Lindgren reported:

-Referenced the video that is on our web site, which is produced by GCI, video is good, we are not paying for it, suggested everyone watch it

Councilwoman Mary Riley reported:

-There was a letter from U.S. Rep. Henry Cuellar praising Mr. Luft for all that he has done in the CC packets, she thought it was pretty amazing & is going to try to get it in the paper – it makes Converse look good

Councilwoman Paschall reported:

-Asked if there had been any type of research on the pool situation

Mr. Hughes replied he was asked what it would cost to re-do the aprons, we ran that cost & provided that information, we look at the pool every year, the situation is it has done the same thing as many house foundations (elevation is not the same as when it was built), to his knowledge we have no leaks & have completely lined the pool with a fiber glass liner, have purchased 14 lounge chairs & 10 regular chairs (in process), approached to support a volunteer painting program for the benches, dug outs & interior of the snack bar) – looking for a warmer day to get this project kicked off

-She would like Mr. Hughes to entertain discussion with the Judson School District about having some kind of funding along with the City to have our pool a competition pool – that would generate economic dev. & if the City had an auditorium & a hotel around here that could accommodate swim meets, with the JISD & COC using funds to rebuilt the pool or build another pool that everyone could benefit from; she does not know what the figures are & wouldn't have any idea, but she knows there is a new sheriff in town & that the sheriff over there is willing to sit down & talk about it because those are his students over there & if they are bringing in winning teams then they are willing to have winning facilities

Mr. Hughes stated an auditorium springs out as being 1 element of about 3 bond issues to go from Judson that got defeated badly, Judson had a price tag of \$10 million, went to the voters & did not pass. Mr. Hughes stated is this something CC wants to chase? What would we/CC put into it?

Mayor Suarez stated we would set up a mtg. with Dr. Mackey & put as a future agenda item.

MPT Degenhardt stated:

-Over the past couple of weeks I have been reflecting on the City Council meetings over the past two years. I've jotted down just a handful of things:

- When you pick up your council information packet, you wonder what drama will be put forth in the guise of city business. Drama has overcome substance and doing what is best for our City.
- Personal attacks in the pretext of "We should do this differently." Personal attacks are the norm.
- History is rewritten for the convenience of our Mayor.
- We talk about diversity, but the commission appointments over the last 3 years are in the vicinity of around 15% for minorities.
- Toepperwein Road was delayed for a year so it could be completed in March 2009 in time for the 2009 Election. This cost the city \$290K over the \$440K budgeted in 2008.
- We had a "workshop" on a water plan but have yet to implement it.
- In May of 2007, we had over \$5M in Reserves. Now we have just over ~\$2M.
- We discussed annexation. Where are we on that?
- We passed up \$10M in revenue, \$500K in annual ad valorem taxes and 1,000 jobs because the idea didn't come from the right people.
- The Mayor stated in a meeting he "wouldn't compromise on taking this away from the people by not placing the issue on the May 8 ballot" then removed the item from the agenda when he got the desired result.
- I have called the Mayor 8 times since September and have yet to receive a return phone call.
- There are many examples of citizens being lied to and promises that were made in the interest of getting elected rather than what was in the best interest of our City.
- Success has become defined as "broken" and doing what is best for our City is the new "conflict of interest".
- And on top of everything else, last month we saw businesses that have been here for 20 – 30 years threatened & told that their opinions don't matter because "you don't vote here". That attitude is criminal.

When the sum total of our accomplishments leading our City into the future has been rewriting a couple of ordinances, mainly at the expense of our City, there is a problem.

Our meetings have become embarrassments because of the personal attacks and playing to the audience and frankly, a waste of time: ours, the citizens and staff.

Our resources are squandered to stay in office while we lose our heritage through neglect.

We should be talking about jobs and the future of our kids, not how the Parks Commission doesn't want to do NIOC.

We should be talking about what the City should look like in 20 years, not who said what in a meeting that may have offended someone.

There is an old Military adage that says: “Lead, follow or get out of the way”. In our situation, following is out of the question; there is no demonstrated leadership from our Mayor other than self-interest. Building divisiveness has taken the place of building a team.

When I or any of my colleagues have provided leadership, the screams of ethics violations, conflict of interest, and unmitigated character assassination become deafening. The loudest screams seem to come from people without the courage or the decency to find the truth or make themselves known in the light of day, but instead choose to gossip and spread their lies in the dark.

That being said, I am following the third piece and stepping aside. I will not sit for re-election in the 2010 Election cycle. I can no longer associate myself with the embarrassment this Council has become. If I can't be part of the solution, I won't be part of the problem. Our City deserves better than what you is being delivered right now.

*At approximately 9:29 PM, MPT Degenhardt departed the mtg.

B. Mayor's Report/Items of Interest

Mayor Suarez reported:

- Thanked the Fire Dept. & Police Dept. for all of their work to try to save the house on Mon. night, they consoled the owner, which is to be commended
- Thanked Mr. Hughes on the update of the streets, probably need to do a newsletter in the future for better communication to the citizens

C. Boards/Commission Reports:

- (1) Report and Discussion of the Planning Commission

Councilman Lindgren reported:

- Long discussion on a Master Plan
- Appointed Mr. Mark Key as their Beautification expert
- Appointed Mr. Robert Browning as their Storm Water Expert
- Feb. 18 – Plan a workshop on what people think the City should look like in 15-20 years, can bring photos
- Feb. 22 – Planning next mtg. at 7 PM

D. City Manager/Secretary Reports

- (1) Report and Discussion of Items of Interest

Mr. Hughes reported:

- Mr. Ephrim Abramhoff has requested to be able to sit down & have a workshop with the CC early next wk., about future developments that he is looking at a couple of projects (Town Sq. & other issues)
- CC members were given a disk on the Converse Municipal Code – it is presented as a final proof, but is not; Mr. Ortiz has a copy for his review & we asked for his comments by the end of Feb., requires some significant editing; if CC has any comments please get to him by the end this month

- (2) Report and Discussion of Future Agenda Items

Ms. Hieronymus reported:

- CC Jan. 19 minutes
- CC Feb. 2 minutes
- Election Order for City General Election – May 8, 2010
- Financial & Investment Reports for Dec.
- Agreement between the COC & JYSF for Football & Cheerleading
- Audit Report – City’s 2008-2009
- Audit Report – EDC’s 2008-2009
- 2009 Police Racial Profiling Report
- Contract from Bx. Co. using their Election Services
- Request for use of the City Hall Conf. Room #1 – Bx. Co. Primary Election, March 2 & April 13 as their Runoff Date
- Zoning issue for a Sports Bar & Grill Lott’s Landing
- Discussion & Action on EDC’s By-laws & Art. of Inc.
- Executive Session in regards to EDC, requested by City Attorney Ray Ortiz
- Possible preliminary infrastructure acceptance for the Miramar Unit 8 A & B
- First day to sign up for Name on the Ballot is Sat., Feb. 6; we are closed, therefore, will be Mon., Feb. 8
- Feb. 16 - Converse Housing Finance Corp. mtg. beginning at 6:30 PM
- Feb. 16 - Converse Public Facility Corp. mtg. at 6:35 PM & pass a Resolution
- Thurs., Feb. 11 at 7 PM – CC Special mtg.

E. City Staff Reports

(1) Report and Discussion of Significant Fire and EMS Events

Fire/EMS Chief Wendt reported:

- Gave a briefing & handed out his end of yr. activity 2009 report
- Briefed on the house fire yesterday, fire started in attic – guys did an outstanding job
- Staying busy
- Continuing to upgrade their EMS & waiting on hospitals to see how they want to receive our EKG’s
- Looking at upgrading computers that they carry on the ambulances, our IT Mr. Sagan is assisting
- Dept. thanks CC for their support
- Fire truck worked out very well yesterday morning

(2) Report and Discussion of Significant Police Events

Police Chief Jamison reported:

- Gave a briefing & handed out his end of yr. activity 2009 report
- Can get a breakdown on the Ords.
- Structure fire at City Park, we have 2 people in custody & charged with arson, the cases are pending with the District Attorney’s office
- Had 2 fatalities last yr.
- Guys are out there working
- Average response time is anywhere from 3 to 5 min.

(3) Report and Discussion of Significant Public Works Events

Mr. Hughes reported:

-Already covered Rocket Lane, Thornton Lane & the parking lot in front of the pavilion – we are looking for some dry weather

-Will continue our efforts on Ralston & Norris Dr. East – if we can get the change order incorporated in Norris Dr. East then it will just happen into Tier 1 maintenance

-Restroom at City Park –We expect to be finished this week, with the possible exception of painting

Mayor Suarez asked Mr. Hughes to look at the corner at Toepperwein & Sixth St. W., every time it rains it stays like that for a long time.

12. Adjournment

At approximately 10:00 PM, Mayor Suarez adjourned the meeting.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 16th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2010.

Al Suarez, Mayor

ATTEST:

Adriana I. Hieronymus, City Secretary