

SPECIAL MEETING

CITY COMMISSION

HARLINGEN, TEXAS

SEPTEMBER 22, 2011

A Special Meeting of the Harlingen Elective Commission was held on Thursday, September 22, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. in Town Hall, City Hall, 118 E. Tyler Street, Harlingen, Texas. Those in attendance were:

Mayor and City Commission

Mayor Chris Boswell

Mayor Pro Tem Jerry Prepejchal

Gustavo Ruiz, Commissioner District 1

Robert Leftwich, Commissioner District 2

Joey Trevino, Commissioner District 5

Absent

Kori Marra, City Commissioner District 3

Staff Present:

Carlos Yerena, City Manager

Amanda C. Elizondo, City Secretary

Roxann P. Cotroneo, City Attorney

Roel Gutierrez, Finance Director

Mayor Boswell called the meeting to order, a quorum was established. He stated a notice of the meeting had been duly posted according to state law and the following proceedings were held.

- 1) Consider and take action to name an authorized state-licensed agent to serve as the Blue Cross Blue Shield representative for the City of Harlingen Employee Health Insurance Benefits Plan in fiscal year 2011-2012.

Efren Fernandez, Human Resources Director stated at the previous meeting the City Commission had approved the city's insurance carrier, Blue Cross Blue Shield. Staff was recommending approval of the insurance agents' names. The following five (5) agents had submitted proposals: Daniel Sanchez, Lloyd Pratt, Albert Salinas, Albert Trevino and Aaron Thornburn. For the past several years the city had been using Albert Salinas with Texas Insurance and Aaron Thornburn with Sheppard, Walton and King Insurance as the city's representatives.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trevino and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Prepejchal to appoint Albert Salinas and Aaron Thornburn to serve as the Blue Cross Blue Shield representatives for the City of Harlingen Employee Health Insurance Benefits Plan for Fiscal Year 2011-2012. Motion carried unanimously.

- 2) Consider and take action to name an authorized state-licensed agent to serve as the UNUM representative for the City of Harlingen Group Term Life Insurance Plan and Disability Plan in fiscal year 2011-2012.

Efren Fernandez stated Aaron Thornburn with Sheppard, Walton and King had only submitted a proposal for the above mentioned plan.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trevino and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Prepejchal to name Aaron Thornburn as representative for the Group Term Life and Disability Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

- 3) Consider and take action to name an authorized state-licensed agent to serve as the MetLife representative for the City of Harlingen Dental Insurance Plan in fiscal year 2011-2012.

Mr. Fernandez stated Albert Salinas with Texas Insurance and Aaron Thornburn with Sheppard, Walton, King Insurance had submitted a proposal for the above mentioned plan. The city could go with either one or combined them.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Prepejchal and seconded by Commissioner Trevino to name Albert Salinas with Texas Insurance as the city's representative. Motion carried unanimously.

- 4) Consider and take action to name an authorized state-licensed agent to serve as the Block Vision representative for the City of Harlingen Vision Insurance Plan in fiscal year 2011-2012.

Mr. Fernandez stated Lloyd Pratt and Jose Jaramillo had submitted a proposal for the above mentioned plan. Lloyd Pratt has been the city's agent for the past years with the assistance of Mr. Jaramillo servicing the accounts. He recommended Lloyd Pratt.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Prepejchal and seconded by Commissioner Ruiz to name Lloyd Pratt as the agent and Jose Jaramillo to assist him. Motion carried unanimously.

- 5) Consider and take action to name an authorized state-licensed agent to serve as the Allstate representative for the City of Harlingen Hospital Indemnity Plan in fiscal year 2011-2012.

Mr. Fernandez stated Aaron Thornburn and Albert Salinas had submitted a proposal and staff was recommending Salinas and Thornburn either combined or individually.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trevino and seconded by Commissioner Ruiz to accept staff's recommendation of Salinas and Thornburn to serve as the city's agents. Motion carried unanimously.

- 6) Consider and take action to name an authorized state-licensed agent to serve as the Colonial Life representative for the City of Harlingen Cafeteria Plan and Flexible Spending Account in fiscal year 2011-2012.

Roxann Pais Cotroneo, City Attorney stated she received a phone call from Tom Schneider, Colonial Life Director informing her that the Colonial Life Proposal that was selected had only one authorized agent to services the accounts. The agent's name was Wynona (Nona) Schneider and she was the only one that could access special programs and services that were offered through the proposal. Other agents did not have that accessibility. Mr. Schneider was recommending that city select Ms. Schneider as the authorized state-licensed agent.

Tom Schneider stated Ms. Schneider was the agent who wrote the proposal. He stated Colonial Life had a valley agent by the name of Joe Salazar Insurance located on Loop 499 and city employees would have access to a local office.

Ms. Cotroneo recommended that Ms. Wynona Schneider be selected as the agent, since she was the only authorized agent to service the plan.

Joe Salazar, District Manager for Colonial stated his office was located at 611 Loop 499. He just wanted to clarify that Ms. Schneider was in San Antonio, Texas and that Mike Schneider ran his office. He asked that the City Commission select a local agent by using the references that were submitted by Ms. Schneider. Mr. Salazar asked if the City Commission's action was determined by the service provided or by being local.

Ms. Cotroneo stated she was advised by Tom Schneider that if Wynona Schneider was not selected as the agent, then this insurance plan was "null and void." The city received a proposal and the proposal stated Wynona Schneider as the agent. Staff recommended Wynona Schneider as the city's agent.

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Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Prepejchal and seconded by Commissioner Trevino to name Wynona Schneider as the authorized agent for the city for the abovementioned insurance plan. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Chris Boswell, Mayor

Attest:

Amanda C. Elizondo, City Secretary