

Minutes of Special Meeting, August 24, 1998

Special meeting with the following present: Mayor Horace Fincher; Aldermen Mark Bowen, Gerry Elias and Juan Garcia; City Secretary Josie Campa; Police Chief Kathy Ray; Director of Public Works Alfredo Aguinaga. Aldermen Bennie Evans and Louis Trouart were absent.

Visitors: Ann Williams, Franklin Wanjura, Jr.

CONSIDER EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF JEREMY GEBO

Director of Public Works Alfredo Aguinaga told Council that Jeremy Gebo had completed probation and recommended Jeremy Gebo be hired as a regular employee and be given full benefits and a \$.50 per hour salary increase. Alderman Elias made the motion that Council hire Jeremy Gebo as a regular employee and that Mr. Gebo be given full benefits and a \$.50 per hour salary increase. Seconded by Alderman Garcia. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF HECTOR MUNIZ

City Secretary Josie Campa told Council that Hector Muniz has been with the City for nearly ten (10) months longer than Jeremy Gebo and that due to Mr. Gebo's salary increase, was now earning ten cents (\$.10) per hour less than Mr. Gebo. She told Council that Mr. Muniz is trying to get licenses and that he is second in command when the Public Works Director is gone. The City Secretary recommended Mr. Muniz' salary be increased to \$6.00 per hour and that as discussed the prior week, it is covered in the proposed budget. Alderman Elias made the motion that Council increase Hector Muniz' salary to \$6.00 per hour effective immediately. Seconded by Alderman Bowen. Passed unanimously.


CONSIDER ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE DESIGNATING NEW SCHOOL ZONES

Alderman Garcia made the motion that Council adopt Ordinance No. 230, establishing the school zones Council approved at the July meeting. Seconded by Alderman Elias. Passed unanimously.

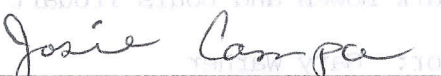
CONSIDER AND VOTE ON WHETHER TO INCREASE TAX LEVY

City Secretary Josie Campa told Council that due to a law change, if the City tax levy is as much as \$1.00 more than last year, a public hearing must be held. Council discussed whether to stay at the same levy as last year; going with the effective tax rate of \$.43/\$100.00 or staying at \$.46/\$100.00. After a lengthy discussion, Alderman Elias made the motion to keep the tax rate at \$.46/\$100.00 valuation. Seconded by Alderman Bowen. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.



 Mayor



 City Secretary