



## MINUTES OF THE CITY OF SAN BENITO SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING

On February 25, 2020 the City Commission met for a Special Meeting at the San Benito Municipal Building, Cesar Gonzalez Meeting Hall, 401 North Sam Houston Boulevard, San Benito, Texas at 5:30 p.m. A quorum was present including the following:

HONORABLE BENJAMIN GOMEZ, MAYOR, WAS THE PRESIDING OFFICER

### CITY COMMISSION MEMBERS

Benjamin Gomez, Mayor  
Carol Lynn Sanchez, Mayor Pro Tem  
Antonio Gonzales, Commissioner, Place 1  
Rene Villafranco, Commissioner, Place 2  
Vacant, Commissioner, Place 3  
Mark Sossi, City Attorney

### ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Manuel De La Rosa, City Manager  
Fred Bell, Assistant City Manager  
Ruth McGinnis, City Secretary

### ABSENT

Carol Lynn Sanchez, Mayor Pro Tem

### ITEM 1. WELCOME.

[Mayor Benjamin Gomez](#) called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. confirming a quorum.

### ITEM 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS. (Speakers/Remarks limited to three minutes. Public Comments limited to forty-five minutes).

[Ruth McGinnis, City Secretary](#), announced no public comments.

### ITEM 3: CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ESTABLISH AND/OR AMEND THE BURIAL PLOT PRICES AT MEMORIAL PARK CEMETERY.

[City Manager Manuel De La Rosa](#) addressed the City Commission referencing to Ordinance 2464-A dated September 6, 2011, page four, current sizes and prices for plots for the San Benito Memorial Park but no prices for urns. Phase 1 is complete, no space available, and Phase 2 has five hundred four spaces for urns and twenty-five double urn spaces, three hundred twelve spaces for infants. Provided prices of Buena Vista Burial Park, Mont Meta Memorial Park, and Rose Lawn Memorial Gardens for comparison pending city commission decision to amend ordinance.

[Mayor Benjamin Gomez](#), requested a motion to amend Ordinance 2464-A, reducing price on Infant/Child from \$375.00 to \$195.00. [Commissioner Rene Villafranco](#) moved to approved. [Commissioner Antonio Gonzales](#) seconded the motion. Voting Aye; [Mayor Benjamin Gomez](#), [Commissioner Antonio Gonzales](#) and [Commissioner Rene Villafranco](#).

[Mayor Benjamin Gomez](#), requested a motion not to amend Ordinance 2464-A on Burial Plots, other than Phase 1, leave same as is at \$950.00. [Commissioner Rene Villafranco](#) moved to

approved. **Commissioner Antonio Gonzales** seconded the motion. Voting Aye; **Mayor Benjamin Gomez, Commissioner Antonio Gonzales and Commissioner Rene Villafranco**

**Mayor Benjamin Gomez**, requested a motion to amend Ordinance 2464-A adding category of Urns with measurement of (2 feet x 18 inches) be charged \$195.00. **Commissioner Antonio Gonzales** moved to approved. **Commissioner Rene Villafranco** seconded the motion. Voting Aye; **Mayor Benjamin Gomez, Commissioner Antonio Gonzales and Commissioner Rene Villafranco**

**Mayor Benjamin Gomez**, requested a motion to amend Ordinance 2464-A adding category of Double Urns with measurement of (2 feet x 30 inches) be charged \$390.00. **Commissioner Antonio Gonzales** moved to approved. **Commissioner Rene Villafranco** seconded the motion. Voting Aye; **Mayor Benjamin Gomez, Commissioner Antonio Gonzales and Commissioner Rene Villafranco**

**Mayor Benjamin Gomez**, requested a motion not to amend Ordinance 2464-A leaving grave digging to stay the same and diggers fee adjusted depending on the time of need. **Commissioner Antonio Gonzales** moved to approved. **Commissioner Rene Villafranco** seconded the motion. Voting Aye; **Mayor Benjamin Gomez, Commissioner Antonio Gonzales and Commissioner Rene Villafranco**

**Mayor Benjamin Gomez**, requested a motion to amend Ordinance 2464-A, for all changes go into effect immediately. **Commissioner Antonio Gonzales** moved to approved. **Commissioner Rene Villafranco** seconded the motion. Voting Aye; **Mayor Benjamin Gomez, Commissioner Antonio Gonzales and Commissioner Rene Villafranco**

Motion carried to **APPROVE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2464-A, ESTABLISHING AND AMENDING THE BURIAL PLOT PRICES AT MEMORIAL PARK CEMETERY EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.**

#### ITEM 4. ADJOURNMENT.

**Mayor Benjamin Gomez** requested a motion to adjourn. **Commissioner Rene Villafranco** moved to approve. **Commissioner Antonio Gonzales** seconded the motion. Voting Aye; **Mayor Benjamin Gomez, Commissioner Antonio Gonzales, and Commissioner Rene Villafranco.** Motion carried **TO ADJOURN AT 5:57 P.M.**

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CITY OF SAN BENITO

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BENJAMIN "BEN" GOMEZ  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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RUTH MCGINNIS  
CITY SECRETARY