

# TOWN OF LA JARA

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Special Meeting  
Date: April 22, 2020

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## **Call to Order**

A Special Meeting of the La Jara Town Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Medina at 6:05 p.m. Meeting was held at Northerner's Senior Center (413 Main Street)

## **Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Medina.

## **Roll Call**

Present were Trustees: Chavez, Gallegos, Villagomez, Wagoner, Mayor Pro Tem Valdez and Mayor Medina. Trustee Espinoza arrived at 6:07 pm

Absent: None

A quorum was present.

Also present were: Larry Zaragoza, Ben Pacyga and Town Clerk Shawn Pagnotta.

Mayor Medina stated that this special meeting was called to approve the Town Attorney and Town Manager agreements.

Mayor Medina gave the trustees some time to review the attorney agreement. Mayor Pro Tem Valdez asked Mr. Pacyga to explain paragraph number 4. Pacyga explained that he is part of the law firm Montgomery & Pacyga, Attorneys at Law. He stated that the law firm is responsible for the representation and he will be the attorney that works for the town.

**Motion:** Mayor Pro Tem Valdez moved to approve the Agreement for Legal Services with Montgomery & Pacyga, Attorneys at Law; seconded by Trustee Chavez.

**Vote Result:** Ayes: Trustees Chavez, Espinoza, Gallegos, Villagomez, Wagoner, Mayor Pro Tem Valdez and Mayor Medina.

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Mayor Medina asked Town Attorney Pacyga to discuss a written agreement the town had with former Town Attorney Ray Valdez. He stated that Valdez never had a written agreement, but felt it is always a good idea to have a written agreement. Pacyga felt that Valdez still had an obligation to the Town, but it would be cleaner to have an agreement in writing, even retroactive clarifying that he conducted work as the Town Attorney and that the relationship has now ended. The effective date for this agreement would end and the agreement with the new attorney would start on April 20.

**Motion:** Trustee Espinoza moved to ratify the attorney's proposal and to clarify the relationship with the former attorney Ray Valdez; seconded by Trustee Wagoner.

**Vote Result:** Ayes: Trustees Chavez, Espinoza, Gallegos, Villagomez, Wagoner, Mayor Pro Tem Valdez and Mayor Medina.

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

The trustees reviewed the Town Manager Employment Agreement between the Town and Larry Zaragoza. Trustee Gallegos stated that in a previous conversation Zaragoza had mentioned that he would not be needing the town provided health insurance and asked if that clause needed to be removed from the agreement. Town Clerk Pagnotta explained that the town offers health insurance to all employees and if the employee chooses not to participate, they would sign a waiver. It was suggested to put a copy of the waiver with the agreement.

**Motion:** Trustee Gallegos moved to approve the Town Manager Employment Agreement with Larry Zaragoza; seconded by Trustee Chavez.

**Vote Result:** Ayes: Trustees Chavez, Espinoza, Gallegos, Villagomez, Wagoner, Mayor Pro Tem Valdez and Mayor Medina.

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

**Adjournment:**

**Mayor Pro Tem Valdez moved to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted by

  
Town Clerk – Shawn Pagnotta



  
Mayor / Mayor Pro Tem