



*City of Presidio*

**SPECIAL-CALLED  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**APRIL 25, 2024**



**Special Called Council Meeting,  
April 25, 2024**

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Presidio, Texas will hold a Special Called City Council meeting on **April 25, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at the City of Presidio City Hall, Conference Room, 507 West O'Reilly St, in the City of Presidio, Texas** for the purpose of considering the attached agenda. This notice is posted pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act. (Section 551.043, Texas Government Code)

To join the video meeting,

<https://meet.google.com/rpu-ftcx-gfo>

Otherwise, to join by phone, dial +1 929-266-1668 and enter this PIN: 989 728 643#

1. Call meeting to order
2. Quorum Check
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Public Comments *(Comments are limited only to matters that are not included in any item that has been posted on the agenda. Speakers are limited to a maximum of five minutes per speaker. Before addressing the City Council each speaker will state their name and address clearly before making comments).*
5. City of Presidio Business (New/Old)
  - a. Discussion / action to approve Letter of Support for Xoxi Nayapiltzin to be issued the repatriation of the ancient human remains discovered at the Millington site by the City of Presidio in 2003. Resolution to follow if approved by council.
  - b. Discussion / action on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event and fireworks.
  - c. Discussion / update on protocols regarding the Policy and Procedures regarding the Work/Maintenance/Miscellaneous orders and any other type of orders.
  - d. Discussion / action to review personnel issues with the City of Presidio EMS Director and all related matters.
    1. Adjourn into executive session as Authorized by the Texas Government Code including, but not limited to section 551.074 (Personnel Matters), regarding agenda item 5d.
    2. Reconvene into open session and take such action as appropriate.
6. Adjourn

I certify that the above notice of special called city council meeting was posted in the display case near the front entrance of City Hall on or before April 22, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. and at the display case near the door of the Presidio Activity Center located at 1200 E. O'Reilly St, Presidio, Texas on or before April 22, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. I further certify that this agenda was also posted in the City of Presidio website on or before April 22, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

Brenda Lee Acuña  
City Secretary

All items on the agenda are for discussion and/or action by the Presidio City Council. The Presidio City Council reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by the Texas Government Code including, but not limited to, Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations About Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), 551.087 (Economic Development) and 418.183 (Deliberations about Homeland Security Issues) Council will make a tape recording of the proceedings of a closed meeting to deliberate this information. This facility is wheelchair accessible and parking spaces are available. Request for accommodations must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact City Hall at 432 229-3517, FAX 432 229-3505, or [bornelus@presidiotx.us](mailto:bornelus@presidiotx.us) for further information.

## LINE ITEM 5

### CITY OF PRESIDIO BUSINESS (NEW/OLD)

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## RESOLUTION 2024-05R

**A RESOLUTION DESIGNATED TO THE CENTER FOR BIG BEND STUDIES IN SUPPORT OF REPATRIATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NATIVE AMERICAN GRAVES PROTECTION AND REPATRIATION ACT OF THE ANCESTRAL HUMAN REMAINS REMOVED FROM THE MILLINGTON SITE TO THE LOCAL LINEAL DESCENDANT FAMILIES OF THE CITY OF PRESIDIO, TEXAS**

**WHEREAS**, the United States Congress passed the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 signed into Law by President George H. Bush on November 16, 1990.

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of the significances of the prehistoric village that was located at the Millington Addition of the City of Presidio, and the Ancestral Human Remains that were removed from there in 2006.

**WHEREAS**, between January 20<sup>th</sup> and February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2006, the Center for Big Bend Studies of Sul Ross State University conducted an archaeological salvage and testing project at the Millington site in southern Presidio County, Texas.

**WHEREAS**, the uncovered ancestral human remains created the need to preserve such human interments by the Texas Preservation Trust Fund, the City of Presidio, and the Trans-Pecos Archaeological Program of the Center for Big Bend Studies.

**THEREFORE**, the City Council of Presidio in representation of our citizens many of which trace their Native American ancestry to prehistoric times in the La Junta area hereby supports repatriation of the Ancestral Human Remains to the local descendant families represented by the known lineal descendant Xoxi Nayapiltzin.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by City of Presidio Council in a Special-Called meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> of April, 2024.

*John Ferguson, City of Presidio Mayor*

**ATTEST:**

*Brenda Ornelas-Acuña, City Secretary*

(SEAL)

Dear Dr Schroeder,

It has come to our attention that the Center for Big Bend Studies is in the process of determining an appropriate requestor in accordance with the **Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act** for the repatriation of Ancestral Human Remains removed from the Millington Site in the City of Presidio in 2006.

Between January 20 and February 17, 2006, the Center for Big Bend Studies (CBBS) of Sul Ross State University (SRSU) conducted an archaeological salvage and testing project at the Millington site in southern Presidio County, Texas. Undertaken after inadvertent damages from a city backhoe uncovered several human interments, the project was funded through the Texas Preservation Trust Fund, the City of Presidio, and the Trans-Pecos Archaeological Program of the CBBS. The site is an important village of the La Junta archaeological district that was occupied over a lengthy time span (Late Prehistoric through early Historic periods). Radiocarbon data indicates a date to the La Junta phase (ca. A.D. 1200–1450). Located at the southeastern edge of Presidio, the heart of the Millington site became property of the Texas Historical Commission (THC) in December of 1986 as the neighborhood was targeted for a federally funded housing project which became known as the Millington Edition.

In recognition of its significance, the site was listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) as part of the La Junta archaeological district on February 14, 1978 and became a State Archeological Landmark (SAL) on July 10, 1987. The SAL designation also included small tracts of land still under private ownership. The protective designation, in tandem with the fencing and signage, have served to protect the Millington site from human impacts over the last ca. 36 years.

The City of Presidio and the County of Presidio have recently transferred ownership of the indigenous burial mound named the Cementerio del Barrio de los Lipanes to the local indigenous families and prefer that the Ancestral Remains be reburied there. This site is recognized as a State Antiquities Landmark. That site is in proximity to the Millington site less than 2 miles away, the burials of local family members including the Ornelas and Aguilar families still have over one hundred descendants all over Texas and Presidio. Since the Millington site is still under ownership of the THC we believe the option to rebury the Ancestral Remains at the Cementerio del Barrio de los Lipanes would be the best option at this time.

As representatives of our citizens, many of whose families trace their Native American ancestry to prehistoric times in the La Junta area, we support a determination in favor of the lineal descendant families represented by Xoxi Nayapiltzin.

Letter to be address to:

Bryon Schroeder, Director

Center for Big Bend Studies

Sul Ross State University

Alpine, Texas

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- b. Discussion / action on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event and fireworks.

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- c. Discussion / update on protocols regarding the Policy and Procedures regarding the Work/Maintenance/Miscellaneous orders and any other type of orders.

## City of Presidio Policy & Procedures On Any Type of Work Orders

The City of Presidio and its staff will prioritize and attend to any type of work order chronologically in order to provide just service to its citizens. Urgent orders (those that require immediate attention in order to provide basic services) that arise will be taken care of first and then staff will return to attending pending work orders in the order they were received.

### Procedures for Any Type of Work Order (Water, Sewer, Streets)

1. Customer Requests/Complaints will be filled out by customer
  - A. In person
  - B. By phone (Taken by front desk or any other staff)
  - C. Placed by our own staff
2. This will create an automatic work order
3. PW Assistant will receive created work orders and:
  - A. Make copy to give to respective department to perform the required tasks.
  - B. Have department head provide a time estimate to begin work.
  - C. File work orders in a binder by chronological order.
  - D. Make phone calls to customer to keep informed of:
    - a. Estimated time to complete
    - b. When work begins
    - c. When job is completed
4. Department head will provide Public Works Assistant
  - A. Estimated time to complete
  - B. When work begins
  - C. When job is completed
5. PW Assistant will report completed jobs to Public Works Director and City Administrator.
6. PW Assistant will provide list of pending jobs to her Director and City Administrator.



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