



**CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2023 – 4:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
910 S. FRIENDSWOOD DRIVE
FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS 77546**

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

In order to comply with the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act, the City Council may not deliberate any item not listed on the agenda, as such, the City Council will listen to public comment and may (i) refer the item to City Management for further action or (ii) direct staff for the placement of said item on a future agenda. During public comment, the public shall comply with rules of decorum.

3. WORK SESSION TOPIC

- A. Discuss a request to name a field located in the Corporal Steven Schulz Sportspark to Jesse Torres Field.

4. ADJOURNMENT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT IN ADDITION TO ANY EXECUTIVE SESSION LISTED ABOVE, THE CITY COUNCIL RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT ANY TIME AS AUTHORIZED BY THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 551.071 - 551.090 TO DISCUSS ANY MATTERS LISTED ABOVE.

THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD IS COMMITTED TO COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS AND EQUAL ACCESS TO COMMUNICATIONS WILL BE PROVIDED UPON REQUEST. PLEASE CONTACT THE CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE BY PHONE AT (281) 996-3270, FAX (281) 482-1634, OR CONTACT (281) 996-3270 VIA RELAY TEXAS AT 711 OR 1-800-735-2988 FOR TTY SERVICES. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONCERNING RELAY TEXAS, PLEASE VISIT: [HTTP://RELAYTEXAS.COM](http://RELAYTEXAS.COM).

Leticia Brysch, City Secretary
Posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on this
2nd day of March 2023, at 6:00 p.m.



FRIENDSWOOD CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM FORM

This form should be completed and forwarded to the City Manager's Office as soon as possible prior to the first date that the item is expected to be placed on the Friendswood City Council agenda.

Date requested for City Council consideration: March 6, 2023

Date submitted: 02/15/2023

Prepared by: Leticia Brysch, City Secretary

Subject: Discuss a request to name a field located in the Corporal Steven Schulz Sportspark to Jesse Torres Field.

Originating Department: City Secretary

Degree of importance:

SUMMARY / ORIGINATING CAUSE

The City of Friendswood (the "City") has received a Facility Naming Application from James Jamail requesting that the FGSA Softball Field, located in the Corporal Steven Schulz Sportspark, 2910 W. Parkwood, Friendswood, Texas, be named the Jesse Torres Field in honor of Mr. Jesse Torres.

According to the City Council's naming policy, Council should consider the following in deciding whether to name the field after Mr. Torres:

1. General Criteria
 - (a) symbolic names reflecting historical or special events or circumstances;
 - (b) names that are consistent with the positive image of the community;
 - (c) the function of the building, to the extent practical, such as "library" or "activities building";
 - (d) whether the facility has already been named according a naming policy of the City Council, as renaming of facilities should only be made after careful consideration is given to the significance of the existing name versus the name being suggested; and
 - (e) whether another City facility has been named for the individual, entity, as only one facility shall be named or dedicated per individual, family, organization, or entity.
2. Specific Criteria for the Civic Contributions Category.
 - (a) the years of service to the community and
 - (b) the positive impact on the development and well-being of the entire community.

Mr. Jamail's facility naming application along with City's Facility Naming Policy are attached for your review.

IMMINENT CONSEQUENCES / BENEFIT TO COMMUNITY

RECOMMENDATIONS

ATTACHMENTS

1. Facility Naming Policy

2. 2022 10 24 Facility Naming Application for Jesse Torres Field Scorebaord_Redacted
3. Reference Letter - Hannah Carpenter
4. Reference Letter - Hannah Rich
5. Scoreboard Design Proposal

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-31

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS, ADOPTING A FACILITY NAMING POLICY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Friendswood is called upon from time to time to name City facilities, including buildings, parks, roadways and other City-owned property and features thereon; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted an appointment policy via minute order in 1995; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing such policy, the City Council desires to amend and restate the same via this resolution in order to update the criteria and procedures used in honoring individuals, organizations and entities in acknowledgement of their positive, significant impacts on and contributions to the City of Friendswood; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That the City Council of the City of Friendswood, Texas, finds that the above-referenced recitals are true and correct.

Section 2. That the City Council of the City of Friendswood, Texas, hereby adopts the Facility Naming Policy, which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein for all intents and purposes.

Section 3. That this resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED by the affirmative vote of the City Council of the City of Friendswood on this the 3rd day of October, 2022.


MIKE FOREMAN Mayor

ATTEST:


LETICIA BRYSCH, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


KAREN HORNER, City Attorney



Exhibit "A"

City of Friendswood Facility Naming Policy

1. Purpose. The Facility Naming Policy (the "Policy") establishes uniform criteria and procedures applicable to all persons desiring the City Council to name a City facility or a portion thereof in honor or in memory of an individual(s) or in recognition of an organization or entity in acknowledgement of their positive, significant impact on and contributions to the City of Friendswood.
2. Applicability. Under this policy, the following City-owned facilities may be named:
 - a. buildings, including rooms therein,
 - b. parks,
 - c. roadways, and
 - d. other City-owned property and features thereon.

This policy shall not affect the naming of facilities through the subdivision platting process.

3. Criteria
 - a. General Criteria. In naming any facility, the City Council shall consider the following criteria:
 - (1) symbolic names reflecting historical or special events or circumstances;
 - (2) names that are consistent with the positive image of the community;
 - (3) the function of the building, to the extent practical, such as "library" or "activities building";
 - (4) whether the facility has already been named according a naming policy of the City Council, as renaming of facilities should only be made after careful consideration is given to the significance of the existing name versus the name being suggested; and
 - (5) whether another City facility has been named for the individual, entity, as only one facility shall be named or dedicated per individual, family, organization, or entity.

The City Council's decisions should be made objectively, without consideration to illness, misfortune, or incidents creating emotional responses.
 - b. Specific Criteria. In addition to the general criteria specified in subsection a, each naming shall fall within one of the following categories and meet the criteria specified therein:
 - (1) Historical/Symbolic Category. In naming a facility under this category, the City Council shall consider the following of the nominated family or a deceased individual:

- (a) character,
 - (b) service to the community,
 - (c) leadership, and
 - (d) inspiration to others.
 - (2) Civic Contributions Category. In naming a facility for this category, the City Council shall consider the following of the nominated individual, family, organization, or entity:
 - (a) the years of service to the community
 - (b) the positive impact on the development and well-being of the entire community;
 - (3) Financial Benefactor Category. In naming a facility for this category, the City Council shall consider the significant financial contribution made by an individual, family, organization or entity towards the facility. A significant financial contribution will be measured by the impact a single contribution makes toward the successful conclusion or continuing operation of the facility to be named. Depending on the impact, the naming could be for the entire facility or some portion thereof.
4. Application Process. Requests under this Policy shall be submitted on a facility naming application to the City Secretary. Upon the City Secretary's receipt of the application, it shall be reviewed by City staff for completeness and, if complete, referred to the Mayor for his review. If the Mayor determines that the application meets the criteria specified herein, the application shall be reviewed at the next regularly scheduled Council Retreat for which proper notice may be given.
 5. Council Deliberation & Decision. At the Council Retreat, the City Council will review and discuss all applications received. The Mayor, at his discretion, may call an ad hoc committee of two or three Councilmembers to review an application with input by City staff, prior to the City Council's consideration of the item at a regular meeting of the City Council.
 6. Removal of Facility. If a facility that is named is later removed, damaged or destroyed for any reason, the City shall endeavor to preserve any historical dedication acknowledgment but cannot guaranty the same.



CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD

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Date Received: _____
Date sent to Mayor: _____
Date of Retreat: _____

FACILITY NAMING APPLICATION

Applicant Information

Applicant Name: James Jamail
Mailing Address: 2517 Sierra Madre St. Friendswood, TX Zip: 77546
Home Phone: _____ Mobil: _____ Email: _____

Facility

Location and description of the Facility to be named: FGSA Softball Fields - "Jesse Torres Field" scoreboard
Has the City named a facility for the person, organization or entity in the past? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Application Category

Select the applicable category for which this application is submitted and describe how the person/family/organization/entity has made a positive, significant impact on the community:

- ☐ Historical Symbolic Category (for nominated families and deceased individuals):

Character: _____

Service to the community: _____

Leadership: _____

Inspiration to others: _____

- ☒ Civic Contribution Category (for nominated families, deceased individuals, organizations, entities):

Character: Jesse Torres

Service to the community: Coach for over 30 years, volunteer coach for FGSA.

Leadership: Coach, mentor

- ☐ Financial Benefactor Category (for nominated families, deceased individuals, organizations, entities):

Financial Contribution Made: _____

☐ Contributed to the successful completion of the Facility

☐ Contributed to the continued operation of the Facility

Signature

I have read and understand the City of Friendswood's Facility Naming Policy and affirm that this application is in compliance with that policy.

[Signature] 10/24/2022
Applicant's Signature (Date)

An additional sheet may be submitted for consideration.

Coach JT

My name is Hannah Carpenter. I started playing softball at seven years old for FGSA. After my first season of league ball, I decided to try out for select ball for the Texas Shockwave. JT was the head coach of this team, and I got to meet him on tryout day. They only had 10 spots to fill, and I was chosen to be the 10th player added to the team. Coach JT saw potential in me and took me under his wing from that day forward. He was my select ball Coach every year from then, until I was 16. He did not even have a daughter on the team, he just loved the game THAT much. He never missed a practice or a game and would always help me put in extra work outside of practice at the batting cages, or at the field. He always made time to help me become a better player. Once I started playing high school ball at Friendswood, he came to almost every game and was one of my biggest supporters. At this point he had started over coaching the young girls for an 8 and under team, and he asked me to be his assistant coach. My love for the game was already strong but became even stronger coaching the little ones by his side. He was always so patient, and always tried to instill mental toughness in all his players. One of his favorite lines was "Take a lap!!" He was great at teaching the fundamentals of softball, but he also knew how to teach respect. My junior year of high school came along, and I got an offer to play in college at LSU-Eunice. Once I got this offer, JT was the first person I called. He was so proud of me, and I made sure to tell him that he is the reason I got this scholarship. It has been my dream ever since I was a little girl to be a college softball player. I played my first two years there, and even won a National Championship in 2019. After my National Championship year, I got an offer to play D1 softball at Lamar University. I accepted this offer and of course, JT was at my first D1 softball game. Even when he couldn't come to my games, I would always text him after, seeking advice on how to be better. Somehow everything he ever told me would click in my mind and I would get back to work. Every break that I came home for, I made sure to get a hitting session in with JT. After graduating, I started coaching with him again in Friendswood. I always looked forward to every practice of course to be around the girls, but also to get to throw with my throwing partner, JT. I know he has impacted so many lives in the softball world, I am just one of many. We had a special relationship, and he always made me feel like a daughter. He pushed me and taught me so many life skills outside of just the game. I've never met someone who loved the game of softball more than he did. He is so missed by the softball community, and everyone's lives he impacted. He is truly the best coach I've ever had. I am so grateful to have had him in my life, because without him I wouldn't be the person I am today.

Sincerely,

Hannah Carpenter

October 19, 2022

To whom it may concern,

My name is Hannah Rich, and I am a former softball player of Coach Jesse Torres. JT was my coach for many select softball teams including Shockwave, Eclipse, and Venom. I am writing this letter at the request of my former teammate, Hannah Carpenter, in hopes of assisting with the approval of the Jesse Torres scoreboard at the Friendswood softball fields.

I had the privilege of playing under JT for many years. He was not just a coach to me, but also a mentor and someone I highly looked up to. His nickname for me was "Too Tall" because I was a lanky middle schooler when I first met him. It was during these years, on my first select softball team, that Coach JT taught me the skills and gave me the confidence that would help shape me into the woman I am today. Coach JT was always there for not only myself, but all of his players. If I wanted to stay late after practice and run drills, he would stay. When I wanted to learn how to pitch, he found me a coach, and caught every lesson. That was just the kind of person he was. He treated us all like his own kids.

One thing that has stuck with me the most was when he had our team read his favorite book, "With Winning in Mind" by Lanny Bassham. At first, I thought it was the dumbest thing ever. I had just finished a full year of school, and now my softball coach was giving me a summer reading assignment. However, this book, with Coach JT's guidance, gave me a new perspective on handling stress and unlocking my potential, not just with softball but also in life.

Jesse Torres touched many lives, not just my own. I hope by writing this letter, I can help honor the incredible coach he was for all of us.

Sincerely,

Hannah "Too Tall" Rich

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DATE	10-12-22
PROJECT	FRIENDSWOOD GIRLS SOFTBALL
LOCATION	N/A
SALES REP	RUSS LOCKWOOD
DRAWING NO.	22101204-01-P
DESIGNER	KAT

SPECIFICATIONS
(1) SPECTRUM SOFTBALL
SCOREBOARD 9108-P2
W/ LED DIGITS: 18" AND 15" SPECTRABRITE
(1) TRUSSWORK

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POLY. FINISH
BACK
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ALUM. FINISH

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