

The Board of Commissioners for the City of Alamo, Texas met for the Special Meeting on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 6:00 p.m, at the City of Alamo Municipal Building.

**COMMISSION PRESENT:**

Mayor Diana Martinez  
Pete Morales, Mayor Pro-tem  
Trino Medina, Commissioner  
Robert De La Garza, Commissioner  
Pilar Garza, Commissioner

**COMMISSION ABSENT:**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Luciano Ozuna, Jr., City Manager  
Rick Palacios, City Attorney  
Cris Palacios, City Attorney  
Alexandra Rangel, City Secretary  
Bobby Salinas, CPD Director  
Melissa Rodriguez, Purchasing Agent  
Ronnie Cruz, City Engineer  
Julio Villarreal, Public Works Director  
Lori Solis, Library Director

Rosie Rodriguez, Accountant  
Alicia Cano, Human Resources  
Baudelio Castillo, Police Chief  
Michael Torres, IT Director  
Rafael Tapia, AEDC Director  
Alex Oyoque, Museum Curator  
Melisa Gonzales, Special Projects  
Ronnie Cruz, City Engineer  
Roy Contreras, Fire Chief

**I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

*Mayor Diana Martinez called the special meeting held on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 to order at 6:00 p.m. at the City of Alamo Municipal Building. Mayor Diana Martinez led the Pledge of Allegiance and Melisa Gonzales led the Invocation.*

*Mayor Diana Martinez announced the changed of Executive Session item to address immediately with TML agent. Executive Session started at 6:09pm, Open session began at 6:49 pm. Mayor Diana Martinez addressed no action taken at this time.*

**C. Presentation and Announcements.**

*Melisa Gonzales announced a brief reminder of the opening of South Texas Health System ER Alamo on January 2, 2019.*

**D. Consideration and action to approve the minutes for the Second Meeting held on Tuesday, December 18, 2018.**

*Commissioner Robert De La Garza motioned and Commissioner Pilar Garza seconded to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of December 18, 2018 as presented. Motioned Carried.*

**E. Consideration and action to submit a person's name to the City of Hidalgo Rio Grande Valley Walk of Fame.**

*Mayor Diana Martinez nominated Isabel De La Rosa Commissioner Robert De La Garza seconded to approve. Motion Carried.*

*Mayor Pro-Tem Pete Morales suggested a community event for all the community to nominate a person for next year.*

**F. Consideration and Action to approve an ordinance to amend the General Fund Budget to provide funding for the Office of the Governor reimbursement grant for the Alamo Police Department.**

*Special Projects Melisa Gonzales presented on an ordinance to amend the General Fund Budget in the amount of \$25,215.45, to be reimbursement by Office of The Governor grant #3104402 for the APD School Youth Redirection liaison, Project-Year 2 of \$25,215.45. Zero (0) match.*

*Commissioner Robert De La Garza motioned and Mayor Diana Martinez seconded to approve. Motion Carried.*

**G. Consideration and Action to approve the renewal contract with Lamar signs for the billboards advertising Alamo hotels.**

*Special Projects Melisa Gonzales presented to approve the renewal contract with Lamar for the billboards advertising Alamo hotel motels in the amount of \$51,420.00, this amount is paid out from the Hotel and Motel Tax. Last year's contract was 48,804.00, so this increased approximately \$2436.00 or (5%) from prior year.*

*Commissioner Robert De La Garza motioned and Mayor Pro-Tem Pete Morales seconded to approve. Motion Carried.*

**H. Consideration and action on a request by the Alamo Police Department for a budget line item transfer to increase the travel and training line item.**

*Commissioner Robert De La Garza questioned the fact the commission has already voted, City Attorney Rick Palacios mentioned last minute it was considered as a suggestion and no voting has been done.*

*Baudelio Castillo, Police Chief presented on the importance of police trainings as well on the impact of these trainings have on the community.*

*City Attorney Rick Palacios addressed the confusion on the line item, in which he stated he thought this was a follow up on last month's discussion of the transferring on funds.*

*Commissioner Robert De La Garza asked for the list of officers and trainings they need, Police Chief Baudelio Castillo was unable to provide the list at this time.*

*Mayor Diana Martinez mentioned a brand new training facility off of south cage, in which provides training to all officers.*

*Police Chief Baudelio Castillo addressed his officers have attended free trainings throughout the Valley but the trainings offered in Dallas PD and Houston PD does not compare to local PD trainings.*

*Commissioner Robert De La Garza motioned to deny, Mayor Diana Martinez seconded the motion to deny. Motioned carried.*

*For: Mayor Pro- tem Pete Morales and Commissioner Trino Medina*

*Against: Mayor Diana Martinez, Commissioner Robert De La Garza and Commissioner Pilar Garza*

**I. Consideration and action on a variance request to allow construction of a new home in an R-MH (Mobile Home and Modular Home District), physically located at 1017 Lee Dr., legally described as a Lot 42, 42 Regency Acres for Graciela Cruz.**

*CPD Director Bobby Salinas presented on the variance request to allow construction of a new home in an R-MH (Mobile Home and Modular Home District). The zone is for mobile homes, the proposal to build a new home through urban county even though it is a mobile home zone; it was found that 11 single family homes exist within the subdivision. Planning zoning commission approved on 12/19/18.*

*Mayor Diana Martinez asked since there are residence of Rancho Blanco and Lee drive are back to back will there be enough space.*

*Bobby Salinas mentioned the construction of home will require the minimum set back requirements for a residential single family home. 5 for each side, 15 on the back and 25 in the front.*

*Commissioner Trino Medina motioned and Mayor Pro-Tem Pete Morales seconded to approve. Motioned carried.*

**J. Consideration and action on a renews conditional use permit for the sale and onsite consumption of alcohol for "Sandra's Bar", physically located at 111 N. 7th St., Unit G, legally described as Outlot "F" Alamo Original Townsite for Sandra Alcantar.**

*CPD Director Bobby Salinas presented on the renewal conditional use permit for the sale and onsite consumption of alcohol for "Sandra's Bar located on the North west area business 83 and north 7<sup>th</sup> street. No major alcohol and violent incidents within this site, staff is recommending a 1 year subject to 1) waiver of the 300' separation requirement; 2) Providing security for the business. Planning zoning commission approved on 12/19/18.*

*Commissioner Robert De La Garza motioned and Commissioner Trino Medina seconded to approve. Motion Carried.*

**K. Consideration and action on a renewal conditional use permit for the sale and onsite consumption of alcohol for “Palazzio Special Event Center”, physically located at 503 S.H. 495, legally described as Lot 65., Tower Landing Ph. I for George A. Garza**

*CPD Director Bobby Salinas presented renewal conditional use permit for the sale and onsite consumption of alcohol for “Palazzio Special Event Center, No major alcohol and violent incidents within this site. Although, no crime reported complaints have been reported due to parking in an empty lot within a neighborhood. Staff recommends approval for 1-year subject to 1) must obtain annual Fire Department Inspection and Liquor License with the City Secretary 2) Waiver of the 300’ separation requirement. 3) Close off the entrance of 495 to keep from customers from parking from the vacant lot.*

*Mayor Diana Martinez asked who owns the property.*

*Mr. Bobby Salinas addressed the lot belongs to Palazzio. Planning zoning commission approved on 12/19/18 with all three (3) conditions.*

*Commissioner Trino Medina recalled of an approval for people to park there, Mr. Bobby Salinas mentioned no, what was approved was an ordinance of a possibility of allowing to park on the lot.*

*Mayor Diana Martinez asked on the approval process?*

*City Attorney Rick Palacios mentioned since it is not mentioned in the packet and if the council choose to approve it, it is only as per recommendation read out.*

*Commissioner Robert De La Garza motioned and Commissioner Trino Medina seconded to approve. Motion Carried*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: Time: 6:09 pm**

The City Commission will convene in Executive Session, in accordance with Texas Open Meeting Act, Vernon's Texas Statutes and Codes Annotated, Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapter D, Exceptions To Requirement That Meeting Be Open. The City Commission reserves the right to go into executive session on any item listed whether or not such item is posted as an Executive Session Item at any time during the meeting when authorized by the provisions of the Open Meeting Act, to wit:

1. Pursuant to Texas Government Code, § 551.071 with Attorney; Closed Meeting, Discuss Pending Litigation Pertaining to Cause No. C-4669-18E, Baudelio Castillo v. City of Alamo, et al, in the 275th Judicial District Court of Hidalgo County, Texas.

**OPEN SESSION: Time 6:49pm**

The City Commission will convene in Open Session to take necessary action, if any, in accordance with Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Open Meetings, Subchapter E, Procedure Relating to Closed Meeting, §551.102, Requirement To Vote Or Take Final Action In Open Meeting

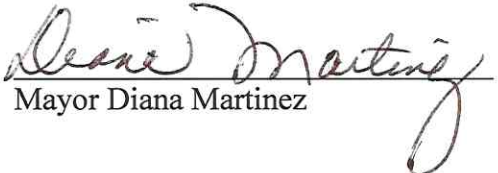
**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: Five minutes per person with no response from the City Commission. Residents must sign up prior to the city meeting**

*Mr. Omar Guerra addressed a complaint regarding Alamo PD's professionalism.*

*Ms. Juanita Solis addressed the concern the pick-up of brush on Alamo Rd due to construction.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business, Mayor Diana Martinez adjourn the meeting at 7:11 pm*

  
Mayor Diana Martinez

**ATTEST:**

  
Alexandra Rangel, City Secretary

