

The Board of Commissioners for the City of Alamo, Texas met for the second regular meeting on Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the City of Alamo Municipal Building.

COMMISSION PRESENT:

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

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
Roy Contreras, Fire Chief

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

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Diana Martinez called the second regular meeting held on Tuesday, December 18, 2018 to order at 7:00 pm at the City of Alamo Municipal Building. Mayor Diana Martinez led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Melisa Gonzales led with Invocation.

C. Presentation and Announcements.

Melisa Gonzales announced on the open of South Texas Health System ER Alamo on January 2nd at 8:00 am

Commissioner Trino Medina announced on the free toy give away on Christmas Tuesday December 25th at 10am at the Alamo Police Department.

Mayor Pro-tem Pete Morales requested to for citizen participation to be moved up next, in which Mayor Diana Martinez stated no change is needed on the item.

D. Consideration and action to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of December 4, 2018. *Commissioner Robert De La Garza motioned and Commissioner Pilar Garza seconded to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of December 4, 2018 as presented. Motioned Carried.*

E. Consideration and action regarding the designating, appointment and/or removal of the Chief of Police

Mayor Diana Martinez no action will be taken at this time.

F. Consideration and action to appoint an interim Chief of Police

Mayor Diana Martinez no action will be taken at this time.

G. Consideration and action on an agreement with the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone for the payment of the 380 agreement with McAllen Hospitals, LP (Db a South Texas Health System)

Mr. Rafael Tapia presented on the agreement which requested that Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone make payment of the 380 funding to McAllen Hospitals, LP (Db a South Texas Health System). A basic overview of the contract in which it states that the City of Alamo should oblige on their end of the contract, and if approved Mr. Robert Salinas will begin to notify the TIRZ board of the approval.

Commissioner Robert De La Garza motioned and Commissioner Pilar Garza seconded to approve the contract Motion carried.

City Manager Mr. Luciano Ozuna stated by doing this, the TRIZ will be paying for the incentives and will not be will be not be taken from general funds of the city.

H. Consideration and action on an ordinance to amend the Water and Sewer Budget by transferring from the Bond 2000 Reserve Funds and Series 2000 Bond I & S Account to provide funding for the repairs to the water treatment plant

City Manager Mr. Luciano Ozuna stated that transferring of funds were need in the Sewer Budget from the Bond 2000 Reserve Funds and Series 2000 Bond I & S Account to provide funding for the repairs to the water treatment plant.

Commissioner Trino Medina asked if these are left over funds.

City Manager Mr. Luciano Ozuna no, since these is part of the reserve fund it is not part of left over funds.

Based on a bid received of \$585,000 and is still pending on the options, he will be checking with legal if we can negotiate the bid to \$500,000. If able to negotiate the bid down the probability of an additional \$50,000 to \$60,000 will be needed from the water and sewer general funds. In order for these funds to transfer, an ordinance must first be created.

Commissioner Robert De La Garza motioned and Mayor Pro-tem Pete Morales seconded to approve. Motion carried.

I. Consideration and action to approve the interest proposal for the purchase of 5 pick-up trucks for the Alamo Police Department

City Manager Mr. Luciano Ozuna explained on the proposal from Frost bank and proposing a 3.62% percent which was the lowest interest rates compared to Lone Star bank at a 5.62%.

Houston Community bank did not bid.

Mayor Pro-tem Pete Morales motioned and Commissioner Trino Medina seconded to approve. Motion carried.

J. Consideration and action regarding the purchase of 5 pick-up trucks for the Alamo Police Department

Commissioner Robert De La Garza motioned to approve to purchase (1) 4x4 crew cab and (4) 4x2 crew cab. Mayor Diana Martinez seconded to approve. Motion carried.

K. Consideration and action to replace/appoint members to the Planning and Zoning Commission

Commissioner Robert De La Garza announced the replacement of Nelly Medina, Janie Solis and Gilbert Flores. Appointing Joseph Sweet, Molly Gallegos and Amancio Garza. Mayor Diana Martinez seconded. Motioned approved

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

L. Consideration and action on a resolution to replace/appoint a member and an alternate to the Hidalgo County Metropolitan Organization

Commissioner Pilar Garza announced to have Mayor Diana Martinez as member and Commissioner Robert De La Garza as alternate. Mayor Diana Martinez seconded. Motion carried.

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

M. Consideration and action regarding the contract with Building Transportation Infrastructure Inc.

Commissioner Robert De La Garza motioned to out of the contract. Mayor Diana Martinez seconded. Motion carried.

City Manager Luciano Ozuna states the contract has a 30 day clause and will give a notice.

N. Presentation regarding the use of forfeiture funds by the Police Department

Chief Baudelio Castillo presented on the seize of half a million dollars U.S. currency and property and two weeks ago a seize of an airplane worth over \$120,000. The answer of the cost of \$28,000 is a well investment towards the seize of half a million dollars.

Chief Baudelio Castillo also presented on the jurisdiction on the police department and based on the officers assignments with other agencies, this allows for officers to work on any criminal case nationwide.

O. Consideration and action on an ordinance for a budget amendment to transfer monies from the Commission travel budget to Police Department training budget

Commissioner Trino Medina transferred \$2,500.00 towards the police department and mentioned for others to do the same.

Mayor Pro-tem Pete Morales motioned to approve. Mayor Diana Martinez seconded. Motioned carried

P. Consideration and action on an inter-local agreement with Alamo Housing Authority to establish a Police Sub-Station at 309 North 9th Street Alamo, TX

Chief Baudelio Castillo presented on an inter-local agreement with Alamo Housing Authority to establish a Police Sub-Station at 309 North 9th Street Alamo, TX and stated an agreement of payments of the bill of utilities. Commissioner Trino Medina motioned to approve. Mayor Diana Martinez seconded. Motioned carried

Q. Presentation of AEDC Monthly Report

AEDC Director Mr. Rafael Tapia presented on the AEDC Monthly Report.

The program has made a total of 10 loans totaling \$1,405,000 and obligating all \$1,162,500 in initial funds. The program has 8 active loans. All current loans fall under the IRP. As of December 3, 2018, City of Alamo Finance Department reports:

IRP Balance: \$600,173.81

RBEG Balance: \$184,917.54

Total RLF Balance: \$785,091.35

Balance Owed: \$352,376.22 (as of December 7, 2018) as of the Dec 3, 2018, the following loan accounts were considered in default Soleil Rehabilitation and V-Day: Cosigner had been given 120 days to refinance with alternative lender while maintaining account current, this period ending Dec 14, 2018. The account holder has submitted payment in full as December 6, 2018. As of the date of this report, the AEDC release of lien is pending.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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, § 551.087 Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations; Closed Meeting, Discussion regarding on an economic development 380 agreement with Madiam LP for Property tax and sales tax reimbursements for construction of a 10,000 square foot retail plaza

OPEN SESSION:

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

R. Consideration and action on an economic development 380 agreement with Madiam LP for Property Tax and Sales Tax reimbursements for construction of a 10,000 square foot retail plaza

For Commissioner Robert De La Garza motioned to approve, Mayor Pro-tem Pete Morales seconded. Motioned carried

S. Consideration and action on a resolution a resolution authorizing the Alamo economic development corporation to provide type b incentives to Madiam LP for the propose of establishing a 10,000 square foot commercial facility in the City of Alamo

For Commissioner Robert De La Garza motioned to approve, Mayor Pro-tem Pete Morales seconded. Motioned carried

T. Consideration and action on a request by the Alamo Economic Development Corporation to enter into a contract with Madiam LP (DBA Moonrise Trading/boarder Thrift Store)

Mayor Pro-tem Pete Morales motioned to approve Commissioner Robert De La Garza seconded to approve. Motioned carried.

U. Presentation of Departmental Reports

No questions were raised

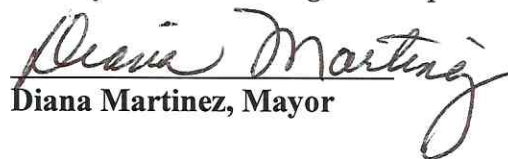
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: Five minutes per person with no response from the City Commission. Residents must sign up prior to the city meeting.

Mayra Benedetti spoke on the topic of Chief Castillo, Michael Benedetti spoke on the topic of Chief Castillo, Luis Sosa spoke on the topic of the sewer and drainage on his street, Alberto Cazares spoke on the topic of Chief Castillo, Dino Tuttle spoke on the topic of Chief Castillo and Kassandra De la Garza spoke on the topic of the sewer and drainage on her street and the impact it has done regarding her inability to return home.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Citizens are encouraged to sign the attendance sheet.

There being no further business, Mayor Diana Martinez adjourn the meeting at 8:02 pm.


Diana Martinez, Mayor

ATTEST:


Alexandra Rangel, City Secretary