

The Board of Commissioners for the City of Alamo, Texas met for the Second Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 7:00 p.m, at the City of Alamo Municipal Building.

COMMISSION PRESENT:

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

COMMISSION ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Luciano Ozuna, Jr., City Manager
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
Melisa Gonzales, Special Projects

Yvette Mendoza, Finance Director
Alicia Cano, Human Resources
Baudelio Castillo, Police Chief
Roy Contreras, Fire Chief
Rafael Tapia, AEDC Director

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Diana Martinez called the special meeting held on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 to order at 7:00 p.m. at the City of Alamo Municipal Building. Mayor Diana Martinez led the Pledge of Allegiance and Father Angel led the Invocation.

C. Presentation and Announcements.

Melisa Gonzales made an announcement regarding the Police Department will be hosting their Rabies clinic on Saturday at the Fire Station from 11am-1pm.

Mayor challenge is still going on, please sign up for additional 500 points. Working on a city with Weekly walk sanction walk on Wednesday February 27th at 5:30pm and it will be starting at the Alamo Fitness Center.

Father Angel will provide a service at 11:30 for former Chief of Police Arturo Espinoza and to recognize the Alamo Queens Court.

Commissioner Peter Morales recognized the Wolverines basketball team into making the play offs against Brownsville veterans. Ms. Angie Gonzalez

Commissioner Peter Morales recognized 5 students from the PSJA Memorial High School wrestling team in which qualified for state tournament, in which one of the students is his cousin's son, a freshman competing in state level. In addition, recognized the Wolverine's tennis and softball competing in the border Olympics in Laredo and pray for safe travels as well any winnings.

Melisa Gonzales made an announcement regarding the Chamber's annual golf tournament this Sunday at the short shot at 11:30 am, open to the public to participate.

D. Consideration and action to approve the minutes for the first meeting of February 5, 2019.

Commissioner Pete Morales stated, on item H. Consideration and action to negotiate and award a professional services contract with Garcia Infrastructure Consultants, LLC to assist as Program Managers to supervise the design and construction of the wastewater treatment plant.

For it to be changed from saying Alamo Rd to Tower Rd.

Mayor Pro-tem Robert De La Garza motioned to approve Commissioner Trino Medina seconded. Motioned approved.

E. Consideration and Action on Approving Resolution authorizing City Manager as the Authorized Official Representative and the submission of the grant application for the Alamo Youth Center Positive Action Crew (AYC-PAC) through the Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division.

Melisa Gonzales presented on the grant application for the Alamo Youth Center Positive Action Crew (AYC-PAC) for the Alamo Youth Center, this grant will provide program incentives, salaries for staff, curriculum and equipment. A \$39, 662 and a \$0 match grant.

Commissioner Pete Morales motioned to approve Commissioner Pilar Garza seconded. Motion approved.

F. Presentation by the Best Friends Animal Society regarding the Community Cat program.

Mike Bricker Manger of the Palm Valley Animal Shelter presented on Best Friends Animal Society. The initiative is too save animals, this project provided by Best Friends in which will be a 3 year contract at no cost towards Alamo. Alamo will only pay for the one intake of one cat, while Best Friends will pick and pay for the fixing cost. McAllen and Edinburg have agreed, Mr. Bricker mentions based on the City's ordinance certain processes may apply.

Commissioner Trino Medina questioned on where they place stray cats found in the area after been fixed, Mr. Bricker addressed cats will be placed at the same place they were found and will assist animal control during the process.

Mayor Diana Martinez questioned if approval must be done in the next meeting, Mr. Bricker noted contract will begin in April since they are still pending equipment.

G. Consideration and action to enter into an agreement with Denali Water Solutions for extracting and hauling of water plant backwash sludge.

Mr. Luciano Ozuna addressed lab results are still pending, since there is still sludge from the backwash and TCEQ requires removing the sludge and deposit to the landfill. Landfills from Edinburg and Republic will not accept the sludge since its wet, currently it is placed at the sewer treatment plant. Still pending from TCEQ for a permit to put into containers. Denali is a company that will take the wet sludge to distribute into fields already approved by TCEQ.

Commissioner Pete Morales asked if Denali is the only company who does this line of work.

Mr. Luciano Ozuna verifies, yes Denali is the only company in the valley.

Commissioner Trino Medina asks for the cost of Edinburg dry sludge.

Mr. Luciano Ozuna says its \$20 per ton and Republic cost was \$23 per ton.

Commissioner Trino Medina asks for the cost of Denali.

Mr. Luciano and Ozuna and Mr. Julio Villarreal currently it's at \$650.00 per unit, but once we have a contract prices may change.

Mayor Pro-tem Robert De La Garza motioned to table item Commissioner Trino Medina seconded. Motioned approved.

H. Consideration and action on an ordinance to amend the code ordinances of the City of Alamo, Title 3 Business and License Regulation, Chapter 2 Liquor Control, Section 3-2-2 License and Fees.

Mr. Bobby Salinas presents on the City's current ordinance for the issuance of City Licenses for the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages was adopted in 1977. It was noticed that the fees as presented in the ordinance are not up to date. Mr. Salinas is recommending for the removal of Section 3-2-2 (B) of the current code of ordinances which would then update the fees to ½ of TABC's current rates section A.

The majority of the surrounding cities are charging ½ of states fees.

Commissioner Trino Medina asked for new cost for the public.

Mr. Bobby Salinas retailers on premise late hours, based on the current ordinance chart is \$125 but \$413.50 since that is the half of what the state charges. Another example is the Wine and Beer retailers off premise in which currently charges \$30 but will increase to \$336.50

Commissioner Trino Medina any question from the audience, no response from the audience.

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

Commissioner Pete Morales abstained due to a conflict of interest.

I. Consideration and action on an ordinance to amend Title 9- Building Regulations, Chapter 1- Building Codes, Section 9-1-1-8 Electrical Code by adopting the National Code, 2017 Edition.

Mr. Bobby Salinas presents on adopting a new electric code, the city is currently using the National Electrical Code 2002 edition. Since the adoption of our code there have been several

changes in the code in regards to safety. Our City Inspector, Mr. Adan Magallan, is recommending that the City update its electrical code to the 2017 edition since the last NEC was adopted over ten years ago. In addition, will also be looking at the new 2018 International Building Codes to see if it would be a good idea to adopt those as well.

Mayor Pro-tem Robert De La Garza motioned to adopt the 2017 National Electrical Code Commissioner Diana Martinez seconded. Motion carries.

J. Consideration and action on the list of expected expenditures budget by the Alamo Police department from the City's State Felony Forfeiture Account.

Chief Baudelio Castillo presented on the usage of State Forfeiture fund of \$7,798.58

Purchasing 7 blocks 380 for the major crimes investigators and additional two classes, one is open records in Austin and the other is a hostage negotiation phase 3 in Grand Prairie, Texas.

Mr. Ozuna stated there is a requirement to amend the budget of \$12,000 that was available. Based on the memorandum to the Finance Director will represent the items as you utilize them, and questioned will the items come back to the city commission?

Chief Baudelio Castillo stated yes he will present the items to the board, currently only these two items are needed at the moment.

Mayor Diana Martinez states anything dealing with forfeiture it must be presented for city approval.

City Attorney Cris Palacios not an approval is needed but a detailed list of items been used within the forfeiture funds.

Mr. Ozuna asks, how does the process of gaining and distributing forfeiture funds.

Chief Baudelio Castillo explains after a seizure within 30 days must submit the paperwork and depending of the agency involved a certain percentage comes in.

City Attorney Cris Palacios states Chief Baudelio Castillo has the sole discretion how the expenditures are made and his only responsibility is to present the commission and be aware during any audits in the future.

K. Consideration and action to create a Police Lieutenant position for the Alamo Police Department and set salary.

Mayor Diana Martinez ask if this position part of the budget,

Chief Baudelio Castillo indicates this position is part of the organization chart and after a year of evaluating his officers a position is needed especially with program growth and sergeants are ok with not get a paid raise until the money is available for the pay raise. At the moment only requesting for the promotion of lieutenant as the same pay as sergeants.

Mr. Luciano Ozuna asks to verify when to increase pay raise?

Chief Baudelio Castillo indicates for next budget year.

Mayor Pro-tem Robert De La Garza indicates based on the old budget, there was a lieutenant position and was removed to hire 3 officers.

Chief Baudelio Castillo indicates it was 3 corporal positions were promoted not hired.

Mr. Luciano Ozuna will research on hiring of officers.

No possible names were stated for lieutenant position.

For: Commissioner Pete Morales and Commissioner Trino Medina

Against: Mayor Diana Martinez, Mayor Pro-tem Robert De La Garza and Commissioner Pilar Garza.

Motion denied.

L. Consideration and action regarding the 2018 Annual Racial Profiling Report.

Chief Baudelio Castillo presented on the 2018 Annual Racial Profiling Report in which required by law to present among the city commission. The report is from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018. Currently compliant with the state and the city and no complaints filed this year.

Commissioner Trino Medina motioned to approve Commissioner Pete Morales seconded. Motioned carried.

M. Presentation of AEDC Monthly Report.

Mr. Rafael Tapia presented Alamo Economic Development Corporation current monthly Activity Report of January 2019

Revolving Loan Fund Program

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 February 1, 2019, City of Alamo Finance Department IRP Balance: \$722,639.79

RBEG Balance: \$ 184,917.54

Total RLF Balance: \$907,557.33

Balance Owed: \$338,216.53 (as of February 7, 2019)

The following activity is for the period covering January 2, 2019 to January 31, 2019. For the reporting period, the program had four (4) new contacts.

Commissioner Trino Medina suggested for additional outreach to local business to offer additional services every week and offering the loan program.

N. Presentation of Departmental Reports.

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

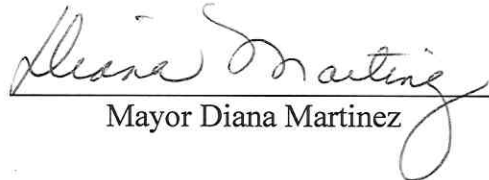
Mr. Rick Salazar commented to set the record straight Garcia Infrastructure in not under investigation with the FBI.

Mr. Alberto Cazares addressed a complaint regarding vendors selling without a permit.

Mr. Omar Guerra addressed a complaint regarding public information request been denied.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Diana Martinez adjourn the meeting at 7:52 pm


Mayor Diana Martinez

ATTEST:


Alexandra Rangel, City Secretary