

The Board of Commissioners for the City of Alamo, Texas met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday July 2, 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
Pete Morales, Commissioner
Pilar Garza, Commissioner
Trino Medina, Commissioner

COMMISSION ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Robert L. Salinas, Interim City Manager
Cris Palacios, City Attorney
Alexandra Rangel, City Secretary
Melisa Gonzales, Special Projects
Yvette Mendoza, Finance Director
Roy Contreras, Fire Chief
Alicia Cano, Human Resources
Julio Villarreal, Public Works Director

Michael Torres, IT Director
Rogelio Alaniz, Interim Police Chief
Adela Perez, Purchasing Agent

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Diana Martinez called the first regular meeting held on Tuesday, July 2, 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. Presentations and Announcements

Special Projects Director Melisa Gonzales announced this Saturday, July 5th Aquaman will be showing at 8:40 at the Down Town Central Park.

Officer Jacob Garcia announced the Honorary swearing in of Honorary Police Officer & Explorer Advisor Abigail Arias #306 on July 8th at 10:00am at The Omni Event Center.

Commissioner Trino Medina announced the Alamo ten year softball girls placed 5th in regionals. And the Lions Club will be hosting their 3rd Annual 4th of July celebration from 3pm-10pm at the Alamo Sports Complex.

Commissioner Pete Morales announced the PSJA Memorial Early College High School coach's staff and quarterback members will be having a free youth camp from 7/29-7/31 for 3rd and 9th graders.

*Interim City Manager Robert L. Salinas mentioned that he spoke with Julio Villarreal regarding vector control around the city tonight and tomorrow.
Commissioner Trino Medina asked on the time*

*Public Works Director Julio Villarreal responded that they have begun already
Commissioner Pete Morales asked if an announcement can be posted on social media to let the citizens know.*

City Engineer Ronnie Cruz gave a presentation regarding an update on the detention facilities for Santo Livas. He mentioned the flooding happened due to TXDOT did not connecting the lines correctly, based on their plans it was as reversed flow.

Interim City Manager Robert L. Salinas stated that he met with Hidalgo County Precinct 1 today and will be meeting next week to discuss a final interlocal between Precinct 1 to do the grading.

Commissioner Trino Medina asked if Precinct 1 will have the pipe in place soon.

Interim City Manager Robert L. Salinas stated once the Interlocal is finalized then we will have clear dates.

*Commissioner Trino Medina asked will this alleviate flooding from Jasmine
City Engineer Ronnie Cruz, stated that it would with help*

Mayor Diana Martinez stated she will call the District Engineer in the morning to help with the planning.

D. Consideration and action to approve the minutes for the second regular meeting of June 18, 2019

Mayor Diana Martinez motioned to approve, Commissioner Pilar Garza seconded. Motioned Carried

E. Presentation by iHeart Media regarding marketing and advertising for the City of Alamo

Mr. Ariel Vela presented on options to promote the City of Alamo events, businesses and campaigns, these services will cost \$899 a month but will be submitting a quote for television advertising.

Commissioner Pete Morales asked if he was currently working on any projects with the Alamo Chamber.

Mr. Ariel Vela responded only the Watermelon Festival, which was in conjunction with Parks and Rec.

Commissioner Trino Medina asked if he had radios stations in Spanish

Mr. Ariel Vela responded no but we can run Spanish spots in Wild 104, which has a large Spanish base. He also mentioned that Kiss 106.3 also run on 105.5 which is double the spots at no charge.

Commissioner Trino Medina asked if he run commercials for local businesses

Mr. Ariel Vela responded yes, he just picked up Hess Air and Mikes Plumbing

Commissioner Pete Morales asked if he can promote local businesses

Mr. Ariel Vela responded yes, for example if the city has no events for the month he can promote a business.

Mayor Diana Martinez stated if the contract is considered, the funds will be from Hotel and Motel taxes and will not be coming out from property taxes.

Interim City Manager Robert L. Salinas asked for a quote for the television spots

Commissioner Trino Medina asked Interim City Manager Robert L. Salinas for this item to be placed on the agenda next meeting.

F. Consideration and action regarding an ordinance calling a city election for Tuesday, November 5, 2019, to be participated in and by the qualified voters of the City of Alamo, Texas, for the purpose of electing a Mayor, Commissioner Place 1, Commissioner Place 2 and Commissioner Place 4; designating election precincts, designating polling places, method of voting and providing for early voting and election notice.(Ordinance 10-07-19A (English); Ordinance 10-07-19 B (Spanish)

Mayor Diana Martinez motioned to approve, Commissioner Pete Morales seconded. Motioned Carried

G. Consideration and action on approving a resolution authorizing the City Manager as the authorized official for the Local Border Star grant submitted through the Office of the Governor

Melisa Gonzales presented on the grant award of \$30,000 and the Governor's office has asked for the interim city manager to be the authorized representative. She stated that the resolution was approved when it was under the police chief as the authorized representative.

Commissioner Pete Morales motioned to approve, Mayor Diana Martinez seconded. Motioned Carried.

H. Consideration and action regarding the term for the contract extension with Med-Care EMS for emergency ambulance services

Interim City Manager Robert Salinas stated when the contract was approved on May 7th the term for the contract was not discussed and the last time it was approved it was for 2 years. He stated it can be renewed for additional 2 years.

Commissioner Trino Medina mentioned to change the name of the owner to Veronica

Mayor Diana Martinez responded Ontiveros

Mayor Diana Martinez motioned to approve, Commissioner Robert De La Garza seconded. Motioned Carried

I. Consideration and action for a budget amendment by Alamo Police Department for Axon Enterprises, Inc.

Interim City Manager Robert Salinas mentioned that this budget amendment will be moved from vehicle maintenance from the Alamo Police Department's budget, to be moved to dues and subscriptions to pay for the outstanding total.

Commissioner Trino Medina is this for the payment

Interim City Manager Robert Salinas responded this is for the payment from December 2018 to November 2019.

Commissioner Trino Medina asked is this for the \$23,136

Interim City Manager Robert Salinas responded that is correct and we did a transfer of \$25,000

Commissioner Pete Morales motioned to approve Commissioner Robert De La Garza seconded. Motioned Carried.

J. Consideration and action on a request by PSJA ISD to participate in the construction of Santos Livas Park

Interim City Manager Robert Salinas stated that Dr. King asked the city to participate in construction of Santos Livas Park. He stated the area Dr. King is asking for is the restroom area for the public to use when the school is closed. He mentioned within the packet he inserted a park fee chart that is charged to subdivisions and this helps to pay for parks. Improvements at the moment they have \$99,000 plus and mentioned that PSJA called and said the total cost is around \$100,000.

Interim City Manager Robert Salinas asked for a ceiling amount

Mayor Diana Martinez motioned to approve, Commissioner Pete Morales seconded. Motioned Carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:45 pm

The City Commission will convene in Executive Session, in accordance with Texas Open Meetings Act, Vernon's Texas Statutes and Codes Annotated, Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapter D, Exceptions To Requirement That Meetings Be Open. The City Commission reserves the right to go into executive session on any item listed in the Agenda Notice 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 Meetings Act. Subject to the foregoing reservation, the following are items to be discussed in Executive Session:

1. Pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.071 Consultation with Attorney, Discussion Regarding Pending Litigation, Specifically City of McAllen, et al. v. State of Texas No; Cause No. D-1-GN-17-004766

OPEN SESSION: 8:53 pm

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,

Procedures Relating to Closed Meeting, § 551.102, Requirement To Vote Or Take Final Action In Open Meeting.

1. Consideration and Action on approving a resolution Regarding Pending Litigation, Specifically City of McAllen, et al. v. State of Texas No; Cause No. D-1-GN-17-004766
Commissioner Trino Medina motioned to approve and add SB 1152 to the existing suit, Mayor Diana Martinez seconded. Motioned Carried.

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

Frank Garza presented on the concern of flooding

Lyle Freaes presented on trash and speedbumps

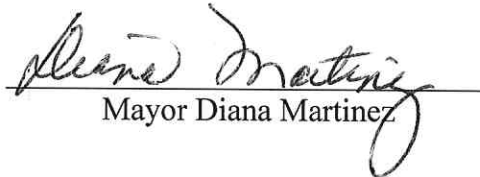
Albert Cazares presented on the upcoming election

Dino Tuttle presented on the concern of speed bumps

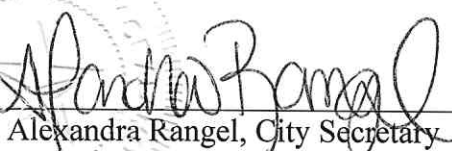
I. ADJOURNMENT

Citizens are encouraged to sign the attendance sheet.

There being no further business, Mayor Diana Martinez adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm


Mayor Diana Martinez

ATTEST:


Alexandra Rangel, City Secretary

