

The Board of Commissioners for the City of Alamo, Texas met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday July 16, 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

COMMISSION ABSENT:

Trino Medina, Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT:

Robert L. Salinas, Interim City Manager
Cris Palacios, City Attorney
Alexandra Rangel, City Secretary
Melisa Gonzales, Special Projects
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
Lori Solis, Library Director

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Diana Martinez called the second regular meeting held on Tuesday, July 16, 2019 to order at 7:00 p.m. at the City of Alamo Municipal Building. Mayor Diana Martinez led the Pledge of Allegiance and Melisa Gonzales led the Invocation.

C. Presentations and Announcements

Special Projects Director Melisa Gonzales announced this Friday, July 19th will start Music at the Park at 7:30pm and will be playing Jazz and Golden Oldies at Down Town Central Park. This Saturday is the regional tire collection project at 9th Street under the water tower from 8-noon or sooner if the roll offs are full.

Parks and Recreation Director Arnold Robles announced our Track and Tennis team will compete this weekend at the Games of Texas at College Station.

Interim City Manager Robert Salinas mentioned the city finished the pavement project for Regency Acres and High View and added fire hydrants for the area.

Commissioner Pete Morales announced the South Texas Divas, Jessica Martinez playing at the World Series in Alabama.

D. Consideration and action to approve the minutes for the first regular meeting of July 2, 2019.

Mayor Pro-Tem Robert De La Garza motioned to approve, Commissioner Pilar Garza seconded. Motioned Carried.

E. Consideration and action on a request by Pastor E.B. Holschuh, Zion Lutheran Church, to hold a 5K and 1 mile run in the city of Alamo on Saturday, November 16, 2019 for Lutheran Literacy Project.

Pastor E.B. Holschuh from the Zion Lutheran Church presented on the benefit of doing a 5k to promote literacy. He mentioned the church has contracted Endurance Splits to take care of logistics.

Interim City Manager Robert Salinas mentioned this E-Commerce System allows for member cities to be notified if fines are shown in the system and can be paid.

Commissioner Pete Morales motioned to approve, Mayor Pro-Tem Robert De La Garza seconded. Motioned Carried.

G. Consideration and action regarding an Interlocal agreement with the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council for 9-1-1 Service PSAP

Interim Police Chief Rogelio Alaniz mentioned this interlocal agreement is a renewal for the PSAP, Public Safety Answering Point. Nothing has changed in the last few years and that we must renew this agreement every two years to be in compliance with our 9-1-1 service agreement with them.

Commissioner Pete Morales asked where the calls get routed to

Interim Police Chief Rogelio Alaniz responded to the police department for Fire, EMS and Police. If the lines are busy they will go to our neighboring cities for example Donna, but usually to San Juan.

Mayor Pro-Tem Robert De La Garza motioned to approve, Commissioner Pilar Garza seconded. Motioned Carried.

H. Consideration and action regarding a contract with iHeart Media for a radio marketing agreement for the City of Alamo.

Interim City Manager Robert Salinas mentioned this presentation was done in the last meeting. Total of \$10,788 over 12 months all radio advertising for the city.

Mayor Diana Martinez mentioned since they will be advertising hotels and motels, this will be payed from the hotels and motels account, not property tax.

Interim City Manager Robert Salinas responded that is correct

Mayor Diana Martinez motioned to approve, Mayor Pro-Tem Robert De La Garza seconded. Motioned carried.

I. Consideration and action to reject and readvertise for the Alamo Youth Center Air Conditioning Replacements.

Interim City Manager Robert Salinas mentioned the City received one bid of 130,474.24; the budget for the project is \$55,000, which exceeded the budget. The bid amount was over, so we recommend rejecting and readvertising. We will be doing a different approach; we will contact local air conditioning companies and encourage them to place a bid.

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

J. Consideration and action on emergency repairs to an existing 6 inch sanitary sewer line located in the alley between Austin and Bowie streets from Alamo Rd to 10th street.

Interim City Manager Robert Salinas mentioned because it was an emergency, he did not have a chance to go before the commission. In addition, because it was over \$15,000 he

K. Consideration and action on a re-zone from an R-1 (Single-Family Dwelling District) to a C (Commercial District) Physically located at 211 E. Business Hwy 83, legally as a 4.18-acre irregular tract of land being the E349.58' Lot 16, Block 38, Except E176'- N686.90' Alamo Land & Sugar Company's Subdivision for Albert Cazares.

Interim City Manager Robert Salinas mentioned the site is located approximately 1,700' West of the intersection of Border Rd. on the South side of Business Hwy 83. The property measures 350' X 480' (which equates to 168,000 sq. ft.)

He also mentioned, according to general zoning practices and existing commercial zones in the area, a rezone to C-Commercial should be considered for approval however, we must require heavy buffering to the R-1 properties located on the south and east side of the property with the use of landscaping and solid opaque fencing.

He mentioned it was approved at the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting held on Wednesday, June 19.

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

L. Presentation of AEDC Monthly Report

AEDC Director Rafael Tapia presented on the program has made a total of 10 loans totaling \$1,405,000 and obligated \$1,162,500 in initial funds. The program has 4 active loans. All current loans fall under the IRP.

As of July 1, 2019, City of Alamo Finance Department reports:

IRP Balance: \$847,756.14

RBEG Balance: \$184,917.54

Total RLF Balance: \$1,032,673.68

Balance Owed: \$222,499.70 (as of July 4, 2019)

As of the July 4, 2019, all accounts were considered current.

Activity

The following activity is for the period covering June 1, 2019 to June 28, 2019. For the reporting period, the program had 2 new contacts.

He mentioned they are currently working on the Alamo Property Catalog; he stated that this is the annual update to the listing of available properties along the commercial/retail corridors of City.

He also mentioned they launched a shirt program to promote Alamo businesses, until July 31st and will be selecting a design by August 14th.

M. Presentation of Departmental Reports

Departmental Report presentations were included in the commissioners packet, no comments from the City Commission.


Mayor Diana Martinez

ATTEST:


Alexandra Rangel, City Secretary

