

The Board of Commissioners for the City of Alamo, Texas met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, December 17, 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  
Okie Salinas, Commissioner  
Pilar Garza, Commissioner  
Pete Morales, Commissioner

**COMMISSION ABSENT:**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Robert L. Salinas, Interim City Manager  
Cris Palacios, City Attorney  
Alexandra Rangel, City Secretary  
Alicia Cano, HR Director  
Melisa Gonzales, Special Projects Director  
Alex Oyoque Museum Director

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

**I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

*Mayor Diana Martinez called the regular meeting held on Tuesday, December 17, 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. Public Comment: Residents must sign up prior to the city meeting to address the City Commission about a set agenda item.**

*Mayor Diana Martinez informed the public to sign up for public comment*

**D. Presentation and Announcements**

*Melisa Gonzales thanked everyone who attended Saturday's Christmas Parade. We did have 41 entries, this is the most we have ever had. Please stop by downtown and take pictures, the Parks and Rec. department did a great job in decorating.*

*Commissioner Pete Morales congratulated Chelsea Salinas and Victoria Gonzales from PSJA Memorial, they just signed their letter of intent to play at UT Laredo.*

*Mayor Diana Martinez thanked Gus Guerra Elementary and Ms. Cindy Perales for coming by this morning to sing Christmas Carols.*

*Commissioner Pilar Garza stated there will be more Thursday*

*Mayor Diana Martinez responded yes, Santos Livas will be here at 10:30 for anyone who want to stop by.*

**E. Consideration and action to approve the minutes for the first regular meeting of December 03, 2019.**

*Commissioner Robert De La Garza motioned to approve, and Commissioner Pete Morales seconded. Motion carried.*

**F. Presentation for the It's Time Texas Challenge.**

*Special Projects Director Melisa Gonzales presented on the ITT Challenge, every year the City of Alamo participates. Last year PSJA scored first place through out the state, and the city won seventh and San Juan came in sixth. Our goal is for the three cities in the top three again.*

**G. Consideration and action to approve the Lamar contract for two billboards advertising Alamo Hotels.**

*Special Projects Director Melisa Gonzales stated this approval is for the two billboards located here in Alamo and the other one by Donna. This year the one in Donna will be moved from the south side of the expressway to the northside. The new billboard is the exact same \$51,240 for the*

*whole year as last year, the difference is that we have to pay \$2,016 for two new vinyl's because two of the hotels updated their logos.*

*Mayor Diana Martinez asked if this advertising helps.*

*Special Projects Director Melisa Gonzales responded yes, it has*

*Mayor Diana Martinez asked how much is the total cost*

*Special Projects Director Melisa Gonzales responded \$53,256*

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

**H. Consideration and action to declare items listed as surplus and authorize City Personnel to sell such items through online public auction.**

*Purchasing Agent Adela Perez stated the items before you are listed as surplus and asked to authorize City Personnel to sell such items through an online public auction.*

*Interim City Manager Robert Salinas stated, they are proposing to go with Govdeals.org its an online auction platform with no cost to the city. Several cities are going through this platform, we met with the City of Mission who introduced the concept of the online public auction. There is a list in your packets of all the surplus items.*

*Commissioner Pete Morales asked if any of the items in the list work?*

*Interim City Manager Robert Salinas responded there is a lot of old equipment, our IT Director has made sure to clean all computers.*

*Commissioner Pete Morales asked what about the vehicles, how will they be auctioned*

*Interim City Manager Robert Salinas responded the same, through the online auction*

*Commissioner Okie Salinas asked does the city have any liability on these items*

*Benjamin responded no, there is a disclaimer stating as is, wear is*

*Mayor Diana Martinez asked so we will not have a live auction just online*

*Interim City Manager Robert Salinas responded yes, it will allow for more buyers to participate*

*Commissioner Pete Morales motioned to approve, and Commissioner Pilar Garza seconded. Motion carried.*

**I. Consideration and action to declare items listed as salvage and authorize City Personnel to dispose of such items.**

*Purchasing Agent Adela Perez stated the items before you are listed as salvage and ask to authorize City Personnel to dispose of such items.*

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

**J. Consideration and action to accept the resignation of the City Prosecutor and/or terminate the contract for Professional Services with the City Prosecutor.**

*Mayor Diana Martinez motioned to terminate the contract for Joe Ramirez and Mayor Pro-Tem Robert De La Garza seconded. Motion carried.*

*Commissioner Pete Morales voted against*

**K. Consideration and action to appoint a City Prosecutor for the Alamo Municipal Court.**



*Mayor Diana Martinez motioned to appoint Rene Alonso Flores and Mayor Pro-Tem Robert De La Garza seconded. Vote 2-3*

*Commissioner Pete Morales motioned to appoint Eloy Hernandez. Vote 1-4*

*Commissioner Okie Salinas motioned to appoint Veronica Moncivais, and Commissioner Pilar Garza seconded. Vote 2-3*

*Commissioner Pete Morales stated the reason he voted against the motion made by Commissioner Okie Salinas was due to Ms. Moncivais was for she owed the city a lot of money back in the day we finally got the money back, which is ok. That is why I voted against Veronica Moncivais.*

*No action taken due to not being able to obtain a 2/3 majority vote on one particular motion, no action taken*

**L. Consideration and action to replace/re-appoint member(s) to the Planning and Zoning Commission.**

*Mayor Diana Martinez motioned to remove Arturo Perez and appoint David Martinez and Mayor Pro-Tem Robert De La Garza seconded. Motion carried.*

**M.Consideration and action to renew the contract for the City Attorney.**

*Mayor Pro-Tem Robert De La Garza motioned to renew the contract for Palacios, Garza, & Thompson, P.C. and Commissioner Pete Morales seconded. Motion carried.*

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Public hearing on a resolution of The City of Alamo, Texas In Accordance with the requirements of Texas Government Code 2306.67071 and Texas Administrative Code 11.204(4).**

*Interim City Manager Robert Salinas stated this resolution is for HVM BP Alamo, they are utilizing HUD funds and one of the requirements from HUD is that they need a resolution when utilizing this form of funding. HVM BP has applied to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for the Raintree Apartments.*

*No citizen participation*

**N. Consideration and action on a resolution of The City of Alamo, Texas In Accordance with the requirements of Texas Government Code 2306.67071 and Texas Administrative Code 11.204(4).**

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

**O. Consideration and action on an ordinance approving the new building permit fees schedule.**

*Interim City Manager Robert Salinas stated recently there have been new changes caused by House Bill 852 that determines the amount of a building permit or inspection fee required in connection with the construction or improvement of a residential home. It was found, as we were processing certain permits we did not have the structure to handle it. For example, a reroof if we would base the permit on square footage for a reroof would cost the same as a permit for a new house based on our current ordinance. We are proposing a flat rate, which is the normal rate of what a reroof would be \$55-\$100. We decided a flat rate of \$55. This process will allow for to citizens continue to upgrade their homes without the heavy costs.*

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

**P. Presentation of AEDC Report.**

*AEDC Director Rafael Tapia presented on November's monthly reports, he states As of December 2, 2019, City of Alamo Finance Department reports:*

- *Total RLF Balance: \$1,062,983.58*
- *IRP Balance: \$878,066.04*
- *RBEG Balance: \$184,917.54*
- *Balance Owed: \$197,405.91 (as of December 5, 2019)*

*As of the December 2, 2019, all accounts were considered current.*

*The following activity is for the period covering November 1, 2019 to November 27, 2019. For the reporting period, the program had 2 new contacts, Mr. Salinas and Mr. Reynaldo Rodriguez.*

*As for program Maintenance, on November 20<sup>th</sup> we held a workshop for Small Business Grants. As for the Small Business Grant, there is still \$7,500 available.*

**Q. Presentation of Departmental Report.**

*Mayor Diana Martinez asked on the status of the Crime Stoppers*

*Special Projects Director Melisa Gonzales responded that they have not had a chance to meet with the current board. We currently have three board members and we might have to appoint some more.*

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

*No citizen participation*


**I. ADJOURNMENT**

Citizens are encouraged to sign the attendance sheet.

*There being no further business, Mayor Diana Martinez adjourned the meeting at 7:20 pm*

  
Mayor Diana Martinez

**ATTEST:**

  
Alexandra Rangel, City Secretary