

The Board of Commissioners for the City of Alamo, Texas met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 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
Rafael Tapia, AEDC Director
Julio Villarreal, Public Works Director

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

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Diana Martinez called the regular meeting held on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 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. Presentation and Announcements

Gloria Espinosa introduced the Royal Court 2020, Miss Alamo Diana Salinas, Alamo Princess Amaya Rose, Alamo Duchess Crista Cruz, Alamo Ambassador and Ms. Alamo 2019 Daniela Zapata.

Mayor Diana Martinez thanked Ms. Gloria Espinoza and her daughters for their dedication to the program

Commissioner Pete Morales congratulated the Royal Court for their success

Melisa Gonzales stated Wednesday's ITT Challenge has been postponed due to inclement weather. In addition, the Parks and Rec. department has started their softball registration Monday the 17th and will continue to March 6th.

Commissioner Pete Morales congratulated the PSJA Lady Wolverines in making the playoffs and our tennis players who will be going to San Antonio on Wednesday.

Eagle Scout Mr. Ethan Cuevas from Troop 268 gave a presentation on the renovations of the new butterfly garden located at Sgt. Fernando De la Rosa. The project will start the first Saturday of March and there will be no charge to the city.

Mayor Diana Martinez asked if this is needed to be placed on the agenda

Interim City Manager stated no, he already spoke with City Attorney Cris Palacios

City Attorney Rick Palacios asked how many Volunteers

Mr. Ethan Cuevas stated 15-25 volunteers

At this time Mayor Diana Martinez went into Executive Session

D. Consideration and action to approve the minutes for the first regular meeting of February 04, 2020.

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

E. Consideration and action to approve the minutes for the special meeting of February 13, 2020.

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

F. 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.

Special Projects Director Melisa Gonzales stated this grant is for the current project and it consists of salaries for Ms. Erika and overtime for Ms. Sandy, Erika and the part-time staff. The total grant is \$22,401.81.

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

G. Consideration and action on approving resolution authorizing City Manager as the Authorized Official Representative and the submission of the grant application for the Alamo APD Radio Replacement Grant through the Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division.

Special Projects Director Melisa Gonzales stated this grant the same as the previous. This grant is to replace all of the portable radios of the PD. We currently have replaced 6 with the federal JAG and pending 29. With this grant we are asking to replace 20, for a total of \$39,420. Which will leave pending 9 portable radios.

Mayor Diana Martinez asked can these radios be bought through forfeiture funds

Special Projects Director Melisa Gonzales responded yes, but this grant is helpful to obtain the radios without spending. This is a 0% match grant.

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

H. A Resolution of The City of Alamo, Texas Authorizing to Approve Temporary Street Closures on Portions of FM 907 And Business Highway 83 For the City's Annual Texas Independence Day Parade.

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

I. Consideration and action to purchase a 2020 Chevrolet Tahoe from Caldwell Country through the Buy Board Cooperative to be reimbursed by the Office of the Governor 2018 Operation Stonegarden Grant.

Finance Director Yvette Mendoza stated requesting approval to purchase a white 2020 Chevrolet Tahoe, through the buy board cooperative for the Police Department in the amount of \$49,318.00.

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

J. Consideration and action on emergency repairs on a man hole on the intersection of 7th St. and E. Hackberry Ave.

Interim City Manager Robert Salinas stated an existing 20ft. brick manhole collapsed within itself located on the intersection of 7th St. and E. Hackberry Ave. Due to the possibility of the bricks falling into the main sewer line, we needed to have it repaired immediately so as to avoid a severe sewer back up in the area. The manhole was replaced with a new fiberglass manhole and is back to working order. The total cost for this project was \$49,500. These items are before you since the costs to repair were over \$15,000.

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

K. Consideration and action for member appointment(s) for the 9-1-1 ECAC to the LRGVDC

Interim City Manager Robert Salinas stated this is for the Emergency Communications Advisory Committee, usually the chiefs sit on the board. I recommending both of our interim chiefs and Ms. Elizabeth Navarro to be the appointees.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing on a voluntary annexation request for a 23.00 acre tract of land out of Lot 7 and 8, Block 34, Alamo Land and Sugar Company's Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas for WSW Holdings, LLC.

No citizen participation

L. Consideration and action on a voluntary annexation request for a 23.00acre tract of land out of Lot 7 and 8, Block 34, Alamo Land and Sugar Company Subdivision for WSW Holdings, LLC.

Interim City Manager Robert Salinas stated this is a subdivision that has been approved by the commission, this is part of San Agustin Subdivision phase 2. The public hearing is for the annexation, a service agreement has been signed already and the developers have agreed to install water and sewer, and anything else necessary for the completion of the subdivision. On the ordinance, there is some language to be changed but once done it will be ready for the Mayor to sign.

Commissioner Pete Morales he did not receive the map in his packet

Interim City Manager Robert Salinas responded, the only map is the one with the blue outline

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing on a voluntary annexation request for a 15.94 acre tract of land out of Lot 7, Block 34, Alamo Land and Sugar Company's Subdivision. Hidalgo County, Texas for WSW Holdings, LLC.

No citizen participation

M. Consideration and action on a voluntary annexation request for a 15.94 acre tract of land out of Lot 7, Block 34, Alamo Land and Sugar Company's Subdivision. Hidalgo County, Texas for WSW Holdings, LLC.

Interim City Manager Robert Salinas stated this is for phase 3, again this has been reviewed and approved now its just for approval for the voluntary annexation.

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

N. Presentation of AEDC Report

AEDC Director Rafael Tapia report for the month of January, As of February 3, 2020, City of Alamo Finance Department reports:

- *IRP Balance: \$885,244.54*
- *RBEG Balance: \$184,917.54*
- *Total RLF Balance: \$1,070,162.08*
- *Balance Owed: \$189,330.14 as of February 5, 2020*

As of the February 6, 2020, 3 accounts were considered current. One account is considered delinquent. Speedway Performance Motors and are expected to be current in March.

One new contact, Gabriel Gonzalez who is interested in opening a food truck business.

Program maintenance was conducted, USDA reports from January 2-27 and verified all applicants has their property taxes paid on December 31, 2019.

- *A small business workshop was conducted with 7 attendees*
- *Madiam contracts have been signed and up to date.*
- *A potential buyer for the 11 acres*
- *As for the small business grant, we still have \$7,500.*

O. Presentation of Departmental Reports

Departmental Report presentations were included in the commissioner's packet, no comments from the City Commission.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:13pm

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 to items to be discussed in executive session:

1. Pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.074 Personnel Matters and §551.071 Consultations with Attorney:
 - a. Discussion regarding appointment of City Manager, set salary and benefits and negotiate terms of employment.
 - b. Update Litigation Pertaining to Cause No. C-2589-19-E, Baudelio Castillo v. City of Alamo, et al, in the 275th Judicial District Court of Hidalgo County, Texas.
 - c. Discussion regarding city commission directive on the selection process for Chief of Police.

OPEN SESSION: 7:00pm

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.

P. Consideration and action to appoint a City Manager, set salary and benefits and negotiate terms of employment.

Mayor Pro-Tem Robert De La Garza motioned to appoint Robert Salinas as City Manager and consistent with discussion in executive session with a set salary of \$100,000, plus phone and car allowance and Commissioner Pilar Garza seconded.

Q. Consideration and action regarding city commission directive on the selection process for Chief of Police.

Mayor Diana Martinez stated no action at this time

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 8:07 pm


Mayor Diana Martinez

ATTEST:

Alexandra Rangel, City Secretary



