

The Board of Commissioners for the City of Alamo, Texas met for the First Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 05, 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, City Manager
Cris Palacios, City Attorney
Alexandra Rangel, City Secretary
Richard Ozuna, Police Chief
Roy Contreras, Fire Chief
Rafael Tapia, AEDC Director

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Diana Martinez called the regular meeting held on Tuesday, May 05, 2020 to order at 7:00 p.m. at the City of Alamo Municipal Building. Mayor Diana Martinez led the Pledge of Allegiance and Cris Palacios led the Invocation.

C. Presentation and Announcements

Mayor Diana Martinez thanked Ernesto Solis for volunteering to inform the public about the Census, and over 200 boxes of good went out to the community.

City Manager Robert Salinas stated it will continue for tomorrow morning, this is done by Commissioner David Fuentes Precinct 1, Congressman Filemon Vela in conjunction with the City of Alamo at Firemen's Park at 10:30am.

D. Consideration and action to approve the minutes for the second regular meeting of April 21, 2020.

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

E. Updated Mayoral Declaration of Local State of Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency.

City Manager Robert Salinas stated the latest update with the reopening of business is similar to Hidalgo County, it will be effective tonight. There is no longer a stay at home order, but there is a limit on gatherings. All public or private gatherings of ten (10) persons or more occurring outside a single household or living unit are prohibited. As of this morning Governor Abbott declared the reopening of barbershops, cosmetologist, nail salons and tanning salons will open on Friday. As for schools, schools will remain closed, event centers, and nursing homes remain closed. In addition, I wanted to add that it will be a requirement to wear a face mask to enter city buildings. He asked the commissioners for their opinion to keep the library, museum and city hall closed until the 18th.

Mayor Diana Martinez stated it is best to wait until the 18th to open

City Manager Robert Salinas responded we will work on a soft open and see how things go

Commissioner Pete Morales asked regarding event centers

City Manager Robert Salinas responded although it states 25% the issue is the formation cluster of people.

Mayor Diana Martinez responded if we did not let the country club have a gathering outside then it is not allowed indoors

Commissioner Okie Salinas asked regarding testing facilities, PSJA memorial will be having a testing facility

City Manager Robert Salinas responded yes, what makes it difficult is that it is required to have Dr. 's excuse to get tested.

Commissioner Okie Salinas responded he heard if you have insurance its covered and if you don't the cost is \$100 and it will start in Pharr.

City Manager Robert Salinas responded he has not heard that information, but so far Mr. Eddie Olivarez stated at the moment there is no on demand testing in the valley.

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

F. Consideration and action to remove and appoint member on the Alamo Economic Development.

Mayor Diana Martinez asked who placed this item on the agenda

Commissioner Pete Morales responded I did, I want to replace place 7 with Ricardo Salazar

Mayor Diana Martinez asked who is place 7

Commissioner Pete Morales responded Ruby De La Garza

Commissioner Pete Morales motioned to remove Ruby De La Garza and appoint Ricardo Salazar, and Commissioner Pilar Garza seconded. Motion carried. Vote 3-2 with Mayor Diana Martinez and Mayor Pro-Tem De La Garza in dissent.

G. Presentation of Preliminary Water Meter Assessment Results by Schneider Electric.

Aaron Garcia and Ryan Wunder presented on the Water Meter Assessment Results, Mr. Garcia stated Smart City Objective, this was done to identify a solution for the City of Alamo that addresses unfunded needs, modernizes City infrastructure, and maximizes water revenue, energy and operational savings. He continued to state Alamo's Opportunity to Capture Lost Water Revenue:

Estimated Revenue Increase & Utility Savings

- Annual Water Revenue Generation: \$115,000*
- Annual O&M Efficiency Savings: \$110,000*
- Savings & Revenue over 20 years: \$6,000,000*
- Annual Energy Savings: \$TBD*

Mr. Wunder stated the current meters are manually read causing inefficiency, human error, billing problems, meter re-reads. Mechanical meters lose accuracy over time which translates to lost revenue for the City. With the cutting-edge technology - AMI (Automatic Metering Infrastructure) it allows for two-way communication, creating an insightful customer portal. What we are proposing is:

- Highly accurate meters reduce water loss*
- Low maintenance and will provide leak detection is available*
- Increased water revenue*

Mr. Garcia stated the city will have local support even though we are global. If we go into a contract the cost of the analysis will be \$45,000 but this will be added onto the cost.

Commissioner Pete Morales asked how long will the study be?

Mr. Garcia responded 3-4 months

City Manager Robert Salinas responded June- September 2020, also we would have to become members of the TIPS and bring the resolution up in the next meeting.

Mayor Diana Martinez stated this will help the water department with less complaints

Mr. Garcia responded that is correct, with this system it will allow for residents to see in real time the usage of water

Commissioner Okie Salinas asked will this replace our water meter readers

Mr. Garcia responded other cities have trained them to learn the operation of the system

Commissioner Okie Salinas asked who will decide on who gets trained

Mr. Garcia responded our goal is make the city self sufficient to keep the system maintained

City Manager Robert Salinas stated the system has a warranty of 20 years

H. Consideration and action to authorize a full investment grade audit with Schneider Electric.

Commissioner Okie Salinas motioned to approve, and Commissioner Pete Morales seconded. Motion carried.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: The city will be accepting public comments from 8am-5pm on the day of the meeting to be announced during the meeting. Email comments to arangel@alamotexas.org. Five minutes per person with no response from the City Commission. Residents must sign up prior to the city meeting.

No citizen participation

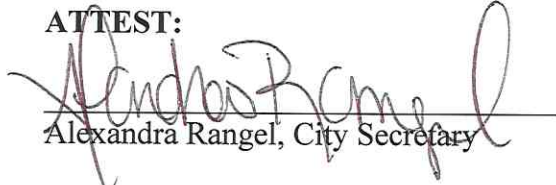
I. ADJOURNMENT

Citizens are encouraged to sign the attendance sheet.

There being no further business, Mayor Diana Martinez adjourned the meeting at 7:47 pm


Mayor Diana Martinez

ATTEST:


Alexandra Rangel, City Secretary



