

The Board of Commissioners for the City of Alamo, Texas met for the Second Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 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 19, 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

Commissioner Pete Morales announced the graduation parade will be on May 30th.

Mayor Diana Martinez asked Police Chief Ozuna on any COVID-19 updates

Police Chief Richard Ozuna stated as of today, no update.

City Manager Robert Salinas read the current number of cases in Hidalgo County.

D. Consideration and action to approve the minutes for the first regular meeting of May 05, 2020.

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

E. Consideration and action regarding a proclamation proclaiming the week of May 10th-16th as "National Skilled Nursing Care Week.

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

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

City Manager Robert Salinas stated with the latest update from Governor Abbott, the declaration in the packet stated the gyms will open on May 18th. Governor Abbott has authorized the opening of gyms, beauty services, tattoo parlors, youth camps and as of this Friday dine in will be open at 50% capacity. Bars will operate up to 25%, youth sport programs can begin May 31st but cannot begin to play games until June 15th.

Commissioner Pete Morales asked when are teams allowed to practice

City Manager Robert Salinas responded not until May 31st, we actually refunded all the applicants for baseball. Once we are ready, then we will open up registration and come up with a plan of action to keep everyone safe.

Commissioner Pete Morales asked what about the traveling teams

City Manager Robert Salinas responded they will follow these protocols. He also stated schools shall remain temporarily closed to in-person classroom attendance by students and shall not recommence before the end of the 2019-2020 school year. Public education teachers and staff may return to schools to conduct remote video instruction, or administrative duties, including meal distribution, instructional materials distribution, and other business operations. As for nursing homes, people shall not visit nursing homes, state supported living centers, assisted living facilities, or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance as determined through guidance from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC). The library is working on a plan to have controlled access.

Commissioner Pete Morales asked when will we open

City Manager Robert Salinas responded that is something he wanted to discuss with the commission

Mayor Diana Martinez asked when will the glass be installed in the library

City Manager Robert Salinas responded we are just pending the 3rd quote, we might do something similar with the planning department. The framing exists, so it can be an option to create windows

Mayor Diana Martinez asked what about garage and estate sales, has the governor stated any information on this

City Manager Robert Salinas responded no he has not, this is up to us. The only concern is this really a need, and how can we manage it.

Commissioner Pete Morales asked what about the flea market

City Manager Robert Salinas responded still operating at a 25% capacity

Commissioner Pete Morales asked what about basketball and tennis courts because McAllen is open.

City Manager Robert Salinas responded there is a section on the governor order regarding amateur sports, but I will have to get back to you on that

Mayor Diana Martinez asked because of commencement exercise and everyone is having parties, are we going to stop them

City Manager Robert Salinas responded on the last county order it states all public or private gatherings of ten (10) persons or more occurring outside a single household or living unit are prohibited, but in the new governor order it states just to minimizes gatherings

Mayor Diana Martinez stated I believe we should remove that

Commissioner Pete Morales asked what about event centers

City Manager Robert Salinas responded yes only at a 25% capacity

Commissioner Pete Morales asked what about social clubs like poker centers

City Manager Robert Salinas responded I am still pending information and clarification

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

G. Consideration and action to enter an Interlocal agreement with Region 8 Education Service Center to become members of TIPS.

City Manager Robert Salinas stated this is the program that will allow Schneider Electric to perform their investment grade audit.

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

H. Consideration and action to enter into a vendor agreement with the Hidalgo County Community Service Agency.

City Manager Robert Salinas stated the county has received funds to help the citizens to pay their utility bills. We need to become a vendor in order for the citizens to receive assistance.

Commissioner Pete Morales asked if the amount is not used it will it be refunded back

City Manager Robert Salinas responded he is not sure

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

I. Consideration and action on an emergency collapse sewer line repair and emergency storm sewer manhole.

City Manager Robert Salinas stated the Storm Sewer Manhole on FM 907. On May 14th, I received a call from the Judge stating that a manhole was missing on FM 907 near Duranta Ave. I contacted Julio regarding the situation and it turned out that the fiberglass in the manhole broke causing the lid to fall in. Julio Villarreal had to have it repaired in order to re-open the vehicle lane on FM 907. The total cost for this project was \$19,500. He also stated, the Sewer Line Repair on Business 83 and 7th St. On May 6th, a portion of an existing 10" PVC sewer line and manhole caved in along 7th. St. in front of True Value. The City needed to have the line and the manhole repaired on an emergency basis, the total cost was \$32,000.

Commissioner Pete Morales asked if TXDot will help with that

City Manager Robert Salinas responded storm line was on Duranta which pertains to us

Commissioner Oscar Salinas motioned to approve, and Commissioner Pete Morales seconded. Motion Carried.

J. Consideration and action to approve a proposal for the relocation of the Alamo Recycle Center

City Manager Robert Salinas stated he has proposal to relocate the Recycling Center located next to the fire department, we have gotten several complaints on how difficult it is to get in and out. We are proposing to relocate the center to the City's storage lot on S. Tower Rd. With materials and labor, including the concrete work, the building cost estimate is at approximately \$21,000. He stated, according to the City Attorney it is required to bring in an Engineer to design the building,

Mayor Diana Martinez stated this recycling center on a monthly basis brings in roughly \$600

City Manager Robert Salinas responded yes

Mayor Diana Martinez stated if we educate our citizens we might bring in more of a profit

City Manager Robert Salinas responded yes, we can leave it open in the weekends to benefit the community

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:35 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 to items to be discussed in executive session:

1. Pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.087 Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations:

Deliberate resolution authorizing the Alamo Economic Development Corporation to enter into a development agreement with A3H Foods II, LP.

OPEN SESSION: 7:50pm

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

K. Consideration and action on a resolution authorizing the Alamo economic development corporation to provide type b incentives to A3H Foods II, LP

Commissioner Pete Morales motioned to approve, and Mayor Diana Martinez 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 7:51 pm



Mayor Diana Martinez

ATTEST:



Alexandra Rangel, City Secretary

