

The Board of Commissioners for the City of Alamo, Texas met for the Special Meeting on Thursday, September 24, 2020 at 11:00 a.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
Yvette Mendoza, Finance Director

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Diana Martinez called the special meeting held on Thursday, September 24, 2020 to order at 11:00 a.m. at the City of Alamo Municipal Building. Mayor Diana Martinez led the Pledge of Allegiance and Robert Salinas led the Invocation.

C. Consideration and action on the Selection of Engineer for CDBG-MIT Projects.

City Manager Robert Salinas stated this item is for the request for proposals, request for qualifications in regards of the CDBG-MIT Projects we are intending to do through the GLO.

Mr. Francisco Briones stated in the next public meeting they will be presenting the scope of work, how much it will be requested and what it will be used for. We are aware of the issues on areas affected by flooding and overall the goal for future projects. We are hoping during the public hearing of October 5th, the whole package will be followed and approved with a resolution. The date of the awarding funds will be on April 20, 2021.

Mayor Diana Martinez asked when everything is submitted by October 28th, when do you begin the process for the 2018 funding.

Mr. Francisco Briones responded the funding cycle is only 1 million dollars, that 1 million dollars can be used for housing, drainage, street improvements, this is up to the commission.

Mayor Diana Martinez asked is that going to be the amount for 2019.

Mr. Francisco Briones stated the Texas General Land Office submits a plan on how to award recipients, the amounts may vary.

City Manager Robert Salinas stated the final calculation based on experience, work performance, capacity to perform and proposed cost.

1. Trimad
2. Cruz Hogan
3. Sigler, Winston, Greenwood & Associates (SWG)
4. Hadson
5. Fulcrum

Mayor Diana Martinez asked who is number one

City Manager Robert Salinas responded Trimad

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

City Manager Robert Salinas stated he will go over the calculations and that the ranks could still change

D. Consideration and action on the approval for additional expenditures for the 2019-2020 Budget.

City Manager Robert Salinas stated the document before you the left column indicates the various items requested in our budget reviews. On the right column, indicates the 20% increments. From the last meeting, it was approved for the county to release an additional 20%. The reason why this item is before you is because we need to concentrate on the first 20%, on the top green column are various items we have discussed in the past, these items will still allow us to have a small remainder. The first item states the one time employee pay in the amount of \$1,200 per employee, then we have the grappler truck.

Mayor Diana Martinez stated she did not agree with the \$1,200

City Manager Robert Salinas stated he understood, but he used the larger number to come up with this number

Commissioner Pete Morales asked why did she not agree with the \$1,200

Mayor Diana Martinez responded, in her opinion the employees should get \$900 and the supervisors should get an additional \$400-\$500, since they are ones who oversee the city.

Commissioner Pete Morales stated all of these employees are going out there, every employee should be treated equally.

City Manager Robert Salinas stated as stated earlier hopefully we can purchase the grappler truck today, a mini excavator, desks and chairs for municipal court, computers for the library, shredder and a cab for public works, and F550 to replace B1 for the fire department and the total of these items equal to \$448,240 which is still under the 20% that has been allocated to us. With the mortgage and the business loans, we have been dipping into our own funds from the budget, we actually used some of the 20%. At this moment we are just looking to approve the items in green.

Mayor Diana Martinez asked on the remaining \$5,700 can you use the money to purchase the remaining items such as for the library.

City Manager Robert Salinas responded yes, on the second box he added the other 20% and the remainder of the 20% at the total amount of \$459,656 as you add the additional items that leaves the balance of \$141,000.

Commissioner Pete Morales stated he noticed the Crockett project is listed, when is the start date?

City Manager Robert Salinas responded according to the Hidalgo Drainage District it will be November or December of this year. They will remove the existing bridge and replace it with concrete boxes and will serve as our bridge, from a 20-22' wide street it will be widen to a 36-foot-wide street, we will be utilizing Urban County funding to pay for the materials only. The reason for the \$60,000 is because there are some construction materials testing and possible overages for the materials.

Commissioner Pete Morales stated this will be great Christmas gift for the residents in that area

Mayor Diana Martinez asked how long will that take

City Manager Robert Salinas responded according to Precinct 1 it will only take a few months.

Mayor Pro-Tem Robert De La Garza stated perhaps looking into installing a traffic light on Crockett and Tower or a 3-way stop.

Mayor Diana Martinez stated or they are going to request speed bumps

City Manager Robert Salinas responded this is something to look into at least before the start of new school year

Commissioner Pete Morales stated there will be a build up traffic and coming in through Palm View lane.

City Manager Robert Salinas responded he will look into having a traffic study done, from then on to move forward on the best decision.

Mayor Diana Martinez asked since it's the county and city do we need permission from the county?

City Manager Robert Salinas responded no

Mayor Pro-Tem Robert De La Garza stated if the city installs it, the city is responsible for maintaining it.

Commissioner Pete Morales stated there is a stop sign prior to that street

City Manager Robert Salinas responded yes, on Bowie and Tower. This is something we have to look at, I am not sure if our City Engineer has experience in traffic if not, we can reach out to TXDOT or LRGVDC. Again for this item we are looking for approval for the following items, the usage of the first 20%. This will be used for the one time payment, grappler truck, excavator, chairs and desks, computers, shredder and the F550.

Mayor Pro-Tem Robert De La Garza asked can we move the computer desk and chairs, that equals \$3,000. Can we move it to the green box?

City Manager Robert Salinas responded yes

Commissioner Okie Salinas asked how was the \$204,000 how was that figured out if we give \$1,200 if we round it off it's about \$175,000

City Manager Robert Salinas responded because we included taxes

Commissioner Pete Morales motioned

City Attorney Rick Palacios stated there is a motion, if we wish to consider the amendment from Mayor Pro-Tem Robert De La Garza, then the motion must include the amendment.

Commissioner Pete Morales motioned to approve the use of the 20% with the added amendment, Mayor Pro-Tem Robert De La Garza 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.

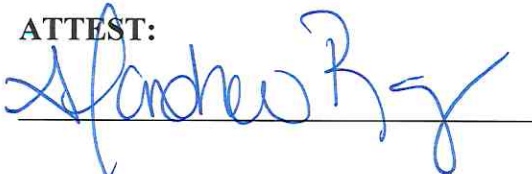
No Citizen participation

I. ADJOURNMENT

Citizens are encouraged to sign the attendance sheet.

There being no further business, Mayor Diana Martinez adjourned the meeting at 11:30 am

ATTEST:




Mayor Diana Martinez



Alexandra Rangel, City Secretary

