

The Board of Commissioners for the City of Alamo, Texas met for the Special Meeting on Monday, October 26, 2020 at 6:00 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

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Diana Martinez called the special meeting held on Monday, October 26, 2020 to order at 6:00 p.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 to Approve A Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of a Grant Application to Texas General Office (GLO) Under The 2016 CDBG-MIT Funding Cycle.

City Manager Robert Salinas stated in the last commission meeting a resolution was approved for the 2015 CDBG-MIT this resolution is for the 2016 CDBG-MIT, at Tuesday's meeting it was discussed which different projects would be completed using 2016 CDBG money. There was mention of replacement of clay lines, water plant improvements and, Bonita Estates. This list before you is a combination of a variety of items. The first item that is shown there is Buena Vista and cands subdivision that is located between 13th and Alamo, Jasmin and the Expressway. This area will be taken care of by replacing the clays the sewer lines. Cabana South will be next from Alamo Rd. to Tower, from Hackberry to Expressway. Bonita Estates that does not have sewer at this time, Sabal Palms located south of the ditch where Bonita Estates is located. In this list there is a lift station relocation, this particular item is located on Tower Rd and De Soto, we will revisit the item. The next ones are the water improvements, to the existing water plant, which includes a SCADA system, 25 actuator valves that need to be purchased, brand new filters and sandblasting and recoating the plant itself for total of \$3.4 million. Going back to the lift station relocation, the ticket price of the relocation is almost \$2.5 million. It is up to the commission to decide if they want to do that project or focus the \$2.5 million towards the sewer lines within the old townsite.

Commissioner Pilar Garza asked how old is that lift station?

City Manager Robert Salinas responded the original is 30-40 years old, but later there were improvements done, because of improvements roughly its 15-20 years old. He did ask if he can change the pumps since the current ones are self priming pumps and are above ground. They do make submersible pumps, odor control equipment that we can retrofit into the station.

Commissioner Pilar Garza asked can we do that?

City Manager Robert Salinas responded he was thinking of that, but for number purpose \$2.5 million is in there for lift station relocation but if we get awarded, we can always come back and make it much more functional.

Commissioner Pilar Garza stated she does feel bad for the residents, during her visit she mentioned it smelled terribly.

City Manager Robert Salinas stated this is a reason he wanted to discuss the issue, he stated if the commission wishes to add into the budget, and as we go along if there is a way we can find a way to make it work for everyone without costing so much, but does get the job done as far the odor then we can do that as well. As stated by Mr. Briones and Mr. Salazar we can submit this amount and still have the option to modify and/or change to a different project.

Mayor Diana Martinez asked for Bonita Estates is \$1 million, she thought it was less the last time they spoke.

City Manager Robert Salinas responded the reasoning is because they are going deep on the line, they are going 20 feet deep.

Mr. Rick Salazar stated to answer the Mayor's question, there is a proposal from the City Engineer in reference to tie in to Tower. He wanted to piggy back into this project and set the city up with services all the way to Moore Rd. The lift station is fairly new on El Gato, we also need a sewer service at Sabal Palms. The reason why we went in that direction is so we can provide services to that subdivision and continue the service line, what we call the trunk line and pass it at the bottom of the ditch and take it to the other side of Moore Rd and have access ready for future development on Moore Rd. The lines will be much higher than this trunk line, that is reason why it is \$1 million.

City Manager Robert Salinas stated it will include the paving of all the streets as well

Mr. Rick Salazar stated it includes the 100% of the paving of all the streets within the subdivision and two bores we need to cross the ditch and El Gato Rd.

City Manager Robert Salinas stated Mr. Salazar is working off a plan on how we can get sewer, but if he sees another way that can work then we can always modify the plan and go east. For example, we can go east on Moore Rd. to Tower and still serve the purpose he trying do to by providing the main trunk line.

Mayor Diana Martinez asked Mr. Salinas Bonita Estates will cost \$275,000?

City Manager Robert Salinas responded \$350,000, this was about 2 years ago.

Mayor Pro-Tem Robert De La Garza stated if you take it to the lift station on Tower Rd., you avoid the bores. He understands to the north of Moore Rd it needs to be developed, but whoever develops there they have to pay the price of installing the lines, he likes the idea but he believes the money can be spent by replacing old clay lines at the Old Town Site, which the residents have been paying sewer, taxes a lot longer than someone that is going to develop in the future.

City Manager Robert Salinas responded yes, part of it we are looking more into depth. For example, if we have approval of the design that will be Rick's job and get into the manhole depth and make sure we can handle the project.

Mr. Rick Salazar stated in order for us to submit this on Wednesday we need to come up with a plan. We will definitely try to provide services for the subdivision at a better cost.

City Manager Robert Salinas stated he met with Mr. Salazar and Mr. Salazar stated if there is a way to save money we will save money so we can utilize the money elsewhere.

Commissioner Okie Salinas stated we have to be realistic, we asked them to figure out these numbers five days ago. With all these planning projects, getting the correct numbers will take months or weeks to do. Just because it's here its \$1.1 million, that's it.

City Manager Robert Salinas responded he'd rather be much more conservative to where we have options. We can go into bids and the project can be \$700,000. He'd rather over estimate than under, he asked Mr. Salazar how long is the project.

Mr. Rick Salazar responded from start to finish it can be 2.5-3.5 years.

City Manager Robert Salinas responded we do not know how much the materials will be when approving the project.

Mayor Diana Martinez stated we do not know how much we will be receiving

City Manager Robert Salinas responded correct

Mr. Rick Salazar responded we have to push this proposal so Mr. Briones can do his job and submit this in a timely manner, this is our goal.

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

I. ADJOURNMENT

Citizens are encouraged to sign the attendance sheet.

There being no further business, Mayor Diana Martinez adjourned the meeting at 6:13 pm



Mayor Diana Martinez

ATTEST:


Alexandra Rangel, City Secretary

