

The Board of Commissioners for the City of Alamo, Texas met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, August 03, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., at the City of Alamo Municipal Building.

COMMISSION PRESENT:

Mayor Diana Martinez
Okie Salinas, Mayor Pro-Tem
Pete Morales, Commissioner
Robert De La Garza, Commissioner
Pilar Garza, Commissioner

COMMISSION ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Robert L. Salinas, City Manager	Alicia Cano, HR Director
Cris Palacios, City Attorney	Adela Perez, Purchasing
Alexandra Rangel, City Secretary	Ronnie Cruz, City Engineer
Richard Ozuna, Police Chief	Melisa Gonzales, Special Projects Director
Roy Contreras, Fire Chief	Yvette Mendoza, Finance Director
Rafael Tapia, AEDC Director	Sergio Zavala, Planning Director

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Diana Martinez called the regular meeting held on Tuesday August 03, 2021 to order at 6:00 p.m. at the City of Alamo Municipal Building. Mayor Diana Martinez led the Pledge of Allegiance and Melisa Gonzales led the Invocation.

C. Presentations and Announcements

Special Projects Director Melisa Gonzales announced the last Movie at the Park will be on August 13th, on August 21st we are scheduled to have National Night Out from 5-7 pm, August 27th is the final Music at the Park and August 26th is the Opening Night the Museum Exhibit of El Gato.

D. Consideration and Action to approve the minutes for the second regular meeting of July 20, 2021.

Commissioner Robert De La Garza motioned to approve, and Commissioner Pilar Garza seconded. Motion carried.

E. Presentation by Enprotec Hibbs and Todd Regarding the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project.

Mr. Josh Barryhill presented an update on the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project, he stated a scheduled pre-construction meeting with the contractor and the water development board on June 29, 2020 and the following phases transpired:

- *Notice to Proceed to Award contractor on July 6, 2020*
- *Construction contract time of completion of 540 days (18 months) – February 26, 2022*
- *Construction contract time from substation completion to completion of 60 days (2 months)-April 27, 2022*

A 15 day delay due to unforeseen material price increase, but this will not affect long-term production. As of January 2021, foundation, walls and the elevated walkway are mostly completed. The operation control building will have the SCaDA system, the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition room as well as break and locker area for the workers, this job was started in March. He continued to state whenever there is a concrete pour, we also fill small cylinder to test the strength of the concrete, minimum we are looking for a 5,000 lbs. per square inch strength, we require a 5000 psi at 28 days break, if contractors want to move ahead sooner they can do 7 days at a 10,000psi concrete.

Mayor Diana Martinez asked is the contractor was ahead of schedule?

Mr. Josh Barryhill responded he is ahead of schedule based on the installation of the concrete structures, what might be impacted in the schedule will be the equipment delivery. As far as installing equipment so we will have multiple air blowers in the building, we will have sludge mixing and a new mechanical dewatering system. One side will have a declaration and the other will have the sulfur equipment and water motors, this will stop from adding a higher bill to the city.

Mayor Diana Martinez asked this plant will cover the entire population, our current is 20,000+

Mr. Josh Barryhill responded yes, currently it's at 1.2 million gallons per day this facility will be able to treat 2.5 million gallons per day this will support double the population as predicted in the next 20-30 years.

Mayor Pro-Tem Okie Salinas asked regarding budget wise, since the price of materials have risen how are we on budget?

Mr. Josh Barryhill responded yes, in the bid documents we included a \$250,000 owners allowance. Since the schedule change mentioned earlier it did cost \$5,550 and we are currently at \$244,450 left in the owner's allowance. There is another change plan, but it will actually be a credit of \$1,200. Overall the contractor is doing a great job in keeping it in budget.

F. Consideration and Action on an Ordinance Amending Ordinances 34-07-21 A (English) and Ordinance 34-07-21 B (Spanish).

City Manager Robert Salinas stated due to House Bill 3107 it requires to add additional language regarding contact information for the Hidalgo County Election Department and the advisement of a county wide election.

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

G. Consideration and Action to approve an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Alamo and Hidalgo County to jointly undertake a road reconstruction improvement project to a portion of El Gato Road.

City Manager Robert Salinas stated Hidalgo County Precinct 2 desire to undertake certain reconstruction roadway improvements to a portion of El Gato Road from Alamo Road West consisting of approximately 2,200 linear feet of which approximately 900 linear feet lies within the jurisdiction of the County and approximately 1,300 linear feet lies within the corporate jurisdiction of the City.

Mayor Diana Martinez motioned to approve, and Commissioner Robert De La Garza seconded. Motion Carried.

H. Consideration and Action Regarding the Possible Waiver of Subdivision Requirements as requested by Zares, LLC for property located at 211 E. Business 83.

City Manager Robert Salinas stated this item was in the last meeting with no action with a 2-2 vote, there was a request that it be brought back for a vote.

Mayor Pro-Tem Okie Salinas motioned to approve, and Commissioner Pete Morales seconded. Motioned carried

Mayor Diana Martinez motioned to approve, and Commissioner Robert De La Garza in dissent.

City Manager Robert Salinas asked for the record, to clarify the approval

Mayor Pro-Tem Okie Salinas responded the approval of the reduced escrow fee of \$17,443.54.

Commissioner Pete Morales stated this is a recommendation from the city manger and at least we are getting some money rather than giving away.

Mayor Diana Martinez stated for the record Mr. Cazares has been asking for this waiver for 2 years

Commissioner Pete Morales stated for the record yes, we did approve a waiver temporarily, we are charging and not giving anything for free. As you remember 2 years ago you gave away city property to a citizen, which was never done before. I think we should continue to give help to our business and community at the same time fair is fair.

I. Consideration and Action on an Ordinance Amending Section 8-1-3 Water Usage Regulation and Section 8-5-1 Water Rates and Charges.

City Manager Robert Salinas stated this ordinance will cover the adjustment of the new water meters and new homes currently being built to a make sure we are charging appropriately and for the cost of materials. We went from a \$40-60 water meter to a \$265 water meter, we will actually be losing money if we kept it at the current rate. We did ask Schneider and Kampstrap for their fee structure based on meter sizes from 3/4" to 6" meters tap and box fees.

Mayor Pro-Tem Okie Salinas asked what is the size of residential, 3/4"?

City Manager Robert Salinas responded yes

Commissioner Pete Morales motioned to approve, and Mayor Pro-Tem Okie Salinas seconded. Motioned carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 6:15 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 Texas Open Meetings Act. Subject to the foregoing reservation, the following are items to be discussed in Executive Session:

1. Pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.071 Consultation with Attorney:
 - a. Discussion Regarding a contract with Republic Services

OPEN SESSION: 6:51 PM

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.

J. Consideration and Action Regarding a contract with Republic Services

City Attorney Cris Palacios stated what the city manager is needing a motion to proceed as recommended in Executive Session.

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

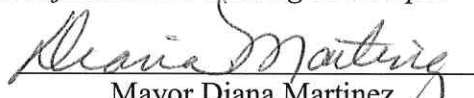
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: Five minutes per person with no response from the City

Mr. Albert Cazares spoke regarding the disappointment of city fairness

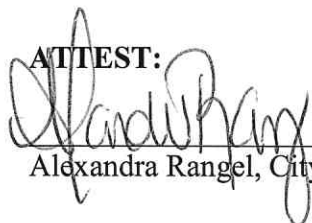
I. ADJOURNMENT

Citizens are encouraged to sign the attendance sheet.

There being no further business, Mayor Diana Martinez adjourned the meeting at 6:56 pm



Mayor Diana Martinez

ATTEST:


Alexandra Rangel, City Secretary

