

The Board of Commissioners for the City of Alamo, Texas met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, August 17, 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
Rick 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 17, 2021 to order at 6:00 p.m. at the City of Alamo Municipal Building. Mayor Diana Martinez led the Pledge of Allegiance and Pastor Tuttle led the Invocation.*

**C. Presentations and Announcements**

*Special Projects Director Melisa Gonzales announced on August 18<sup>th</sup> we are scheduled to have National Night Out from 5-7 pm, August 27<sup>th</sup> is the final Music at the Park and August 26<sup>th</sup> is the Opening Night the Museum Exhibit of El Gato and just a friendly reminder since elections have started please refrain from wearing any political attire.*

*Commissioner Pete Morales asked City Manager to advise the public regarding the mortgage assistance loan.*

*Special Projects Director responded we will be there tonight with Hollis to answer any questions*

*City Manager Robert Salinas responded the city is handling the mortgage assistance and the county is handling the rental assistance. In addition, he gave an update regarding Crockett Street as far for Phase 1 from the drainage ditch going all the way to Tower Rd. this should hopefully be completed in 5 weeks, after this Phase 2 which will be from the drainage to Border Rd.*

*Commissioner Pete Morales thanked Public Works for their work on Border Rd, we need to get this information out to the public.*

**D. Consideration and Action to approve the minutes for the first regular meeting of August 03, 2021.**

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

**E. Consideration and Action on a request by Sarah Cardenas, to hold the “Don’t be Self Conchas” 5k in the City of Alamo on Saturday September 18, 2021.**

*City Manager Robert Salinas stated the proposed 5K by Ms. Cardenas is to promote the concept of Don’t be self conscience with the conchas pun.*

*Commissioner Robert De la Garza motioned to approve, and Commissioner Pete Morales seconded. Motion carried.*

**F. Consideration and Action regarding a contract renewal with VIDA for training and skills development for Alamo Residents request for FY 21-22.**

*Ms. Felia Villareal stated thank you very much for the partnership with the City of Alamo to provide its economically disadvantaged residents with assistance in obtaining job training and postsecondary education to compete for demand occupations. VIDA's with an average income after graduation of \$54,000.00 per year with benefits.*

*Ms. Elia Martinez thanked VIDA and the City in contributing to help her obtain her RN degree.*

*Ms. Villareal stated we are asking for renewal of \$12,500*

*Mayor Diana Martinez asked how many students are currently in VIDA, who are Alamo residents.*

*Ms. Villareal responded 10*

*Mayor Diana Martinez asked all in the medical field*

*Ms. Villareal responded no, in various fields*

*Commissioner Pete Morales motioned to approve, and Mayor Pro-Tem Okie Salinas seconded. Motion Carried.*

**G. Consideration and Action regarding an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of Alamo and the Pharr-San Juan Alamo Independent School District.**

*City Manager Robert Salinas stated this agreement is regarding the Gus Guerra Elementary School, we were approved on the grant now we are asking to move forward.*

*Commissioner Pete Morales stated his concern with these partnerships but with Santos Livas Elementary there is no parking and especially in Jasmin and kids are running through traffic. As we continue to go into these partnerships we need to discuss these issues.*

*Mayor Diana Martinez stated it was addressed to the school board and Mr. George Palacios is taking the initiative.*

*City Manager Robert Salinas stated Jerry Garza did state there is a parking area but is not sure why it is sometimes closed off but will confirmed Mr. Garza to continue to leave it open.*

*Commissioner Pete Morales stated he still gets calls from residents, and he asked Mayor if they have discussed this in a meeting?*

*Mayor Diana Martinez responded yes, Mr. George Palacios brought it to the board members*

*Mayor Pro-Tem Okie Salinas stated the main gate to the bus route is what they have to close and that gives us access to the parking lot.*

*Commissioner Pete Morales stated he brought it up last time to Mr. Palacios and is thankful it was brought up by him to the board.*

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

**H. Discuss and Consider Proposed Tax Rate for the City of Alamo for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022 and Setting Public Hearings**

*City Manager Robert Salinas stated to recommend the tax rate to stay the same at \$0.5817, we do need a record vote and setting the public hearing for September 7, 2021 and the adoption of the tax rate on September 21, 2021.*

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

*5-0 votes approved*

**I. Consideration and Action to award the bid for Bond Counsel for the City of Alamo**

*City Manager Robert Salinas stated we went out for RFPs, we only had 1 law firm; Perez Law Firm submit*

*Commissioner Pete Morales asked was this noticed posted in the Advance?  
City Manager Robert Salinas responded yes*

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

*Commissioner Robert De La Garza abstained from voting*

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Public Hearing on proposed annexation: Request by Antonio Aguirre, Jr. (Riverside Development Services, LCC) to Voluntarily Annex a 9.16 acre Tract out of Lot 5, Block 41, Alamo Land and Sugar Company's Subdivision.**

*No Citizen Participation*

**J. Consideration and Action to approve an Annexation Ordinance of property to be voluntarily annexed being a 9.16 acre Tract of land out of Lot 5, Block 41, Alamo Land and Sugar Company's Subdivision.**

*Planning Director Sergio Zavala stated Planning received a request for the annexation of 9.16 acres out of Lot 5, Block 41, Alamo Land and Sugar Company's Subdivision. The elongated tract abuts Alamo's city limits on its west side; and its approximate location is 1300' east of Tower Road, along the north side State HWY 495. The property has no structures on it, and is vacant/open. A Public Hearing was conducted on Wednesday, August 11, 2021. See attached minutes of that hearing. Staff has met several times with the owners' engineer to discuss their advancing plans for developing said the 9.16 acre tract which is the easternmost component of a much larger development leading all the way to Tower Road and north of SH 495.*

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

**K. Presentation of Departmental Reports**

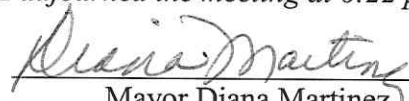
*Departmental Reports were included in the commissioner's packet, no comments from the City Commission*

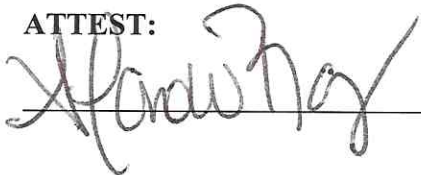
**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:** Five minutes per person with no response from the City  
*Mr. Albert Cazares spoke regarding a civil election*

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

Citizens are encouraged to sign the attendance sheet.

*There being no further business, Mayor Diana Martinez adjourned the meeting at 6:22 pm*

  
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Mayor Diana Martinez

ATTEST:  
  
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Alexandra Rangel, City Secretary