

The Board of Commissioners for the City of Alamo, Texas met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, October 19, 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	Sergio Zavala, Planning Director
Roy Contreras, Fire Chief	Yvette Mendoza, Finance Director
Rafael Tapia, AEDC Director	Melisa Gonzales, Special Projects Director

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Diana Martinez called the regular meeting held on Tuesday October 05, 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 stated a reminder for the food drive tomorrow at Fireman's Park at 9am, on Thursday October 28th we have the PSJA Memorial High School Homecoming Parade start at HEB, Friday October 29th the Pumpkin Patch at the Library will start at 5:30pm-7:30pm, and Gear UP will host a tailgate party for Memorial HS football team. On October 30th the City will host a drive by Trunk or Treat at 10am.

Mayor Diana Martinez stated Coach Colunga called and invited all the commission to the parade by 5:30pm

Commissioner Pete Morales congratulated the Wolverines Tennis Team, they won the 5A Championship in Alice. Many of these students went through the Parks and Rec tennis program and we hope to see them again. He would like to invite the team to our next city meeting.

D. Consideration and Action to approve the minutes for the first regular meeting of October 5, 2021.

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

E. Consideration and Action to issue a proclamation proclaiming the month of October as "Breast Cancer Awareness Month".

City Manager Robert stated this is for The Heights of Alamo and we do a proclamation every year and we'll be doing a balloon release tomorrow at 11am.

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

F. Consideration and Action to issue a proclamation proclaiming October 23-31st as "Red Ribbon Week" in the City of Alamo.

Special Projects Director Melisa Gonzales stated the Red Ribbon Committee ask every year to participate in the event at the moment PSJA is taking the lead of Red Ribbon Week.

Mayor Diana Martinez asked is there a parade?

Special Projects Director Melisa Gonzales responded no, not yet.

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

G. Consideration and Action to approve a resolution for RGV Littmas Event Street Closure.

Special Projects Director Melisa Gonzales stated we did pass this item a few weeks ago but we also need a resolution to do a street closure.

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

H. Consideration and Action to approve a resolution for PSJA Memorial ECHS Homecoming Parade.

Special Projects Director Melisa Gonzales stated same as the previous item TXDoT requires a resolution for a street closure for October 28th.

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

I. Consideration and Action to approve a resolution for the submission of a grant application for Body Worn Camera's to the Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division & authorizing the Police Chief as the authorized representative for grant.

Special Projects Director Melisa Gonzales stated this grant is an opportunity for the police department, it does have a 25% match and are currently working to locate the funds. A total amount of \$180,200 for 35 brand new body cameras and we are looking at a \$45,000 match. We are hoping the appropriation dollars from Vicente Gonzalez come in and we could use those funds for the match. This grant is not due until November 30th and if approved the contract won't come in until the first of the year and will be back before you.

Mayor Diana Martinez stated she texted Vicente Gonzalez and perhaps the funds will come in towards the end of the year.

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

J. Consideration and Action to approve a resolution for the submission of a grant application for Operation Lone Star to the Office of the Governor of Homeland Security Division & authorizing the Police Chief as the authorized representative for grant.

Special Projects Director Melisa Gonzales stated this a brand new grant with a 0% match and with this grant the Police Chief would like to update the technology and the 25 laptops for the police vehicles for a total of \$154,611.62.

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

K. Consideration and Action to Appoint a Certified Public Accountant to conduct the FY 2020-2021 City Audit.

City Manager Robert Salinas stated for the past 10+ years the city has used Mr. Oscar Gonzalez as our auditor.

Commissioner Pete Morales motioned to appoint Oscar Gonzalez, and Mayor Pro-Tem Okie Salinas seconded. Motion carried.

L. Consideration and Action on an Ordinance to Amend the 2020-2021 General Fund, Water and Sewer Fund, Debt Service Fund and Hotel/Motels Fund.

City Manager Robert Salinas stated this is the final budget amendment to finalize our 2020-2021 Budget. He also mentioned Mrs. Yvette Mendoza is available to answer any questions you may have.

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

M. Discussion and Action to authorize the City Manager to publish Request for Qualifications for Engineering Services for the projects associated with American Rescue Plan Act funding.

City Manager Robert Salinas stated we did approve the budget for ARPA, because of several projects he wanted to confirm if we are going to go with several or just one engineer, if so we can go out for RFQs.

Mayor Diana Martinez asked how many projects are we looking at?

City Manager Robert Salinas responded at the moment we have 3

Mayor Diana Martinez stated her recommendation is to go out for RFQs, she is not sure how the rest of the commission feels about it.

Commissioner Pete Morales stated we have always done it

Mayor Pro-Tem Okie Salinas motioned to go out for RFQs, and Commissioner Pete Morales seconded. Motion carried.

N. Consideration and Action on Proposed Purchases Utilizing American Rescue Plan Funding

City Manager Robert Salinas stated the items for the ARPA budget were approved in the last meeting, the proposal before you is in regards to the proposed equipment purchases utilizing the first 1/2 of the American Rescue Plan funding. These equipment purchases would allow for our Essential Employees (First Responders and Solid Waste employees) to better serve our community in response to and to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 or any other communicable diseases.

We have included the quotes for:

(1) Backhoe Loader

(1) F-250 Extended Cab (Solid Waste)(1) F-350 Dump Truck (Solid Waste)

(1) Ford Explorer (Fire Department)

(3) Ford Explorer (Police Department)(1) Skag Mower (Solid Waste)

(1) Utility Tractor (Solid Waste)

(1) Utility Tractor Loader (Solid Waste)(30) Bunker Gear PPE (Fire Department)(35) Bullet Proof Vests (Police Department)

The total cost for all of these items is approximately \$752,802. The items will be purchased through the Buy Board or procurement equivalent, but we are expecting it to be lower. This item is before you since the costs are over \$15,000.

Commissioner Pete Morales asked if the the explorer trucks, they are going to be 4 wheel drive?

Chief Richard Ozuna responded the 2022 will be all wheel drive and eco-boost.

Commissioner Pete Morales stated the last time it was 2 wheel drive

Chief Richard Ozuna responded we requested better ones, so they can last longer with proper maintenance

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

O. Consideration and Action on an Emergency Water Plant Pump Repair and Emergency Vactor Truck Repair.

City Manager Robert Salinas stated attached are two statements for emergency repairs for our Vactor truck and a water pump at our Water Plant. The Vactor has been out of commission for over a month due to the need for the repair. It is currently getting repaired at Industrial Disposal Supply in San Antonio. The water pump was repaired in early October and the total cost was \$16,139.63 If you have any questions regarding these items, Julio can expand on this.

This item is before you since the costs to repair are over \$15,000.

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

P. Discussion and Action to Amend the Existing contract with Enprotech Hibbs and Todd on the Need for an Emergency Preparedness Plan for the City of Alamo's Water System.

City Manager Robert Salinas stated earlier this year the City Commission authorized Enprotech Hibbs and Todd to complete the RRA and ERP as required by Section 2013 of America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 (A WIA). The Texas Legislature recently passed Senate Bill 3 which requires cities to provide an Emergency Preparedness Plan of their water system during extended power outages that last more than 24 hours. The EPP is required by March 2022 and implementation by July 2022. The Emergency Response Plan completed earlier this year may not be used in lieu of the Emergency Preparedness Plan. Since we had eHT prepare our Emergency Response Plan it would make sense to amend our existing contract to include the completion of the this new unfunded mandate, the EPP. Our current contract with eHT was an hourly contract for a total not to exceed \$20,000. With the completion of the RRA, the ERP, and the EPP, eHT has estimated that they would still be under the \$20,000 threshold.

I am recommending that we amend Enprotech's existing contract of work to include the newly required EPP. This item is now before you.

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

Q. Consideration and Action on the 2021-2022 Fiscal Interlocal Agreement with the Urban County Program.

City Manager Robert Salinas stated this is our annual interlocal agreement with Urban County in order to be grouped in to the Urban County Program the total allotment is \$269,965. For this funding we have allocated for the sewer installation at Oneida Circle or Country Living Estates number 2.

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

Mayra Benedetti spoke in regards of the Quarterback Club to be included in city events

I. ADJOURNMENT

Citizens are encouraged to sign the attendance sheet.

There being no further business, Mayor Diana Martinez adjourned the meeting at 6:21 pm



Mayor Diana Martinez

ATTEST:


Alexandra Rangel, City Secretary



