

The Board of Commissioners for the City of Alamo, Texas met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., at the City of Alamo Municipal Building.

COMMISSION PRESENT:

Mayor Diana Martinez
Pete Morales, Mayor Pro-Tem
Okie Salinas, Commissioner
J.R. Garza, Commissioner
Pilar Garza, Commissioner

COMMISSION ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Robert L. Salinas, City Manager
Alexandra Rangel, City Secretary
Cris Palacios, City Attorney
Richard Ozuna, Police Chief
Roy Contreras, Fire Chief
Rafael Tapia, AEDC Director
Lori Solis, Library Director
Michael Torres, IT Director

Sergio Zavala, Planning Director
Adela Perez, Purchasing Agent
Alex Oyoque, Museum Director
Ronnie Cruz, City Engineer
Julio Villareal, Public Works Director
Yvette Mendoza, Finance Director
Melissa Leal, Water Billing Supervisor

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Pro-Tem Pete Morales called the regular meeting held on Tuesday September 20, 2022 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

Library Director Lori Solis announced a Ribbon Cutting on Thursday at 10AM for Planet Fitness. In addition, the Wolverines Homecoming is on Thursday at 6PM and the following weekend (10/1/22) a Pink Bells 5K starting at 5pm.

D. Presentation by the Alamo Chamber of Commerce

Melina Lerma presented on the Alamo Chamber updates, upcoming events and thanked the staff for their help throughout the events.

Mayor Pro-Tem Pete Morales thanked the chamber for all their work, such as the Market Days.

Commissioner Okie Salinas asked if there was a way to have more events

Melina Lerma stated she thanks our Public Information Director for all this work in promoting and attending the events, and states that is an option.

E. Consideration and Action to approve the minutes for the first regular meeting of September 06, 2022.

Commissioner J.R. Garza motioned to approve, and Commissioner Pilar Garza seconded. Motion carried.

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

City Manager Robert Salinas stated this is our annual proclamation and we have representation throughout our tri-city partners.

Mayor Diana Martinez asked is the City of Pharr hosting?

City Manager Robert Salinas responded yes

Mayor Pro-Tem Pete Morales thanked Chief Morin from the City of San Juan

Commissioner J.R. Garza thanked Chief Rollie Garcia from the PSJA ISD P.D.

Commissioner Okie Salinas thanked Sgt. Garcia from the City of Pharr

Mayor Pro-Tem Pete Morales thanked Chief Richard Ozuna and Captain Saul Solis.

Mayor Pro-Tem Pete Morales motioned to approve, and Commissioner J.R. Garza seconded. Motion carried.

G. Consideration and Action on a request by Vanguard Academy to utilize the Alamo Youth Center for Middle School Volleyball and Basketball.

City Manager Robert Salinas stated Vanguard Academy is requesting the usage of the Alamo Youth Center which allows them to have the games locally.

Commissioner Pilar Garza motioned to approve, and Commissioner J.R. seconded. Motion carried.

H. Consideration and Action regarding the November 2022 Special Elections Service Contract between the Hidalgo County Election Department and the City of Alamo.

City Secretary Alexandra Rangel stated attached is the contract from the County, the estimated cost is attached of \$34,950.46 if only there is a 100% voter turnout.

Mayor Pro-Tem Pere Morales asked Mr. Salinas it was said there is a fee to add the amendments to the ballot, and is that part of it?

City Manager Robert Salinas responded that is the fee, because we don't have an election this year this is the cost to hold an election.

Commissioner Okie Salinas stated the county is already using our staff.

City Manager Robert Salinas responded we have met with the county where we tried to get discounts for the elections and since they use our facilities however, we are required to have an area for voting, and reminder this is an estimate.

Commissioner Okie Salinas stated we need to promote the ballot once we have the wording by legal, and asked our City Attorney's if we can promote the elections?

City Attorney Cris Palacios responded yes but only to educate the public.

Mayor Pro-Tem Pete Morales motioned to approve, and Commissioner J.R. Garza seconded. Motion carried.

Mayor Diana Martinez in dissent

Mayor Pro-Tem Pete Morales asked did it pass, and who said no?

Mayor Diana Martinez responded I voted against

I. Consideration and Action to approve job descriptions for Grants Coordinator, Assistant City Manager, and Coach

City Manager Robert Salinas stated the swim coach job description is the same as coach, we just added the word swim, we are also adding the Grants Coordinator/ Writer and Assistant City Manager.

Commissioner Okie Salinas motioned to approve, and Commissioner Pilar Garza seconded. Motion carried.

J. Consideration and Action to approve a resolution amending authorized representatives for the TexPool Investment Funds

City Manager Robert Salinas stated this will authorize both Finance Director Yvette Mendoza and himself as representatives as TexPool Investment Funds for both the City of Alamo and EDC.

Commissioner Okie Salinas motioned to approve, and Commissioner J.R. Garza seconded. Motion carried.

K. Consideration and Action on an Interlocal Agreement Amendment for the PSJA Tri-City Pedestrian Safety Improvements Project Phase I.

City Manager Robert Salinas stated this project has been going on for a while it is from Moore Rd to Rancho Blanco Rd. and sidewalks from Alamo Rd to Marcia Garza Elementary on El Gato Rd. With this amendment the projects will begin to move forward quickly.

Mayor Diana Martinez asked how long has this project been going?

City Manager Robert Salinas responded about 3 to 4 years

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

L. Consideration and Action on the 2022-2023 Fiscal Interlocal Agreement with the Urban County Program

City Manager Robert Salinas stated this is the annual Interlocal Agreement we do every year with the Urban County Program.

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

M. Consideration and Action to approve the Alamo EDC Budget for FY 2023

AEDC Rafael Tapia stated this letter is to inform you that the Alamo Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) approved its budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 at its regular meeting held September 14, 2022. The Board of Directors held a budget workshop on August 10, 2022, and on August 24, 2022. A public notice for a public hearing was published August 31, 2022. The AEDC held a public hearing on the budget September 14, 2022.

Mayor Pro-Tem Pete Morales asked how many more payments for the ER?

AEDC Rafael Tapia responded those are zeroed out, we are increasing the budget by 20% that leaves \$ 411,000 to be able to expense on special projects and the EDC wanted to breakdown the surplus into 75% for programs and 25% towards quality of life projects.

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

N. Consideration and Action to approve FY 2022 Budget amendment for baseball field repairs

AEDC Rafael Tapia stated the Board formally approved a resolution and budget amendment to the FY 2022 Budget authorizing \$83,736.00 from EDA Public Infrastructure line item be transferred to the Special Projects line item for the purpose of baseball field repairs.

Commissioner Okie Salinas asked what was the total?

AEDC Rafael Tapia stated responded \$137,100

Commissioner J.R. Garza motion to approve, and Mayor Pro-Tem Pete Morales seconded. Motion carried.

O. Consideration and Action to approve a Resolution authorizing the use of 4B (EDC) funds for baseball field repairs.

AEDC Rafael Tapia stated because of the baseball field repairs are considered a project under the Texas Government Code, there needs to be an instrument where the city authorizes the expenditures.

Commissioner J.R. Garza motioned to approve, and Mayor Pro-Tem Pete Morales seconded. Motion carried.

P. Consideration and Action on Proposed Ordinance amending Title 1 ‘Public Health and Safety’, Chapter 1 ‘Fire Marshal’, Section 4-1-4 (J) and (M) of the City’s Burn Permit Policies.

Planning Director Sergio Zavala stated that piles of dried-out orchard trees were still burning at the SW corner of SH 495 and Alamo Road. I noticed 8 or 9 piles smoldering at the same time. In conversation with the Fire Marshal the next day, it was indicated that such had been approved & was being safely monitored. With this assurance, Planning felt that the burn permit policies should then be amended as follows:

- that the burning of piles could extend beyond the noon hour (as currently stated in the policies); and,*
- that there could be multiple piles burning at the same time (NOTE: current Code states that 'Only 1 pile shall be authorized to be burned at any one time ...').*

Commissioner Okie Salinas stated there should be a number of piles, because eventually they can all light up

City Manager Robert Salinas asked if we could word it “as directed by the Fire Marshal?”

Commissioner Okie Salinas stated the county and McAllen are strict to one pile, if it takes days to burn it then let it be if not pay to get it hauled off.

Planning Director Sergio Zavala stated as pursuant to the Fire Chief no more than 4.


Commissioner Okie Salinas motioned to approve no more than 4 piles, and Mayor Pro-Tem Pete Morales seconded. Motion carried.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: Five minutes per person with no response from the City
Herb Moering spoke in regards the growth of Alamo

I. ADJOURNMENT

Citizens are encouraged to sign the attendance sheet.

There being no further business, Mayor Diana Martinez adjourned the meeting at 6:37PM


Mayor Diana Martinez

ATTEST:

Alexandra Rangel, City Secretary

