

The Board of Commissioners for the City of Alamo, Texas met for the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., at the City of Alamo Municipal Building.

COMMISSION PRESENT:

Mayor J.R. Garza
Okie Salinas, Mayor Pro-Tem
Pete Moreles, Commissioner
Roel Leon Moreno Jr., Commissioner
Arturo "AJ" Garcia, Commissioner

COMMISSION ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Robert L. Salinas, City Manager
Sergio Zavala, Planning Director
Lya Yllades, Public Information Director
Julio Villareal, Public Works Director
Roy Contreras, Fire Chief
Adela Perez, Purchasing Agent
Ronnie Cruz, City Engineer
Ana Garza, Executive Assistant

Alexandra Rangel, Assistant City Manager
Criss Palacios, City Attorney
Alejandro Oyoque, Museum Director
Saul Solis, Police Chief
Sandra Chavez, Parks and Rec. Director
Michael Torres, IT Director
Isauro Trevino, Consultant

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor J.R. Garza called the regular meeting held on Tuesday February 6, 2024 to order at 6:00 p.m. at the City of Alamo Municipal Building. City Manager Robert L. Salinas led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mr. Romeo Villareal from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints led the Invocation.

C. Presentation and Announcements

City Manager Robert L. Salinas stated that Miss Alamo 2024 Scholarship Pageant will be held this coming Sunday February 26, 2024 at the Roberto Gomez Jr. Performing Arts Center doors open at 2 p.m. and the show begins at 3 p.m. The theme is the Alamo Experience.

Commissioner Pete Morales welcomed Mr. Rick Wright for attending the meeting

Mayor Pro-Tem Okie Salinas asked details about the Texas Parade. Klarissa Espinosa stated that the Parade will take place March 2, 2024 at 11 p.m. starting at the Alamo HEB and ending at the Alamo Central Park. The parade theme is "Out of this World"

Pastor Tuttle stated that on Sunday February 25th, 2024 at 4 p.m. at the Payne Arena they will be having a God loves the Valley concert.

Commissioner Pete Morales congratulated City Manager Robert L. Salinas and Assistant City Manager Alexandra Rangel for the new mural at our City Commission Meeting room.

Mr. Herb Moering presented the Centennial Quilt.

Mayor Pro-Tem Okie Salinas congratulated everyone who participated in this Centennial Quilt Project for our Centennial Celebration.

D. Consideration and Action to Approve the minutes for a regular meeting on February 6, 2024.

Mayor Pro-Tem Okie Salinas motioned to approve, Commissioner Roel Leon Moreno Jr. seconded. Motion carried.

E. Consideration and Action to Approve Temporary Street Closure on Portions of Cesar Chavez and Business 83 For Lupe's Annual Cesar Chavez March on March 23, 2024

City Manager Robert L. Salinas stated that on February 20, 2024 LUPE met with Mayor and City Administration to request temporary street closure on March 23, 2024 for their Annual Cesar Chavez March. LUPE is requesting closure from Cesar Chavez to 7th Street from 10am-12pm.

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

F. Consideration and Action to Approve Temporary Street Closure on Portions of Business 83 for the City of Alamo's Centennial Celebration on April 27, 2024

City Manager Robert L. Salinas stated that The City of Alamo will be celebrating its Centennial Celebration on April 27, 2024, he is requesting portions of Business 83 to be closed to allow citizens to walk around and enjoy the festivities at Downtown Central Park.

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

G. Consideration and Action to Regarding Proposed Street Projects for the 2023-2024 Budget

City Manager Robert L. Salinas stated that an update on the street projects. He received a call from Precinct 1 County Judges Office stating that the streets that were being proposed do not comply with the use of ARPA funds, they have different criteria than what we would normally use. The City has some discretionary funds in the amount of \$750,000 that may be designated for future projects, needed repairs, and/or new equipment. The list below includes several streets that are in dire need of improvements and can be approved for funds to be allocated using these discretionary funds.

- **Palmview** From Business 83 to Crockett St. 360 \$31,680
- **Acacia Street** From 7th St. to 9th St. 550 \$48,400
- **Country Club Dr.** From Santa Ana to Katrin 238 \$20,944
- **Border Rd.** From Duranta Ave. to Business 83 400 \$35,200
- Misc. 156 \$13,728
- Total 1704 \$149,952**

Mayor Pro-Tem Okie Salinas asked that if we would be able to use these funds.

City Manager Robert L. Salinas stated that we can find a different way to use the 150k for example we can use it to get equipment for our Alamo Police Department and or Fire Department.

Commissioner AJ Garcia asked if there were any instructions to rephrase or reword into how to use the funds so that we can get it approve next time.

City Manger Robert L. Salinas responded that the answer he was given was that it did not comply with the HUD requirements which ARPA does not go off on HUD requirements. It is uncertain why they gave that answer. They are treating it like it is a HUD project. ARPA does allow for the funds to be use for streets, drainage, or any public works utilities prefer but, in this case,

unfortunately it was denied. They mentioned that the street that were being proposed were not within a low mod census track

Commissioner Pete Morales motioned to approve, Mayor J.R. Garza seconded. Motion carried.

H. Consideration and Action to Approve Alamo Police Department Interlocal Agreement 2024-2026 Between the Rio Grande Valley Emergency Communication District 9-1-1 and The City of Alamo Police Department for 9-1-1 Services.

Alamo Police Chief Saul Solis stated that the Alamo Police Department Interlocal Agreement 2024-2026 Between the Rio Grande Valley Emergency Communication District 9-1-1 and The City of Alamo Police Department for 9-1-1 Service needed to be renewed.

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

I. Consideration and Action to Approve of a Gateway Monument Agreement and Resolution with Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and City of Alamo for two monuments, located on North East corner of IH 2 and FM 907 and South West corner of IH 2 and FM 907.

Assistant City Manager Alexandra Rangel stated that on January 26, 2024 City Administration met with TxDOT in discussion regarding a welcome sign along Alamo Rd and Frontage.

- North East corner of IH 2 and FM 907
- South West corner of IH 2 and FM 907

The City of Alamo will be responsible with all cost associated with the design, engineering, testing, construction, installation, access for maintenance, labor, materials, supplies, traffic control, and if required, removal of the Gateway Monument

Commissioner AJ Garcia motioned to approve, Mayor J.R. Garza seconded. Motion carried.

J. Consideration and Action to Authorize Cruz Hogan Consulting Engineers to Perform a Drainage Design as Required by TxDOT for the Alamo Rd. and Duranta Ave. Drainage Project.

City Manager Robert L. Salinas stated that in the last City Commission meeting we had an item authorizing Cruz Hogan to work on the drainage assessment of the Frontage Road area. One of the things that was not mentioned/ included was that they will be doing the design work as well. This item is now before the Commission to include that Cruz Hogan will be taking care of the drainage design as well and the assessment.

Mayor Pro-Tem Okie Salinas motioned to approve, Mayor J.R. Garza seconded. Motion carried.

K. Consideration and Action on building batting cages at the Alamo Sports Complex

Park and Recreational Director Sandra Chavez stated that the Parks and Recreation Department would like to build batting cages at the Alamo Sports Complex. They currently do not have an area for batting practice. Many coaches and players tend to bat alongside the fences to where within time, the fences will continue to bend. Batting cages will alleviate this problem and provide better services to our programs.

Mayor Pro-Tem Okie Salinas asked about the management use for this batting cages.

Park and Recreational Director Sandra Chavez stated that she is looking into renting the batting cages hourly just like the other fields.

Mayor Pro-Tem Okie Salinas stated that in the future, to include the scope of work. He also asked that if the project was supervised to verify that we are getting what is being charged for.

Park and Recreational Director Sandra Chavez stated that Parks and Recreational Supervisor Rolando De La Rosa is always present to supervise and give access to whomever was conducting the project.

L. Discussion and Possible Action to Appoint/Re-appoint members to the Parks and Recreation Board

Parks and Recreational Director Sandra Chavez stated that a list was provided to the Commission were it reflects the date of appointment, and their seat's expiration date. All 7 members terms will expire on 3/1/24. The Parks and Recreation Board (PRB) has primary duties of providing their collective thoughts a recommendation to the Parks Director on improving the amenities in the city's parks; and also providing input on the City of Alamo's wide plethora of recreational programming. All appointees will have PRB seats until 3/1/26.

Commissioner Pete Morales stated that whom ever had place one had resigned and that he would appoint George Hernandez, Commissioner Roel Leon Moreno Jr seconded. Motion carried

Commissioner Pete Morales motioned to re-appoint Santos Perez, Ronnie Calderon, Luis Magana, Fernando Arellano, Freddy Colunga and Terry Sandoval, Commissioner Roel Leon Moreno Jr. seconded. Motion carried.

M. Consideration and Action on Escrow purchase of bigger Gorman Rupp with eradicator pumps for Casa Del Valle Lift Station No. 9.

Public Works Director Julio Villarreal JR. stated that the escrow to purchase of two bigger Gorman Rupp w/Eradicator pumps for Casa Del Valle Lift Station #9. Current pumps are not keeping up with the flow due to new subdivision Cantera Hermosa phase 1-5 which belong to North Alamo Water Supply. Pumps are maintained by City of Alamo.

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

N. Consideration and Action on cleaning of the wet well on Tower Rd lift Station No. 1

Public Works Director Julio Villarreal Jr. stated that they had an emergency to remove and replaced suction lines and cleaned out debris in 20ft depth wet well. Cut new opening for suction lines on wet well. Also, in addition removed and replaced air plugs.

Mayor Pro-Tem Okie Salinas asked that if the city employees can maintain that Lift Station No. 1 or what can they do to help out this issue.

Public Works Director Julio Villarreal Jr. stated that unfortunately they have not been able to fix the issue.

Commissioner AJ Garcia asked if it they need to put on a notice to be aware of items that cannot be flushed down the toilet.

Public Works Director Julio Villareal Jr. stated that no one should flush down wipes which is one

of the biggest problems.

Commissioner Pete Morales asked if there is a way to find out when the red light goes off at the Lift Station for the City to react as soon as possible.

Public Works Director Julio Villarreal Jr. stated that usually the neighbors will call in to report it, but that he is working into getting an alarm system that will send notifications. Those alarm systems are expensive but he would like to purchase two for the main stations.

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

O. Consideration and Action to award Hot Mix Asphalt for various city projects.

Purchasing Agent Adela Perez stated that a Bid Opening was held on Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 3pm, approximately 3 bids were received. The lowest responsible bidder was submitted by Synolo Materials LLC, in the amount of \$150,300.00 for the purchase of (1800 Tons) of Hot Mix Asphalt Type D, the material will be used for various city projects.

Mayor Pro-Tem Okie Salinas motioned to approve, Commissioner AJ Garcia seconded. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC HEARING: Discussion and Possible Action to Approve an Annexation Ordinance of property to be voluntarily annexed being a 1.667 Acre Tract of Land, being the East 2200 feet, and the North 330 feet out of the North 10 Acres out of Lot 2, Block 29, Alamo Land and Sugar Company's Subdivision

P. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve an Annexation Ordinance of property to be voluntarily annexed being a 1.667 Acre Tract of Land, being the East 2200 feet, and the North 330 feet out of the North 10 Acres out of Lot 2, Block 29, Alamo Land and Sugar Company's Subdivision

Planning Director Sergio Zavala stated an Ordinance to voluntarily annex the acreage described above. The vacant acreage is at the SW corner of Moore and Tower Road. The vicinity map depicts the location of the subject tract. Planning conducted the first Public Hearing on Monday, February 5, 2024. See attached minutes of that hearing. No one appeared. The next step in the process is for the Board of Commissioners to conduct a 2nd Public Hearing; thereafter, you may adopt the Annexation Ordinance.

Mayor Pro-Tem Okie Salinas motion to approve, Commissioner AJ Garcia seconded. Motion carried.

Q. Consideration and Action to Appoint one member to the Festival, Arts, Recreation & Entertainment (FARE) Committee

Planning Director Sergio Zavala stated that on January 16th, the Board of Commissioners approved an ordinance creating the Festival, Arts, Recreation & Entertainment (FARE) Committee. At your last meeting on February 6th, 4 of the 5 members were appointed; with Mayor Garza respectfully withholding his nomination for this important committee until today's meeting. At this time, the Board of Commissioners is to consider Mayor's nominated FARE member for discussion and action.

Mayor J.R. Garza motion to appoint Audi Vela, Commissioner Roel Leon Moreno Jr. seconded. Motion carried.

R. Consideration and Action to Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of Grant Application for the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office Criminal Justice Division, FY 2025 Body-worn Camera Grant program

AEDC Director Isauro Trevino stated that whereas, The City of Alamo City Commission finds it in the best interest of the citizens of City of Alamo that the Governor's FY 2025 Body-Worn Camera Grant Program, be operated for Year 2024-25; and whereas, the Alamo City Commission agrees and understands that there is a required match (25%) on applicable matching funds for the said project as required by the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office Criminal Justice Division, FY 2025 Body-Worn Camera Grant Program grant application; and whereas, the Alamo City Commission agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor funds, the Alamo City Commission assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full. Whereas, the Alamo City Commission designates Bobby Salinas, City Manager, as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency. Now therefore, be it resolved that the Alamo City Commission approves submission of the grant application for the FY 2025 Body-Worn Camera Grant Program to the Office of the Governor.

Mayor Pro-Tem Okie Salinas motioned to approve, Commissioner AJ Garcia seconded. Motion carried.

S. Consideration and Action to Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of Grant Application for the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office Criminal Justice Division, FY 2025 Rifle-Resistant Body Armor Program

AEDC Director Isauro Trevino stated that whereas, The City of Alamo City Commission finds it in the best interest of the citizens of City of Alamo that the Governor's FY 2025 Rifle-Resistant Body Armor Grant Program, be operated for Year 2024-25; and whereas, the Alamo City Commission agrees and understands that there is no required match on applicable matching funds for the said project as required by the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office Criminal Justice Division, FY 2025 Rifle-Resistant Body Armor Grant Program grant application; and whereas, the Alamo City Commission agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor funds, the Alamo City Commission assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full. Whereas, the Alamo City Commission designates Bobby Salinas, City Manager, as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

Mayor Pro-Tem Okie Salinas motioned to approve, Commissioner AJ Garcia seconded. Motion carried.

T. Consideration and Action to Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of Grant Application for the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office Criminal Justice Division, FY 2025 Criminal Justice Grant Program

AEDC Director Isauro Trevino stated that whereas, The City of Alamo City Commission finds it in the best interest of the citizens of City of Alamo that the Governor's FY 2025 Criminal Justice Grant Program, be operated for Year 2024-25; and whereas, the Alamo City Commission agrees and understands that there is no required match on applicable matching funds for the said project as required by the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office Criminal Justice Division, FY 2025 Criminal Justice Grant Program grant application; and whereas, the Alamo City Commission agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor funds, the Alamo City Commission assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full. Whereas, the Alamo City Commission designates Bobby Salinas, City Manager, as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

Commissioner AJ Garcia motioned to approve, Mayor J.R. Garza seconded. Motion carried.

U. Consideration and Action to Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of Grant Application for the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office Criminal Justice Division, FY 2025 Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant Program

AEDC Consultant Isauro Trevino stated that whereas, The City of Alamo City Commission finds it in the best interest of the citizens of City of Alamo that the Governor's FY 2025 Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant Program, be operated for Year 2024-25; and whereas, the Alamo City Commission agrees and understands that there is no required match on applicable matching funds for the said project as required by the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office Criminal Justice Division, FY 2025 Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant Program grant application; and whereas, the Alamo City Commission agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor funds, the Alamo City Commission assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full. Whereas, the Alamo City Commission designates Bobby Salinas, City Manager, as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

Commissioner AJ Garcia motioned to approve, Mayor Pro-Tem seconded. Motion carried.

AEDC Consultant Isauro Trevino thanked Fire Chief Roy Contreras and Police Chief Saul Solis for providing the information needed to complete this grant writing request.

V. Consideration and Action to Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of Grant Application for the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office Homeland Security Grant Division, 2024 State Homeland Security Program – Regular Projects

AEDC Consultant Isauro Trevino stated that whereas, The City of Alamo City Commission finds it in the best interest of the citizens of City of Alamo that the Governor's FY 2024 State Homeland Security Grant Program, be operated for Year 2024-25; and whereas, the Alamo City Commission agrees and understands that there is no match on applicable matching funds for the said project as required by the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office Homeland Security Division, 2024 State Homeland Security Grant Program application; and whereas, the Alamo City Commission agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor funds, the Alamo City Commission assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full. Whereas, the Alamo City Commission designates Bobby Salinas, City Manager, as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

Commissioner AJ Garcia motioned to approve, Mayor Pro-Tem seconded. Motion carried.

AEDC Consultant Isauro Trevino stated that even though all these grants are small they total to \$266,000.

W. Consideration and Action to approve a Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Fiscal Year 2025 Community Project Funding Request, Via the 15th Congressional District of Texas, for the Construction of a New Public Safety Building/Court purposes

AEDC Consultant Isauro Trevino stated that whereas, the House Appropriations Committee will accept request for community project funding (CPF), formerly known as earmarks, for the Fiscal Year 2025 appropriation process; and through the CPF program, Members of Congress are able to request direct funding for specific entities and projects in their districts to serve the public good and ensure that taxpayers get a greater say in the federal spending process; and whereas, the CPF program was implemented with new reforms and accountability measures to ensure a responsible and transparent process, and anticipate that the Committee to fund community projects on a limited basis in the FY 25 appropriations bills; and CPF requests that address the

most significant needs of local communities or provide a significant public good are more likely to be included; however, not every CPF request will be included in the FY 25 appropriations bills; and whereas, each member of the House will likely only be able to only submit a total of 15 CPF requests across all subcommittees per committee rules; therefore, the 15th Congressional District of Texas office will not be able to accommodate every request they receive, even though they anticipate receiving requests for many worthy projects; and furthermore , they are required to post our CPF submissions on their official website in the interest of transparency; and the Appropriations Committee will also establish an online, searchable public database of all CPF requests received by the Committee; and whereas, the Applicant must be able to demonstrate that the request has Community Support, since this requirement is integral for a successful CPF request, but it is Flexible; and acceptable examples of community support include letters from elected officials, press articles, newspaper editorial board pieces, a state-intended use plan or community development plan, or a city council resolution; and whereas, if the project would normally require a funding match or cost share by a non-federal entity, then the requesting entity will need to demonstrate that it can provide this match if it makes a CPF request; and the Committee will conform to statutory match and cost-sharing requirements; and the recipient of the CPF must be a governmental entity or 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization; and now, therefore, be it resolved that: Section 1: The City of Alamo is submitting the CPF application to the 15th Congressional District of Texas in the amount of \$7,000,000 grant and \$1,000,000 match for land acquisition, if necessary. The CPF project is for the new construction of a Public Safety Building/Court to upgrade from a 50-year building that has maximized all its assets and resources in our community; therefore, new building will address growth, safety concerns and possible federal detention center to assist all agencies with daily challenges and detention shortages. Section 2: The City of Alamo will partner with the Alamo Economic Development Corporation on our CPF application not to exceed \$7,000,000 and to commit and obligate any funding relating to required match or applicant contribution; and City/AEDC finance department will provide a letter for accountability purposes that funds are available to meet the grant requirements.

AEDC Consultant Isauro Trevino also presented a Congressional Report that included the following:

- Cover Letter
- Resolution
- Project Summary/ Fact sheet 2024
- USDA CF forms
- USDA Documents/ Reports
- Letters of support
- Preliminary Architectural Report
- Preliminary Architectural Report Probable Construction Cost
- Police Station: Shovel Ready (why we need the new building)
- Preliminary Environmental Report

Mayor J.R. Garza motioned to approve, Mayor Pro-Tem Okie Salinas seconded. Motion carried.

X. Consideration and Action to Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Fiscal Year 2025 Community Project Funding Request, Via the 34th Congressional District of Texas, for Project Area #4 of the Storm Drainage Master Plan 2022

AEDC Consultant Isauro Trevino stated that whereas, the House Appropriations Committee will accept request for community project funding (CPF), formerly known as earmarks, for the Fiscal Year 2025 appropriation process; and through the CPF program, Members of Congress are able to request direct funding for specific entities and projects in their districts to serve the public good and ensure that taxpayers get a greater say in the federal spending process; and whereas, the CPF program was implemented with new reforms and accountability measures to ensure a responsible and transparent process, and anticipate that the Committee to fund community projects on a limited basis in the FY 25 appropriations bills; and CPF requests that address the most significant needs of local communities or provide a significant public good are more likely to be included; however, not every CPF request will be included in the FY 25 appropriations bills; and whereas, each member of the house will likely only be able to only submit a total of 15 CPF requests across all subcommittees per committee rules; therefore, the 34th Congressional

District of Texas office will not be able to accommodate every request they receive, even though they anticipate receiving requests for many worthy projects; and furthermore, they are required to post our CPF submissions on their official website in the interest of transparency; and the Appropriations Committee will also establish an online, searchable public database of all CPF requests received by the Committee; and whereas, the Applicant must be able to demonstrate that the request has Community Support, since this requirement is integral for a successful CPF request, but it is Flexible; and acceptable examples of community support include letters from elected officials, press articles, newspaper editorial board pieces, a state-intended use plan or community development plan, or a city council resolution; and whereas, if the project would normally require a funding match or cost share by a non-federal entity, then the requesting entity will need to demonstrate that it can provide this match if it makes a CPF request; and the Committee will conform to statutory match and cost-sharing requirements; and the recipient of the CPF must be a governmental entity or 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization; and now, therefore, be it resolved that: Section 1: The City of Alamo is submitting the CPF application to the 34th Congressional District of Texas in the amount of \$1,650,000 grant for drainage purposes. The CPF project is to address the Storm Drainage Master Plan 2022 –Project Area #4 (Duranta Avenue Upgrade Area #4) from 13th Street to Alamo Expressway Drain to upgrade over 2600 LF from 18” to 42” RCP to assist on flood relief for surrounding neighborhoods and commercial developments. Section 2: The City of Alamo will partner with the Alamo Economic Development Corporation on our CPF application not to exceed \$1,650,000 and to commit and obligate any funding relating to required match or applicant contribution; and City/AEDC finance department will provide a letter for accountability purposes that funds are available to meet the grant requirements. Section 3: The City of Alamo’s City Secretary is authorized and directed to attest the mayor’s signature, and the respected City Commission formally resolves as outlined above, to denote their support of the grant application.

AEDC Consultant Isauro Trevino presented the Community Grant 2025 for Project Area #4 of the Storm Drainage Master Plan 2022 that include the following;

- Cover Letter
- Resolution
- Project Summary/ Fact Sheet
- USDA CF Forms
- USDA Documents Report
- Letter of Support
- Preliminary Engineering Report
- Summary of Analysis and Recommended Improvements

Mayor Pro-Tem Okie Salinas stated that if for any reason these funds do not get approve, the City will move into Plan B.

Commissioner Pete Morales requested an update on the GLO project.

City Manager Robert L. Salinas stated that he had a conversation with Marie O from Grant Works and she mentioned that they were about two weeks out from completion and two months from bidding the project.

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

Y. Presentation and update on Project Management of FY 2023-24 Capital Projects

AEDC Consultant Isauro Trevino stated that he had updates on the following;

- EMS coverage 24/7 approved December 5th, 2023. EMS has been very active and we have received many compliments for their services.
- EPA Grant (Water Plant Renovations) project engineer has completed work plan
- DC Trip- Community Grant submission
 - Congressional Report for New Police/Fire Station (Monica De La Cruz)
 - Congressional Report for Drainage Project (Vicente Gonzalez)

- *Update: Congressional report completed by Feb 16th*
- *DC confirmed dates Wednesday February 28th – Friday March 1st*
- *All Capital Projects Status Report*
 - Tower Road Project (AEDC/TIRZ) Completed*
 - GLO Drainage Project (State grant) EA Review/Bid in 3 months*
 - Sewer Plant Project (TWDB) should be completed in Summer 2024*
 - Fire Station Renovation (City/General Fund) Designed underway/Bidding in 6wks*
 - Urban County Street Improvements, pending County Comm. approval*
 - Bonita Estates Sewer (ARPA funds) completion in March 2024*
 - Morningside South Sewer (ARPA funds) plans are almost 100% complete*
 - Gus Guerra Park w/ PSJA ISD (School/TPWD) Mayor meeting with Superintendent*
 - Pharr/SJ/ Alamo Sidewalk project, will reapply as City project.*
 - Nebraska Drainage Project, pending closure*

Funding Pending:

- *VBLF Grant (317K) January 2024 Local-Denied (resubmit 3/20)*
- *TWDB PIF Lift Station January 2024 Austin-Resubmitting March 1st*
- *E-grants (5grants) May 2024 Austin-\$266K pending*

• *Other:*

- (1) *First Truck - Operational_ since December 2023*
Second truck will be delivered tentatively summer 2024
- (2) *Five Year Plan Template- Working on it*
City Manager tentative schedule/timeline
Mayor: feedback/instructions
Update: Commence in March 2024
- (3) *Financial Advisor meeting on current debt service status*
Debt service schedule breakdown from 2024 - 2027
When can we borrow money without budget implications?
Update: March 2024 meeting
- (4) *Red River Dallas ICSC (January 31 - February 2nd)*
Update: Great networking conference
- (5) *Precinct #2 MOU: Ridge Road Street Improvement (Tower to Border)*
Update: Pending Pct #2 Pre-Con meeting
- (6) *Capital Projects Plan (\$1,000,000)*
 - (a) *\$1,000,000 priority project list*
 - (b) *\$250,000 committed to Fire Station Renovations*
- (7) *Mayor's Grant (New Business Startup Grant)*
Update: Online March 2024; Award April 2024
- (8) *TXDOT Meeting w/Pete Alvarez*
 - (a) *Alamo/Durante drainage issue (Bid out Summer 2024)*
 - (b) *Sidewalk grant -Reapply as City- no partnership (MPO)*
- (9) *AEP Meeting (Lee Jones) LED Lights -Tower Road*
Update: March 2024 meeting

Z. *Presentation of the Departmental Reports*

Reports were included in their packets, no questions from City Commission.

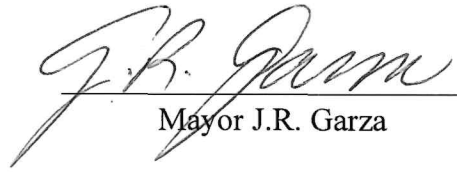
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: Five minutes per person with no response from the City Commission. Residents must sign up prior to the city meeting.

No citizen participation

I. ADJOURNMENT

Citizens are encouraged to sign the attendance sheet.

There being no further business, Mayor J.R. Garza adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.



Mayor J.R. Garza

ATTEST:



Alexandra Rangel, Assistant City Manager

