

The Board of Commissioners for the City of Alamo, Texas met for the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, March 5, 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
Arturo Aguirre, HR Director

Alexandra Rangel, Assistant City Manager
Rick 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 March 5, 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 Pastor Tuttle led the Invocation.

C. Presentation and Announcements

City Manager Robert L. Salinas introduced our new Human Resources Director Arturo Aguirre

Human Resources Director Arturo Aguirre introduced himself and thanked the City Commission for the opportunity.

Public Works Director Julio Villarreal Jr. stated that the re-pavement on West Duranta Ave has been completed and Palmview St. is schedule to be re-paved March 6, 2024, weather permitting.

Commissioner Pete Morales recognized the PSJA Memorial Wolverines Tennis team for earning their 5th Tennis Tournament Championship in Harlingen. He congratulated Alexa Cortez, Luis Wong, Hugo Ramirez, Andrea Camacho, Brian Camacho, Kristina Hernandez, Sancarlos Saldivar, Abigail Gonzalez, Isabel Chapa, Oscar Rodriguez, Jesus Montez, Angel Salazar, Valerie Vasquez, Victo Reyes, Emily Leija and Angel Montez, Coach Zepeda and Coach Arturo Salazar.

Commissioner AJ Garcia invited everyone to participate in the McTeacher's night at the Alamo McDonalds from 5p.m. to 8p.m. 30% of the proceeds will be donated to the Vela Middle School

Commissioner Pete Morales congratulated the Mayor J.R. Garza, Public Information Director Lya Yllades, and Media Specialist, Nina Chavez for an outstanding job at the Texas Parade hosted this past Saturday March 2nd, 2024 at the City of Alamo Central Park.

Mayor J.R. Garza congratulated and thanked the Alamo Chamber of Commerce for the outstanding job at the Texas Parade as well.

Mayor J. R. Garza invited Mrs. Gloria Espinoza to introduced Miss Alamo 2024 Royal Court.

Mrs. Gloria Espinosa thanked the support of the sponsors that made all this event possible. Miss. Kristina Espinosa presented the Royal Court:

*Miss Alamo 2024 Joselyn Angel Garza
Alamo Princess 2024 Christina Diaz
Alamo Duchess 2024 Syriana Cecilia Trevino
Alamo Ambassador 2024 Melanie Nicolette Marez*

Miss Alamo 2024 Joselyn Angel Garza thanked the Commission for giving them the opportunity to participate in the Royal Court and for representing the City of Alamo.

Mayor J.R. Garza thanked everyone for putting together such an awesome event that he was able to attend and enjoy.

Mayor Pro-Tem Okie Salinas congratulated the Royal Court, Gloria Espinosa and her daughters as well as everyone who participated.

Commissioner Pete Morales congratulated everyone who participated as well as the Royal Court.

Commissioner Roel Leon Moreno Jr thanked the Espinoza Family as well as everyone who participated in this event.

AEDC Consultant Isauro Trevino gave an update in regards to the Washington DC trip meeting with Congresswoman Monica De La Cruz and the office of Congressman Vicente Gonzalez.

D. Consideration and Action to Approve the minutes for a regular meeting on February 20, 2024.

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

E. Consideration and Action to Approve the minutes for a special meeting on February 27, 2024.

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

F. Consideration and Action to implement the Smart City Soft permitting program.

City Manager Robert L. Salinas stated that he had an opportunity to meet with Mr. Carlos Ginther and Commissioner Pete Morales.

Mr. Ginther asked if the Commission had any questions in regards to the Smart City permitting

Commissioner Pete Morales stated that one of the concerns they had was the accessibility and easy use of the program. He said that this program is people friendly and very easy to use.

Mayor Pro-Tem Okie Salinas stated that if we do decide to move forward with this project, we should let our residents know and keep them updated with any changes.

Mr. Ginther stated that the service they are presenting will also include marketing to educate the residents and let them know of any changes and or of what the City of Alamo has to offer.

City Manager Robert L. Salinas stated that this new program will require employee training, further discussion with our Water Billing Department and Planning Department as well. This Smart City Soft permitting program does not have a fee for the City of Alamo. It will streamline

the permitting process and offer assistance, making it much more convenient for residents to pay for permits after regular hours. This program will be very beneficial for the citizens.

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

G. Consideration and Action to Designate the use of Hidalgo County Precinct No. 1 Owned ARPA Funds for the City of Alamo.

City Manager Robert L. Salinas stated that on September 22, 2023, the City of Alamo was approached by Hidalgo County Precinct No. 1 stating they would like to help the City of Alamo by allowing the use of \$150,000 of their designated ARPA funds for eligible projects or equipment. We spoke to both Police Chief and Fire Chief and they stated this equipment was their top priority. The Police Chief mentioned this equipment will aid our police officers in providing better service and allowing them to be more well equipped to perform their duties. The bunker gear being requested by our fire department will provide a second set to all of our fire fighters that will allow them to better serve the community during emergency responses. Attached you will find quotes from Buy Board listed companies that will allow us to make the purchases immediately and ask for reimbursements from the County at a later time. The proposed equipment for purchase is as follows:

Critical Equipment Needed Quantity Cost Estimate

- Protech Delta 4 high Cut Full Dress Helmet 40 \$35,248.00
- Glock 17, Tactical Lights, Et Al (see attached) 40 \$37,628.00
- Fire Fighter Bunker Gear 18 \$74,899.80

Total \$147,775.80

Commissioner Pete Morales asked City Manager if this project will used City of Alamo funds.

City Manager Robert L. Salinas answered that for this purchased that will use the Precinct 1 ARPA Funds.

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

H. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Bylaws of the Keep Alamo Beautiful Committee (KABC)

Planning Department Director Sergio Zavala presented the Bylaws drafted for the Keep Alamo Beautiful Committee (KABC). The PRB met on Monday, February 12th, and after their assessment, unanimously approved that the attached Bylaws be approve. The attached PRB Bylaws reflect the following;

- Article 1 Organization 5 members to help beautiful city's neighborhoods
- Article 2 Quorum/Attendance min. 3 members to conduct KABC agendas
- Article 3 Duties discuss/activate efforts to beautify neighborhoods
- Article 4 Chair/Vice Chair KABC officers elected to 1 year office to preside
- Article 5 Voting 1 member=1vote; if conflict, must abstain
- Article 6 Meetings meetings open to the public
- Article 7 Staff Support Public Works Director to provide support to KABC
- Article 8 Amend Bylaws via min. 4 KABC members; must also approve by the City's Board of Commissioners

- *Exhibit A conflict of Interest Affidavit*

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

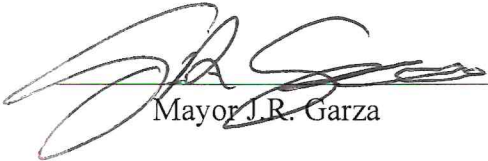
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: Five minutes per person with no response from the City Commission. Residents must sign up prior to the city meeting.

Citizen Gabriel Aguilar thanked the Commission for their hard work and dedication.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Citizens are encouraged to sign the attendance sheet.

There being no further business, Mayor J.R. Garza adjourned the meeting at 6:36 p.m.



Mayor J.R. Garza

ATTEST:


Alexandra Rangel, Assistant City Manager