

The Board of Commissioners for the City of Alamo, Texas met for the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., at the City of Alamo Municipal Building.

COMMISSION PRESENT:

Mayor J.R. Garza
Pete Moreles, Commissioner
Roel Leon Moreno Jr., Commissioner

COMMISSION ABSENT:

Okie Salinas, Mayor Pro-Tem
Arturo "AJ" Garcia, Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT:

Robert L. Salinas, City Manager
Sergio Zavala, Planning Director
Julio Villareal, Public Works Director
Roy Contreras, Fire Chief
Adela Perez, Purchasing Agent
Ronnie Cruz, City Engineer
Arturo Aguirre, HR Director
Yvette Mendoza, Finance Director
Ana Garza, Executive Assistant

Alexandra Rangel, Assistant City Manager
Criss Palacios, City Attorney
Saul Solis, Police Chief
Sandra Chavez, Parks and Rec. Director
Michael Torres, IT Director
Isauro Trevino, Consultant
Lory Solis, Library Director
Ernesto Solis, Stormwater Specialist
Melissa Leal, Water Billing Supervisor

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor J.R. Garza called the regular meeting held on Tuesday March 19, 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 announced that we will be having a Keep Alamo Beautiful clean-up day March 23rd, 8a.m. to 12p.m.

City Manager Robert L. Salinas stated that the City of Alamo will be closed March 29, 2024 in observance to Good Friday.

PSJA Floklorico "La Herencia" is seeking support through donations and sponsorships to fundraise and utilize the parks and rec. gymnasium for an upcoming event. Their goal is to participate in a contest in San Antonio from May 16th to the 19th.

Commissioner Pete Morales congratulated Brittany Venedetti for being the first back to back female athlete from PSJA to win the State Championship

Commissioner Pete Morales stated that the Parks and Recreational Department has four spots available for any coaches that would like to participate. Whomever would like to participate to please contact Parks and Rec. Director, Sandra Chavez or Park Assistant Director, Miguel Cavazos.

D. Consideration and Action to Approve the minutes for a regular meeting on March 5, 2024

Commissioner Pete Morales motioned to Approve, Commissioner Roel Moreno Jr. seconded. Motion carried.

E. Consideration and Action to Consideration and Action to Approve Memorandum of Agreement by and between City of Alamo and the LRGV TPDES Stormwater Task Force Partnership, Inc. For Representative Appointment to The Regional Lower Rio Grande Valley TPDES Stormwater Task Force MOA #-RGV-TF-2024-0002

Stormwater Specialist, Ernesto Solis stated that This MOA does come with a single payment of \$14,390.40 for a 5-year term. (FYI, the previous Syr. MOU reflected a single \$11,992.00 payment.) The Stormwater Taskforce is a Not-for-Profit Research Institute formed to promote and coordinate the regional collaboration of (32) local governments in the LRGV. Its strategic goal is to assure the participating cities comply with Stormwater Management Plan requirements. The intended MOA partners the City of Alamo with other regional entities through the Stormwater Taskforce, providing administrative support with the TPDES stormwater management program. By way of regional coalition, the Stormwater Taskforce assists in the facilitation, implementation and development of the stormwater management program. The City of Alamo and The Stormwater Taskforce partnerships allow for sharing of resources, and collectively establishes a nation-wide network with a focus on urban water, costal projects, regional watershed topics, rural and agricultural water issues. These efforts involve various levels of government, including Texas Commission of Environmental Quality, the U.S. Corps of Engineers, the Texas General Land Office and Environmental Protection Agency and help to provide for cost-effective solutions to stormwater management issues. Augusto Sanchez was also present in case the City Commission had any questions and or concerns.

Commissioner Pete Morales motioned to Approve, Commissioner Roel Leon Moreno Jr. seconded. Motioned carried.

F. Consideration and Action on a Resolution Suspending the April 4, 2024 Effective Date of AEP Texas Inc.'s Request Rate Change to Permit the City time to Study the Request and to Establish Reasonable Rates.

City Manager Robert L. Salinas stated that AEP Texas Inc ("AEP Texas" or "Company") filed an application on February 29, 2024 with cities retaining original jurisdiction seeking to increase system-wide distribution rates by \$110.4 million per year (an increase of 13.1%) and increase system-wide transmission rates by \$63.1 million (an increase of 9.29%). According to AEP Texas, the impact of this approval on an average residential customer would be an increase of about \$4.59 per month. The resolution suspends the April 4, 2024 effective date of the Company's rate change for the maximum period permitted by law to allow the City, working in conjunction with other Cities served by AEP Texas to intervene in the Public Utility Commission Docket No. 56165 to evaluate the filing, determine whether the filing complies with law, and if lawful, to determine what further strategy, including settlement, to pursue. The law provides that a rate request made by an electric utility cannot become effective until at least 35 days following the filing of the application to change rates. The law permits the City to suspend the rate change for 90 days after the date the rate change would otherwise be effective. If the City fails to take some action regarding the filing before the effective date, AEP Texas's rate request is deemed approved.

Commissioner Pete Morales motioned to Approve, Commissioner Roel Leon Moreno Jr. seconded. Motion carried.

G. Consideration and Action to Approve a Resolution for the City of Alamo in support of the LRGVDC in the Mexico Compliance 1944 Treaty.

City Manager Robert L. Salinas stated that the current five-year Treaty Delivery Cycle commenced October 25, 2020, and Mexico is behind in their deliveries to the United States by over 550,000-acre feet of water. We are hoping that our united voices will be effective in persuading Mexico to pay the water that is owed.

Commissioner Roel Leon Moreno Jr. motioned to Approve, Commissioner Pete Morales

seconded. Motioned carried.

H. Consideration and Action to Approve a Resolution for the Closure of Business 83 and 7th Street 3 for the Resurrection Church on March 28 and March 29, 2024.

City Manager Robert L. Salinas stated that Resurrection Church is requesting partial closure on Business 83 and 7th street to conduct the procession on March 28 at 8pm & March 29 at 1pm.

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

I. Consideration and Action to approve 1-year extension for Water Plant Chemicals.

Purchasing Agent Adela Perez stated that a contract for Water Plant Chemicals was approved in March 2022 for a 2-year contract expiring in March 2024, with an option to extends for 1 additional year if prices remain unchanged. After contacting all 6 vendors, 5 agreed to maintain current pricing. We are recommending a 1-year extension for these 5 vendors set to expire in March 2025. The 5 vendors are as follows:

- *Amchem*
- *Brenntag*
- *JCS Industries*
- *Polydyne*
- *USALCO*

Commissioner Pete Morales motioned to Approve, Commissioner Roel Leon Moreno Jr. seconded. Motion carried.

J. Request for Authorization to solicit bids for Water Plant and Wastewater Treatment Plant Chemicals being; Chlorine Gas, Sulfur Dioxide, & Chlorine

Purchasing Agent Adela Perez stated that for the following chemicals, 1 vendor declined to maintain current pricing. This company provides us with;

- *Chlorine Gas-Water Plant*
- *Sulfur Dioxide-Wastewater Treatment Plant*
- *Chlorine-Wastewater Treatment Plant*

In review of the cost of this chemical for 1 year, it equated to over \$60,000. In compliance to Purchasing Policies, we are seeking your authorization to solicit Bids for this chemical.

Commissioner Roel Leon Moreno Jr. motioned to Approve, Commissioner Pete Morales seconded. Motion carried.

K. Presentation by the Alamo Police Department regarding Federal Forfeiture budget for the Alamo Police Department

Alamo Police Chief stated that the Alamo Police Department will purchase new badges for all the department. Money will be used from Federal Forfeiture total of \$5,411.00. He also stated that the Alamo Police Department will purchase a new canine. The canine they had was evaluated and unfortunately the canine will no longer be able to serve.

Commissioner Pete Morales asked what is done with the old canine.

Alamo Police Chief Saul Solis stated that the canine will be retired and donated to the Canine Officer as well as offer a ceremony for the retirement and welcome of the new canine.

Commissioner Roel Leon Moreno Jr. asked, how many years did the canine served at the Alamo Police Department

Alamo Police Chief answered 4 years

L. 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, FY 2025 Border Zone Fire (BZFD) 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 Border Zone Fire (BZFD) Program, be operated for Year 2024-25; and whereas, the Alamo City Commission agrees and understands that there is no require match on applicable matching funds for the said project as required by the Office of the Governor, FY 2025 Border Zone Fire (BZFD) 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 J.R. Garza motioned to Approve, Commissioner Pete Morales seconded. Motion carried.

M. 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, FY 2025 Local Border Security (LBSP) 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 Local Border Security (LBSP) 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, FY 2025 Local Border Security (LBSP) 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 Pete Morales motioned to Approve, Commissioner Roel Leon Moreno Jr. seconded. Motion carried.

N. 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, FY 2025 Operation Lone Star (OLS) 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 Operation Lone Star (OLS) 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, FY 2025 Operation Lone Star (OLS) 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 Pete Morales motioned to Approve, Commissioner Roel Leon Moreno Jr. seconded. Motion carried.

O. Consideration and Action regarding ramification for Resolution 11-2-24 for 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, with a cost share of \$3,500,000 plus financial assistance from the Alamo Economic Development in the amount of \$1,000,000 for land acquisition. 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. 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.

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

P. Consideration and Action regarding ramification for Resolution 12-2-24 for 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 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 via the Department of Transportation, the Subcommittee Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies. 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.

Commissioner Roel Leon Moreno Jr. motioned to Approve, Commissioner Pete Morales seconded. Motioned carried.

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

AEDC Consultant Isauro Trevino gave updates on the following;

- Community Grants FY 2025/Federal Grants update 2024*
- FY 2025 CPF 15: construction of new Police /Court Project cost \$7,000,000*
- FY 2025 CPF 34 Storm Drainage Project*
- Cops grant Awarded \$352,404 Three new officer (new hires)*

- Safer Grant (resubmit)
- EPA Project (Water Plant renovations)
- Capital Projects status report
- Funding pending

Public Hearing

Discussion and Possible Action to Approve an Annexation Ordinance of property to be voluntarily annexed being tract of land containing 3.74 Acres in the Juan Jose Trevino (also known as ‘Agostadero del Gato’), Abstract No. 22, Hidalgo County, Texas; and being out of Block 222, Hall and Fifield Tract

No public comment

R. Consideration and Action on an Annexation Ordinance of property to be voluntarily annexed being tract of land containing 3.74 Acres in the Juan Jose Trevino (also known as ‘Agostadero del Gato’), Abstract No. 22, Hidalgo County, Texas; and being out of Block 222, Hall and Fifield Tract

Planning Director Sergio Zavala stated that attached please find an Ordinance to voluntarily annex the acreage linked to a church construction project along east Business HWY 83. The vicinity map depicts the location of the subject tract. As seen, a portion of the church's property is outside the city limits, though most of their acreage is inside Alamo ..

Planning conducted the first Public Hearing on Monday, March 4, 2024. See attached minutes of that hearing. There was no opposition.

The next step in the process is for the Board of Commissioners to conduct a 2nd Public Hearing; and if in order, then consider adopting the annexation ordinance

Commissioner Pete Morales had a concern of the name

Planning Director Sergio Zavala stated that the name “Agostadero del Gato” is just the name of the recording not the name of the subdivision.

Mayor J.R. Garza motioned to Approve, Commissioner Roel Leon Moreno jr. seconded. Motion carried.

S. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Bylaws of the Traffic Safety Committee (TSC)

Planning Director Sergio Zavala stated the Bylaws drafted for the Traffic Safety Committee (TSC). The TSC met on Monday, March 4, 2024, and after their assessment, voted to approve the Bylaws below;

- Article 1 Organization 5 Members to help adopt traffic safety measures
- Article 2 Quorum/Attendance -min. 3 members to conduct TSC agendas
- Article 3 Duties -discuss recommend efforts on the traffic safety
- Article 4 Chair & Vice Chair -TSC officers elected to 1 year office to preside
- Article 5 Voting -1 member+1 vote; if conflict, must abstain
- Article 6 Meetings -meetings open to the public
- Article 7 Staff Support -Police dept. to provide Staff Support to TSC
- Article 8 Amend Bylaws -via min. 4 TSC members; must also be approved by the City’s Board of Commissioners
- Exhibit A Conflict of Interest Affidavit

Mayor J.R. Garza asked how often is the Traffic Safety Committee meeting

Planning Director Sergio Zavala answered that every last Monday of the month.

Commissioner Pete Morales motioned to Approve, Commissioner Roel Leon Moreno Jr. seconded. Motion carried

T. Discussion and Possible Action on an Ordinance to Amend Title 6 ‘Motor Vehicles and Traffic’, Chapter 4 ‘Traffic Schedules’, Section 6-4-2 ‘Stop Intersections’, to establish a 4-way ‘Stop’ at Stensbo/N. 12th Street

Planning Director Sergio Zavala stated that On December 18, 2023, Staff received a citizen's petition from Mr. Abeldardo Ordonez (of 1235 Stensbo) to request that the Stensbo/N. 12th Street intersection be established as a 4-way 'Stop' instead of the current 2-way 'Stop'. The primary reason was to increase traffic safety, especially being near the Faris school. The Traffic Safety Committee (TSC) convened on March 4th where they considered the merits of this request. TSC was informed by Staff that 12th Street was also equipped with 1 speed bump to each side of the intersection, as well. After deliberations and public input from Mr. Ordonez, the TSC voted unanimously to recommend that the subject intersection be converted into a 4-way 'Stop' since the best traffic safety interests of the general public would be magnified.

Commissioner Pete Morales motioned to Approve, Commissioner Roel Leon Moreno Jr. seconded. Motion carried.

U. Discussion and Possible Action on an Ordinance to Amend Title 6 ‘Motor Vehicles and Traffic’, Chapter 4 ‘Traffic Schedules’, Section 6-4-2 ‘Stop Intersection’, to establish a 4-way ‘Stop’ at Austin Avenue/ Palmview Drive

Planning Director Sergio Zavala stated that On February 22nd, Staff received an email from PW Dir. Julio Villarreal suggesting that the current 2-way 'Stop' at Austin/Palmview be instead established as a 4-way 'Stop'. We note that there is an existing 3-way 'Stop' at Palmview/Bowie to the South which will, in combination with a new 4-way 'Stop' at Austin/Palmview, will slow traffic patterns enough to warrant removing the speed bump that is only 150' south of Crockett. The Traffic Safety Committee (TSC) reviewed this matter on March 4th; and after discussion with Staff and Police Chief Solis, approved the 4-way 'Stop' proposal at Austin/Palmview.

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

V. Discussion and Possible Action on an Ordinance to Amend Title 6 ‘Motor Vehicles and Traffic’, Chapter 4 ‘Traffic Schedules’, Section 6-4-2 ‘Stop Intersections’, to establish a new 4-way ‘Stop’ at Tower Road/Nebraska Road

Planning Director Sergio Zavala stated that On May 1, 2023 and January 10, 2024, Staff received requests from Mr. Castillo to consider establishing a 4-way stop at Becker/Martinez as it intersects with Tower Road. Pictures were received from Mr. Castillo reflecting many cars lined-up on Tower making it difficult & unsafe to get onto Tower; thus, E-W motorists would need to wait their turn for travel mercy to allow them entry to Tower's travel lanes. In review of the matter, Police Chief Solis suggested that a more viable alternative that will help both Becker/Martinez and Nebraska E-W cross traffic would be to consider establishing the 4-way 'Stop' at Tower/Nebraska instead. Staff noted that Becker/Martinez to the Expressway was a distance of 800'. The distance from Nebraska, a collector street, to the Expressway was 1600'. In the absence of a traffic signal light at Nebraska to help deflate the motorist line, a 4-way stop as requested, was considered to be a better idea since Nebraska was designed to have more traffic than, let's say, Becker which is a minor residential street. If the 4-way 'Stop' is at the Nebraska juncture, southbound traffic will stop 1600' from the Expressway; thus, giving E-W Becker/Martinez traffic just enough time to enter/exit onto Tower. NOTE: also, having the 4-way

at Tower/Nebraska may be preparatory for its signalization some years from now. The TSC discussed this with the Castillo family and all seemed to be in agreement that a 4-way 'Stop' at Tower/Nebraska would help make E-W cross traffic safer and should improve current traffic conditions.

Alamo Police Chief stated that installing a 4-way stop at Nebraska and Tower Rd, intersection will help alleviate the traffic.

Commissioner Pete Morales motioned to Approve, Mayor J.R. Garza seconded. Motioned carried.

W. Discussion and Possible Action to Amend Title 5 'Motor vehicles and Traffic', adding new Chapter 9 'Speed Bump Policy' to Alamo's Code of Ordinances

Planning Director Sergio Zavala stated that The Traffic Safety Committee {TSC} met on March 4th. At this initiatory meeting, Planning alerted them that there would be many occasions where they'd review citizen's requests for speed bumps due to their perception of speeding motorists in their neighborhoods. Thus, the TSC reviewed a draft speed bump policy to guide them in their efforts to fairly assess these traffic- calming measures. TSC unanimously approved the attached speed bump policy; several highlights include:

- 1 neighborhood representative for the speed bump request.
- signed petition reflecting min. 2/3 support from (street) neighbors.
- If denied, rep to be informed; no further request on same street for 1 year.
- Denial may induce appeal to City Commission; ok to hear w/in 30 days.
- If request approved, neighborhood to pay 50% of calculated costs first.
- Once cost share 50% is paid, Public Works will schedule its installation.
- Street types that are eligible and which are not
- Speed bump may be removed but requires 2/3 support to do so. No fee.
- Speed bumps only eligible on the public minor residential streets.

Commissioner Pete Morales asked what is the cost on the speed bumps

Planning Director Sergio Zavala answered that he asked Public Work Staff and they said that it runs between \$750 to \$1,000 including labor.

Commissioner Roel Leon Moreno stated that he was hesitant on the decision because he did not want to add more cost to the Alamo Citizens. He also asked if other neighboring cities had similar policies.

Planning Director Sergio Zavala stated that other cities do have similar policies. If there is no self-cause on this matter you will be expecting dozens of requests for speed bumps.

Commissioner Roel Leon Moreno Jr. asked if we are getting dozens of requests for speed bumps. And if so, how many?

City Manager Robert L. Salinas answered that this is a streamline process.

Mayor J.R. Garza motioned to Approve without the 50/50%, Commissioner Roel Leon Moreno Jr. seconded. Motion carried.

X. Presentation of Departmental Reports

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

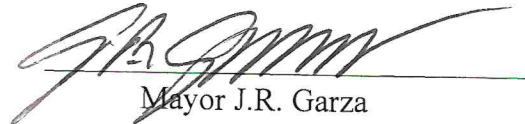
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: Five minutes per person with no response from the City Commission. Residents must sign up prior to the city meeting.

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

I. ADJOURNMENT

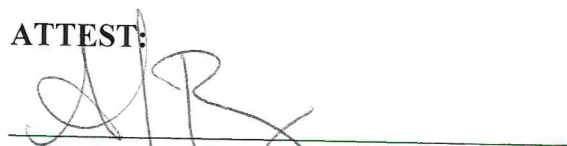
Citizens are encouraged to sign the attendance sheet.

There being no further business, Mayor J.R. Garza adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.



Mayor J.R. Garza

ATTEST:



Alexandra Rangel, Assistant City Manager