

The Board of Commissioners for the City of Alamo, Texas met for the Special Meeting held on Wednesday, November 6, 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 Morales, Commissioner
Roel Leon Moreno Jr, Commissioner
AJ Garcia, Commissioner

COMMISSION ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Robert L. Salinas, City Manager
Rick Palacios, City Attorney
Alex Oyoque, Museum Director
Julio Villarreal Jr. Public Works Director
Isauro Trevino, AEDC Consultant
Adela Perez, Purchasing Agent
Arturo Aguirre, Human Res. Director
Michael Torres, IT Director

Alexandra Rangel, Assistant City Manager
Sergio Zavala, Planning Director
Jessica Garcia, Library Supervisor
Jose Tamez, Library Director
Ana Garza, Executive Assistant
Saul Solis, Police Chief
Sandra Chavez, Parks & Rec. Director

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor J.R. Garza called the special meeting held on Wednesday November 6th, 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

- *Alamo Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Leticia Luna invited everyone to the Veteran's Memorial Park this upcoming Monday November 11th at 9 a.m., for a Veteran's Day Ceremony.*
- *Commissioner Pete Morales thanked Leticia Luna, the Alamo Chamber of Commerce and the City of Alamo Directors for their help and participation at the Trail of Terror at the Alamo Nature Park.*
- *Commissioner AJ Garcia thanked everyone who participated at the Alamo Trail of Terror event which was a huge success. He acknowledged City Manager Robert L. Salinas, and Assistant City Manager Alexandra Rangel for being scarers at the Trail of Terror as well as the other City of Alamo departments who participated.*
- *Mayor J.R. Garza congratulated our Library Supervisor Jessica Garcia for being selected as one of the 33 National Collaborators for the Collaborative Summer Library Program.*
- *Mayor J.R. Garza reminded everyone about the State of the City coming up Thursday November 14, 2024.*

II Consent Agenda

All consent agenda items are considered routine by the City Commission and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember requests an item be removed and considered separately. The City Commission May Take Various Actions; Included But Not Limited To Rescheduling An Item In Its Entirety For A Future Date Or Time. The City Commission May Elect To Go Into Executive Session Item At Any Time During The Meeting When Authorized By The Provision Of The Open Meetings Act.

1. *Consideration and Action to Approve the minutes for a Regular meeting on October 15th, 2024.*
2. *Consideration and Action to Approve the minutes for a special meeting on October 29th, 2024.*

3. *Request by MURPHY USA to have the Board of Commissioners authorize the City Manager's office to issue a Building Permit prior to Re-plat Recordation on property described as Lots 88A, 89A, & 90A, The Heights of Alamo Subdivision.*
4. *Discussion and Possible Action on an Ordinance to amend Title 9 'Building Regulations', Chapter 3 'Fences', Section 9-3-2 (A) to that its 10' high fence mandate for Junk Yards will not conflict with Title 3's Section 3-5-3 (B) maximum 8' high fence regulation.*
5. *Discussion and Possible Action on an Ordinance to amend the Zoning Regulations' Section 10-13-7 'Period of Conditional use and Renewal'; amending the renewal fee and other adjustments.*
6. *Discussion and Possible Action on an ordinance to amend provisions of Title 4 'Public Health and Safety', Chapter 5 'Noise Control, Section 4-5-4 (B) to Establish a Special Noise Permit application filing fee and permit fee.*
7. *Consideration and Action on a Resolution of the City of Alamo, Authorizing To Approve Temporary Street Closure On Portions Of FM 907 and Business 83 For The Tri-City Running Club 5k.*

As per Item # 4, Mayor Pro-Tem Okie Salinas recommend for the recycling centers to install higher fences and for the city to work on reducing the height of the piles at the recycling center.

Commissioner AJ Garcia motioned to approve items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, Commissioner Roel Leon Moreno Jr. seconded. Motioned carried.

III Regular Agenda

D. Presentation of Delinquent Tax Collection Report for the period of October 01, 2023 through September 30, 2024 presented by Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP (Jaime E. Gonzalez).

Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP Representative Jaime E. Gonzalez presented the Delinquent Tax Collection Report for the period of October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024. Our delinquent tax collection program for the City of Alamo continues to emphasize two basic promises: to work with individual taxpayers to collect taxes owed to the city and to only use the tool of litigation as a final option. We listen and continually adapt to your changing needs to ensure that we are providing the best possible service and deliver customized collection programs that yield the best possible results. The following information is an overview of our collection's efforts during this reporting period.

- *Mailing*
- *Contacts*
- *Litigation*
- *Top 25 Accounts*
- *Collections*

Our office is committed to making necessary adjustments to our collection procedures and methods to best advocate for the City of Alamo. We will continue to offer firm yet flexible payment options for taxpayers experiencing financial hardship.

E. Consideration and Action to approve an emergency purchase of Raw Water from La Feria and Brownsville Irrigation District.

City Manager Robert L. Salinas stated that the City of Alamo has purchased Raw Water from La Feria and Brownsville Irrigation District Irrigation District. We purchased approximately 734 acre-feet of water in order to ensure we have sufficient water until the end of the year. As the year progresses, we will see if there would need to be an additional purchase of water. The cost of the water is \$75/ac ft which would be a total of \$22,500 – La Feria
The cost of the water is \$80/ac ft which would be a total of \$34,720 – Brownsville
Staff's Recommendation: Approve the purchase of 734-acre feet. The amount is over the \$15,000 threshold. This item is now before you.

Mayor Pro-Tem Okie Salinas asked if he noticed a change from last year.

City Manager Robert L. Salinas answered that the City of Alamo typically purchases around 1,000 acre-feet of water. This year however, we needed to acquire more due to a water meter issue, which led to penalties.

Commissioner AJ Garcia motioned to approve, Commissioner Roel Leon Moreno Jr. seconded. Motioned carried

F. Consideration and Action to Approve an Ordinance Amending the FY 2024-2025 General Fund Budget for October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025.

City Manager Robert L. Salinas stated that both items F and G are similar ordinances that will be ratify due to changes of purchases that need to be made for example; the Welcome Sign Project, Remodeling for Fire Station # 1, etc.

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

G. Consideration and Action to Approve an Ordinance Amending the FY 2024-2025 Water and Sewer Fund Budget for October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025.

Commissioner Roel Leon Moreno Jr. motioned to approve, Commissioner AJ Garcia seconded. Motion carried.

H. Discussion and Possible Action to Appoint or Re-appoint a Member to the Planning & Zoning Commission due to an expiring membership term.

Planning Department Sergio Zavala stated that in the Code of Ordinances, Section 2-2-2: Membership and Terms, provision (A) mandates that a member of the Planning & Zoning Commission must be a resident of the City of Alamo. Provision (B) reflects the mandate that the P&Z members' term will be for three (3) years and "may be reappointed by a majority vote of the Board of Commissioners ... ". With the above foundation, please be advised that Mr. Eleazar Escobedo was appointed on December 5, 2023 to the P&Z Commission (to replace Roel Moreno who was elected to the City Commission). Mr. Escobedo's PZ membership is set to expire on December 5, 2024; his attendance record is perfect at 100%, i.e., 8 out of 8 meetings. Mr. Escobedo was called to see if he'd be receptive in serving another term, if reappointed. She replied that she'd like to be re-appointed to continue serving on P&Z. This matter is now before you.

Commissioner Roel Leon Moreno Jr. motioned to appoint Eleazar Escobedo, Mayor Pro-Tem Okie Salinas seconded. Motioned carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The City Commission will convene in Executive Session, in accordance with Texas Open Meetings Act, Vernon's Texas Statutes and Codes Annotated, Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapter D, Exceptions To Requirement That Meetings Be Open. The City Commission reserves the right to go into executive session on any

item listed in the Agenda Notice whether or not such item is posted as an Executive Session Item at any time during the meeting when authorized by the provisions of the Open Meetings Act. Subject to the foregoing reservation, the following are to items to be discussed in executive session:

Mayor J.R. Garza called to executive session at 6:25 p.m.

1. Pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.071 Consultations with Attorney:
 - a. Discussion regarding the possibility going into a rotation cycle for City Engineering.
 - b. Discussion regarding the Alamo Chamber of Commerce.

OPEN SESSION:

The City Commission will convene in Open Session to take necessary action, if any, in accordance with Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Open Meetings, Subchapter E, Procedures Relating to Closed Meeting, § 551.102, Requirement To Vote Or Take Final Action In Open Meeting.

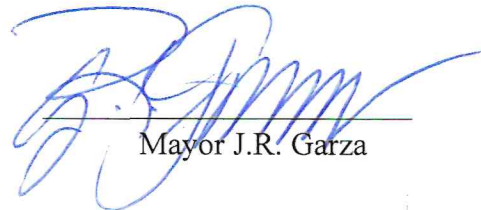
Mayor J.R. Garza open session at 7:14 p.m.

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

I. ADJOURNMENT

Citizens are encouraged to sign the attendance sheet.

There being no further business, Mayor J.R. Garza adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m.



Mayor J.R. Garza

ATTEST:



Alexandra Rangel, Assistant City Manager