

The Board of Commissioners for the City of Alamo, Texas met for the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, February 4th, 2025 at 6:00 p.m., at the City of Alamo Municipal Building.

COMMISSION PRESENT:

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

COMMISSION ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Robert L. Salinas, City Manager
Rick Palacios, City Attorney
RC Flores, Fire Chief
Alex Oyoque, Museum Director
Sandra Chavez, Parks & Rec Director
Isauro Trevino, AEDC Consultant
Adela Perez, Purchasing Agent
Michael Torres, IT Director
Nina Chavez, Creative Producer
Yvette Mendoza, Finance Director

Alexandra Rangel, Assistant City Manager
Ana Garza, City Secretary
Saul Solis, Police Chief
Jose Tamez, Library Director
Julio Villarreal Jr., Public Works Dir.
Arturo Aguirre, HR Director
Ronnie Cruz, City Engineer
Melissa Leal, Water Billing Supervisor
Jessica Garcia, Assistant Library Director
Sergio Zavala, Planning Director

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor J.R. Garza called the regular meeting held on Tuesday, February 4th, 2025 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.

Presentation and Announcements

- *Alamo Chamber of Commerce representative Gloria Espinoza presented the Miss Alamo 2025 Scholarship pageant "Alamo Kingdom" coming up Sunday, February 23, 2025 at 3 p.m. at the Roberto Gomez Jr. Performing Arts Center. Doors open at 2p.m., \$5.00 presale ticket from contestant or at the Alamo Chamber of Commerce.*
- *City Manager Robert L. Salinas stated that the City of Alamo is having a "Curbside Tire pickup" this upcoming Friday, February 7th, 2025. Residents must place used tires at the curb where they normally put the brush. No tractor tires will be accepted. 4 tires per account only.*
- *City Manager Robert L. Salinas also informed everyone that the City of Alamo will be close this upcoming February 17th, 2025 in observance of Presidents Day.*
- *Albert Rodriguez invited everyone to the Alamo Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament coming up Saturday, February 22nd, 2025 at 8 a.m. at the PSJA Short Shot Golf Course located at 304 N. Cesar Chavez Rd.*
- *Mayor Pro-Tem Roel Leon Moreno Jr. invited everyone to the City of Alamo Blood Drive on Thursday February 20, 2025 at the City Commission Room from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.*
- *Commissioner Pete Morales reminded everyone about the Utility Billing payment online and if anyone has any questions, call 956-787-0006 and ask for Utility Billing Department.*
- *Commissioner Okie Salinas congratulated Library Director Jose Tamez for the \$20,000 Grant Award to Sgt. Fernando de la Rosa Memorial Library.*
- *City Manager Robert L. Salinas stated that our Library Director, Jose Tamez, created a 501(C)3, that allowed us to go out and apply for this type of grant with Wal-Mart. Wal-Mart gave \$20,000 grant for an Adult Basic Computer Class.*
- *Library Director Jose Tamez stated that they are planning to start Basic Computer Classes on Saturdays. He finished by thanking Wal-Mart for the \$20,000 grant.*
- *Assistant Library Director Jessica Garcia stated that out of nearly 5,000 Wal-Mart stores across 5 divisions, our library was chosen as the one of the recipients of this prestigious award. The funding will help launch an Adult Basic Computer class, giving our community the digital skills they need to succeed.*
- *Commissioner Pete Morales congratulated our Library Director Jose Tamez for taking the Library Department to the next level and for all his hard work and dedication.*

- *Assistant Library Director Jessica Garcia invited everyone to the Happy World Read Aloud Day taking place at Sergeant Fernando de la Rosa Memorial Library at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 5 p.m.*
- *Mayor J.R. Garza stated that earlier we had the Grand Unveiling of the City of Alamo Commission Meeting Room. He thanked one of our local contractors Johnny the "Handyman" for his craftsmanship, his team and for all his hard work.*

PUBLIC COMMENT

- *No public comments*

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 special meeting on January 22, 2025.*
- 2. Consideration and Action to create and introduce "Racial Profiling" and "Use of Social Media" policies to the City of Alamo Police Department Policy and Procedures.*
- 3. Consideration and Action to Approve the purchase of a vehicle for the Alamo Police Department to be assigned to the Chief of Police.*
- 4. Consideration and Action to Approve a Resolution on a Temporary Street Closure on March 1st, 2025 for the Annual Texas Independence Day Parade.*
- 5. Consideration and Action to Approve a Resolution on a Temporary Street Closure on March 29th, 2025 for the 22nd Annual Cesar Chavez March.*
- 6. Consideration and Action to approve to surplus and authorize the donation of Firefighter Gear to Public Safety in Mexico.*
- 7. Consideration and Action on an emergency sanitary sewer repair on Crockett between Alamo Rd & 10th St.*
- 8. Consideration and Action on the replacement and modification of the 24" ultramag water meter.*
- 9. Consideration and Action to Award the Municipal Lease Proposal for the purchase of a Vactor Truck.*
- 10. Consideration and Action to purchase a Vactor Truck with a Single Engine Sewer Cleaner through the Texas Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) Cooperative Contract #221001 & 230802.*
- 11. Request by Novellini Ltd/Four pillar Dev., LLC to have the Board of Commissioners authorize the City Manager's Office to Issue 7 'Foundation Only' building permits on an Un-recorded Riverside Tower & 495 Subdivision Phase A.*

12. *Discussion and Possible Action on a Request for 1 new Street light at the northern cul-de-sac end of Greenwood Circle, Alamo, Texas; being 150' north of the 713 Greenwood Circle property.*
13. *Consideration and Action to Approve Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of Grant Application for the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office Criminal Justice Division, FY 2026 Criminal Justice Grant Program.*
14. *Consideration and Action to Approve Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of Grant Application for the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office Criminal Justice Division, FY 2026 Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant Programs.*
15. *Consideration and Action to Approve Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of Grant Application for the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office Criminal Justice Division, FY 2026 Crime Stoppers Assistance Fund Grant Program.*
16. *Consideration and Action to Approve Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of Grant Application for the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office Criminal Justice Division, FY 2026 General Victim Assistance Fund Grant Program.*
17. *Consideration and Action to Approve Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of Grant Application for the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office Homeland Security Grant Division, FY 2026 State Homeland Security Program – Regular Projects.*
18. *Consideration and Action to Approve Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of Grant Application for the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office Homeland Security Grant Division, FY 2026 Border Zone Fire (BZFD) Program.*
19. *Consideration and Action to Approve Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of Grant Application for the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office Homeland Security Grant Division, FY 2026 Local Border Security (LBSP) Program.*
20. *Consideration and Action to Approve Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of Grant Application for the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office Homeland Security Grant Division, FY 2026 Operation Lone Star (OLS) Program.*
21. *Consideration and Action to Approve Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of Grant Application for the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office Homeland Security Grant Program, FY 2024 Operation Stonegarden Grant Program (OPSG).*

Mayor Pro-Tem Roel Leon Moreno Jr. motioned to approve Consent Agenda Items 1-21; Commissioner Pete Morales seconded. Motion carried.

II. Regular Agenda

- D. *Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Resolution Authorizing the Collection of Fines and Fees in Accordance with Section 103.0031 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.*

City Manager Robert L. Salinas stated that this is a Resolution authorizing the collection of fines in accordance with Section 103.0031 in regards with Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP.

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

E. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Resolution of the City Commission's Written Findings and Approving the Contract with Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP for the Collection of Fines and Fees.

City Manager Robert L. Salinas stated that this is the approval of the contract of the above mentioned item.

Commissioner AJ Garcia motioned to approve,, Commissioner Pete Morales seconded. Motion carried.

F. Consideration and Action to award a bid for the City of Alamo Welcome Sign Project on IH2 and FM 907.

Assistant City Manager Alexandra Rangel stated that on February 20th, 2024 both monument agreements with TXDOT and designed was approved by the City Commiision. We advertised on October 30th & Nov 6th (no bids received) and again on November 20th & November 27th; we did not receive any bids the second time around. Both myself and Purchasing Agent Ms. Adela Perez reached out to Buy Board, TIPS, and HUB contractors. Two quotes as follow:

Noble	\$182,436.50
8/A Builders LLC	\$198,992.50

We are happy to announce, if passed, we will be the first city in the region with a fully custom LED face-lighted and halo-lighted wall signs on the expressway. Staff's Recommendation: Award Noble Construction

Commissioner Okie Salinas asked what would be the time frame for the project to be completed?

Asistant City Manager Alexandra Rangel answered that if weather permitting, 2 months.

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

G. Consideration and Action to Approve a Contractor for the Morningside South Water Improvements Project.

City Manager Robert L. Salinas stated that the Urban County Program held a bid opening for the City of Alamo's Morningside South Water Improvements Project.

There were a total of 8 bids submitted as follows:

1.	Jimmy Closner and Sons	\$1,385,280
2.	Saenz Brothers Construction	\$470,200
3.	CRC Development	\$532,320
4.	Saenz Utility Contractors	\$831,554
5.	Calidad Construction	\$519,594.40
6.	Pega JPS Utilities	\$644,762.50
7.	The 5125 Company	\$433,333
8.	Blue Dot Site & Utilities	\$689,887.50

Based on the bid amounts the lowest responsible bidder is "The 5125 Company". 5125 is the company that is currently working on the sewer installation for the subdivision. They know the area well and are very capable of handling the construction of these waterlines and fire hydrants.

Urban County Program allocated \$265,071 for this project, leaving a balance of \$168,262. The City of Alamo has some UCP funds in the amount of \$74,338.78 that can be moved to help pay off some of this amount, but it still leaves a remaining balance of \$93,923.22 left to be paid by the City. Recommendation: Staff recommends the selection of "The 5125 Company" and the approval to use City funds (Reserves, ARP A, etc.) in order to complete this much needed construction. This item is now before you.

Commissioner Pete Morales asked if this was an accurate quote?

City Manager Robert L. Salinas explained that project engineers are responsible for inspecting various utility lines and existing infrasture. However, if any issues arise, they must be addressed by management. He noted that while they assume and hope everything is in order, Public Works must review and approve the work. Minor issues such as faulty valve, are possible but we cannot be certain.

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

H. Consideration and Possible Action to award bid for Hot Mix Asphalt Paving Materials for street overlays.

Purchasing Agent Adela Perez stated that the city solicited sealed proposals for the purchase of 1800 Tons of Hot Mix Asphalt. The solicitation for services was advertised on January 8th & 15th with bid opening on January 23rd, 2025. 4 Bids were received and reviewed by staff with the specifications outlined in the bid documents:

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1	Synolo Materials, LLC	\$150,750.00
2	CAPA dba Upper Valley Materials	\$152,640.00
3	A&A Villa Construction	\$171,000.00
4	Tierra Firma Materials	\$177,750.00

Based on the evaluation, it is recommended that the contract be awarded to Synolo Materials, LLC for the bid amount of \$150,750.00. Staff's Recommendation: Approve award to Synolo Materials, LLC for \$150,750.00. This item is now before you.

Mayor Pro-Tem Roel Leon Moreno Jr. asked Public Works Director Julio Villarreal Jr., if we had worked with this company before and if the material is good.

Public Works Director Julio Villarreal Jr. responded yes.

Commissioner Okie Salinas asked if there was a plan on which streets were going to be paved.

Public Works Director Julio Villarreal responded Bowie Street and Acacia Street.

Commissioner Okie Salinas requested to make a list of the streets that need paving.

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

I. Consideration and Action to Approve a Contractor for the Museum Remodel.

Museum Director Alex Oyoque stated that he received 3 bids to finish phase II of the restoration for the Musuem. He recomends Lerma Construction to finsih the job because he was the lowest bidder and is offering to finish anything else that might need fixing.

Mayor Pro-Tem Roel Leon Moreno Jr. motioned to approve Lerma Construction, Commissioner

Pete Morales seconded. Motion 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 6:29 p.m.

1. Pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.071 Consultations with Attorney:
 - a. Discussion Regarding the City managers Evaluation.

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 6:54 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 6:55 p.m.



Mayor J.R. Garza

ATTEST:



Ana Garza, City Secretary