

The Board of Commissioners for the City of Alamo, Texas met for the Special Meeting held on Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 (via Zoom)  
Pete Morales, Commissioner (via Zoom)  
AJ Garcia, Commissioner

**COMMISSION ABSENT:**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

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

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

**I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

*Mayor J.R. Garza called the special meeting held on Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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***

- *Mayor J.R. Garza presented the “Healthier Texas Proclamation” City Government Proclamation.*

***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 regular meeting on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025.*
- 2. Consideration and Action on approval of An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances Title 1, Chapter 6 ‘City Officers and Employees’, Section 1-6-4 ‘Personnel Policy Guidelines’ Section 14 of said Policies for Social Media.*
- 3. Consideration and Action to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) between the Federal Bureau of Investigation (“FBI”) Rio Grande Valley Violent Crime Task Force and the Alamo Police Department.*
- 4. Consideration and Action to Approve a Resolution on a Temporary Street Closure on*

*Wednesday March 5<sup>th</sup>, from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. and on Thursday March 6, 2025 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the "Southern Roads to Freedom Walk". The event will begin on Cesar Chavez and FM 495 to FM 907 to Business 83*

5. ***Consideration and Action on a Resolution to Approve the Work Plan Budget for FY Thirty-Eight 38 (2025) for the Urban County Program.***
6. ***Consideration and Action to Authorize the Submittal of a Draft Contract for Phase II of the City of Alamo Water Treatment Plant Rehabilitation Project as per Texas Water Development Board Guidelines.***

*Mayor J.R. Garza motioned to Approve Consent Agenda Items 1-6, Mayor Pro-Tem Roel Leon Moreno Jr. seconded. Motion carried.*

### ***III. Regular Agenda***

- D. ***Consideration and Action regarding the contract with Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins, & Mott, LLP. on municipal court fees and fines***

*City Manager Robert L. Salinas stated that he needed direction in regards to the contract with Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins, & Mott, LLP.*

*Mayor Pro-Tem Roel Leon Moreno Jr. stated that he had some legal questions and would like to move this item to Executive Session.*

- E. ***Consideration and Action regarding the contract with Linebarger, Goggan, Blair, & Sampson, LLP Attorney at Law on collection services on delinquent tax.***

*City Manager Robert L. Salinas stated that during the previous City Commission meeting on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025, it was noted that a non-renewal notice had been sent to Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins, & Mott, LLP. This item is now before you again because a decision is needed on whether to proceed with the non-renewal or switch to a different company.*

*City Attorney Rick Palacios stated that the City Managers Office had sent a notice of non-renewal that is a provision within the contract, and he is in all his right to do so. This decision does not choose a firm, all it does is terminate the actual contract that had been in place for quite some time. In December 2024, Assistant City Manager Alexandra Rangel sent that notice to non-renewal as it was time to serve.*

*Mayor Jr. Garza motioned to ratify the Assistant City Manager, Alexandra Rangel actions on sending the non renewal letter to Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins, & Mott, LLP., Mayor Pro-Tem Roel Leon Moreno Jr. seconded. Motion carried.*

- F. ***Consideration and Action to make and approve the written findings pursuant to Section 2254.1036(b) of the Government Code regarding a contingent fee contract with Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins, & Mott, LLP.***

*City Manager Robert L. Salinas stated that in their packets they would find something similar to a resolution, it mentions that in an open meeting the City of Alamo considers the matters listed in section 2254.1036 (b) (1) of the Governement Code as it relates to a contingent fee contract with Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins, & Mott, LLP. Representatives form Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins, & Mott, LLP are present in any questions.*

*Commissioner AJ Garcia motioned to approve the written findings pursuant, Mayor Pro-Tem Roel Leon Moreno Jr. seconded. Motion carried.*

**G. Consideration and Action to approve a contingent fee contract with Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins, and Mott, LLP pursuant to Section 6.30 of the Tax Code, said contract being for the collection of delinquent government receivables owed to City of Alamo and notice of said contract was posted with the agenda in accordance with Section 2254 of the Government Code.**

City Manager Robert L. Salinas stated that this is part of the process in regards to Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins, and Mott LLP in contract with the City of Alamo for the delinquent government receivable owe to the City of Alamo.

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

**H. Discussion and Action Regarding demolition of Alaniz-Villagomez Renovation Park Project on declaring all removed park equipment as surplus property.**

AEDC Consultant Isauro Trevino stated following last week's groundbreaking, all playground equipment in Alaniz Villagomez Park must be removed and declared surplus, in case some items are not reused and need to be discarded. As city property, it is essential to formally declare them as surplus.

Mayor J.R. Garza asked if everything gets thrown away.

AEDC Consultant Isauro Trevino answered yes.

City Manager Robert L. Salinas noted that if any items are in good conditions, they can be re-used, sold or auction.

AEDC Consultant Isauro Trevino stated that after talking to Parks & Rec Director, Sandra Chavez, some equipment will be salvage and put in another city park.

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

**I. Presentation on update for Legislative Session 2025.**

AEDC Consultant Isauro Trevino presented the following;

- **Legislative Session:** January 14<sup>th</sup> – June 2<sup>nd</sup>
- **Preliminary Reports:** January 14<sup>th</sup> – (hand-delivered)
- **Alamo Resolution/Rider Request**
  1. Water Plant Renovations (\$2,000,000)
  2. Tower Road Lift Station Upgrades (\$2,000,000)
  3. Sewer Plant Loan/Grant Forgiveness (\$5,000,000)
  4. Alamo Sports Complex 2.0/Robert Balli Park (\$1,500,000)
  5. Police and Fire Vehicles/Equipment (\$500,000)
- **Alamo/AEDC Resolution/Rider Request: (TBD \$\$\$)**
  1. Business/Industrial Park (+/- 60 acres)
  2. Alamo CEED (Center of Education & Economic Development)
  3. Downtown Revitalization Project
  4. AEDC vision (New Commercial development/Abandon & Eye soar properties)  
“Creating Alamo/AEDC (ABC) Playbook”  
(ABC: Always Be Closing)
- **Pending**
  1. Final Legislative Session Report 2025 (February: hand-delivered)

2. *Follow-up meetings with Senator Adam Hinojosa & State Representative Mando Martinez on our rider request.*
3. *Alamo Day @ Capitol (Date: TBD)*

**J. *Presentation and update on Projects Management for FY 2024-2025.***

*AEDC Consultant Isauro Trevino presented the following:*

*Project Monthly Management Report*

*Ongoing:*

- *Water Plant Renovations*
- *Sewer Plant Completion*
- *Morningside South Sewer*
- *GLO Drainage Project*
- *Fire Station Renovations*
- *AEP LED Lights Upgrade*

*Pending*

- *CPF 2025 (Public Safety Building)*
- *TXDOT/Alamo Drainage Project*
- *VBLF Grant (\$500K-Alaniz Park)*
- *E-Grant 2024 (active 9 grants)*
- *Comprehensive Plan*
- *Five Year Plan*

*New*

- *Alaniz-Villagomez Park Renovation (TPWD)*
- *NFC Fitness Courts (Lions/Alaniz Parks)*
- *New Streets (TBD)*
- *E grants 2025*
  - *Phase I: Deadline Feb 13<sup>th</sup>*
  - *Phase II: Deadline March 13<sup>th</sup>*

*New Grant Opportunities*

- A. *Legislative Session 2025 (Austin)*  
*City of Alamo (5Riders) AEDC (4 projects)*  
*Preliminary Reports: Hand delivered on January 14<sup>th</sup>*  
*Final Reports: hand delivered on February 2025*  
*Session on June 2<sup>nd</sup>*
- B. *CPF 2026 (DC)*  
*City of Alamo (3 requests)*  
*AEDC: TBD*  
*Submitting CPF District 15<sup>th</sup> & 34<sup>th</sup>*  
*Deadline: District 15: March 10, 2025; District 34: March 2025 (Date TBD)*
- C. *TXDOT TA 2025*  
*Bicycle/Pedestrian Safe Routes*  
*80/20 Match Grant =100% Grant (Alamo)*  
*20% Match can be subsidized with Hardship Case*  
*Workshop on Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> (Pharr District)*
- D. *USDA Rural Broadband*  
*Alamo wifi 2025*  
*100% Grant*

**K. *Presentation of Departmental Reports***

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

**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. Item D-Regular Agenda- Consideration and Action regarding the contract with Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins, & Mott, LLP on municipal court fees and fines.

**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.*

1. *Item D-Regular Agenda- Consideration and Action regarding the contract with Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins, & Mott, LLP on municipal court fees and fines.*

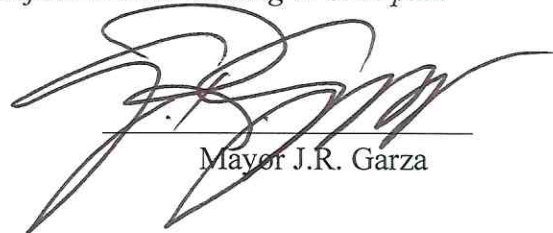
*Mayor Pro-Tem Roel Leon Moreno Jr.*

**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.*

  
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Mayor J.R. Garza

**ATTEST:**

  
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Ana Garza, City Secretary