

The Board of Commissioners for the City of Alamo, Texas met for the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, August 5th, 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	Alexandra Rangel, Assistant City Manager
Rick Palacios, City Attorney	Ana Garza, City Secretary
Sergio Zavala, Planning Director	Celia Garcia, Municipal Judge
Lya Yllades, Communication Director	Saul Solis, Police Chief
Efrain Vasquez, Fire Fighter	Ronnie Cruz, City Engineer
Nina Chavez, Creative Producer	Sandra Chavez, Parks & Rec Director
Isauro Trevino, AEDC Consultant	Ronnie Cruz, City Engineer
Alex Oyoque, Museum Director	Jose Tamez, Library Director
Julio Villarreal Jr., Public Works Director	Miguel Cavazos, Asst. Parks & Rec Director
Arturo Aguirre, HR Director	Adela Perez, Purchasing Agent
Michael Torres, IT Director	

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor J.R. Garza called the regular meeting held on Tuesday, August 5th, 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 Police Chief Saul Solis invited everyone to the National Night Out on August 12, 2025 at Downtown Central Park at 800 E. Main St, Alamo, TX 78516 starting at 7 p.m.*
- *Commissioner Pete Morales thanked City of Pharr, Precinct 1 and 2, the Alamo Chamber of Commerce as well as all the different agencies who participated at the Touch-A-Truck event this past Saturday.*
- *Mayor J.R Garza expressed his gratitude to Hidalgo County Judge Richard Cortez for his outstanding dedication and service to the residents, Hidalgo County and his continued support to the City of Alamo. He proceeded by reading a Proclamation dedicated to Hidalgo County Judge Richard Cortez for his ongoing commitment to the City of Alamo Museum and for being a champion of our city's historical preservation efforts.*
- *Hidalgo County Judge Richard Cortez expressed his heartfelt gratitude and stated that the City of Alamo holds a very special place in his heart. He also shared a personal connection to the city's history, mentioning that his grandfather was one of the individuals who lost their lives in the tragic historical train accident many years ago. Judge Richard Cortez gave a brief account of the event and its significance to the community.*
- *Commissioner Pete Morales thanked Hidalgo County Judge Richard Cortez for attending the memorial event honoring those who lost their lives in the tragic train accident. He acknowledged that while it was an unfortunate event, it has raised awareness about the importance of proper lighting at railroad crossings. He expressed appreciation for the judge's continued efforts and dedication in bringing attention to safety and for all the support he provides the community.*
- *Commissioner Okie Salinas thanked Hidalgo County Judge Richard Cortez for always answering the City of Alamo's calls – whether it was offering support during the COVID-19 pandemic or now assisting with the City of Alamo Museum. He thanked him sincerely for always being there for the community.*
- *Commissioner AJ Garcia thanked Hidalgo County Judge Richard Cortez and mentioned that he may be receiving a call later regarding plans to upgrade the memorial – so that it can better honor those who lost their lives and be more dignified and presentable tribute.*

- *Mayor Pro-Tem Roel Leon Moreno Jr. thanked Hidalgo County Judge Richard Cortez for his continued service, continued leadership and for impacting the community in a very positive way.*
- *Commissioner Pete Morales recognized two very special guests in the audience, County Court at Law No. 6 Judge Albert Garcia and the City of Alamo Municipal Judge Celia Garcia. He also thanked them for always giving back to the City of Alamo Community.*
- *Commissioner AJ Garcia introduced his parents, County Court at Law No. 6 Judge Albert Garcia and the City of Alamo Municipal Judge Celia Garcia. He thanked them for their support and for attending today's meeting.*
- *Commissioner Pete Morales congratulated the athletes for attending the State games and for bringing down several medals*
- *Parks and Rec Director Sandra Chavez and Assistant Parks and Rec Director Miguel Cavazos presented the following athletes;*
 - *2025 Swimming State Qualifiers*
 - *Coach Abigail Martinez and Coach Daniela Santos*
 - *Karol Balderas*
 - *Joaquin Garza*
 - *Adrianna Becerra*
 - *Alan De La Cruz*
 - *Ronaldo Alvarez*
 - *Mario Gonzalez*
 - *Erick Martinez*
 - *Victor Vasquez*
 - *Jorge Vasquez*
- *Coach Abigail Martinez stated a little bit about her swimming career and thanked all her students for all their hard work and dedication.*
- *Commissioner Pete Morales recognized Jennifer Garza for bringing attention to the need for a swimming team in the City of Alamo. thank to her initiative, the team was formed and is now excelling at the state competition, which is a great source of pride for our community.*
- *Commissioner Pete Morales thanked coaches Frank Zepeda and Lizeth Torres for their hard work and dedication. He presented the TAAF 2025 Tennis State Tournament Results;*
 - Boys 14 Singles*
 - 3rd place – Aaron Cortez*
 - Girls 14 Singles*
 - 1st place – Angelina Garcia*
 - Boys 16 Singles*
 - 1st place – Victor Martinez*
 - 2nd place – Erick Gonzalez*
 - 3rd place – Bryan Gaytan*
 - Girls 16 Singles*
 - 1st place – Eliza Cortez*
 - 2nd place – Alexa Cortez*
 - Boys 16 Doubles*
 - 1st place – Victor Martinez and Erick Gonzalez*
 - Girls 16 Doubles*
 - 1st place Eliza Cortez and Alexa Cortez*
 - 4th place – Daisy Garcia and Angelina Garcia*
 - Girls 18 Singles*
 - 1st place – Arantza Almaguer*
 - 4th place – Dasha Alamilla*
 - Consolation Bracket;*
 - Boys 14 Singles*
 - 2nd place – Gio Garcia*
 - Girls 14 Singles*
 - 2nd place – Xenia Torres*
 - Boys 16 Doubles*
 - 2nd place – Bryan Gaytan and Julio Huerta*
 - Boys 18 Singles*
 - 1st place – Oscar Rodriguez*
 - 3rd place – Julio Huerta*
 - 4th place – Oscar Anton*

Boys 18 Doubles

2nd place – Christian Munoz and Ulyses Quintanilla

Girls 18 Doubles

3rd place – Arantza Almaguer and Dasha Alamilla

- Mayor J.R. Garza shared that after spending time with the tennis team, he saw firsthand their dedication and skill. He never doubted they would bring medals back to the City of Alamo – and they did. He thanked each of them for their outstanding achievement.
- Coach Lizeth Torres stated that all the kids are very dedicated and hard workers. She also congratulated them for all their hard work and dedication.
- Commissioner Okie Salinas thanked all the athlete parents for their support.
- Commissioner Okie Salinas read the UTRGV Proclamation, proclaiming that the City of Alamo Commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV).
- UTRGV Associate Vice President for Governmental Relations Richard Sanchez thanked the City Commission for adopting a Proclamation Commemorating the 10th Anniversary of the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV).
- Commissioner AJ Garcia stated that he has known Richard P. Sanchez for over 15 years and can confidently attest that the partnership between UTRGV and the City of Alamo continues to grow stronger. He finished by thanking him for his attendance and looks forward into working with him and building that relationship.

- **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 June 15th , 2025.*
2. *Consideration and Action to Approve a Resolution on a Temporary Street Closure on August 12th, 2025 for the National Night Out.*
3. *Consideration and Action to Approve a Interlocal Agreement between the City of Alamo and Hidalgo County Head Start Program.*
4. *Site Plan Approval of a 3-structure Commercial Plaza; 'Proposed Alamo Commercial Square Sub.'; 5.545 Acres out of 47.881 Acres, out of Lots 2 & 7, Block 36, Alamo Land & Sugar Co's Subdivision; Commercial (C) Zoning; Developer is Taek Kim*
5. *Discussion and Possible Action on an Ordinance Amending Section 3-15-7 'Business Operator Responsibility' to specify that compliance is expected on paved off-street parking requirements, maintenance of said private parking improvements; that the business permit will include compliance to fire hydrant regulations, and may require sidewalk improvements, fence buffering, on-site detention, and compliance to any lingering plat note(s) that should be applied*
6. *Discussion and Possible Action on an Ordinance Amending Section 11-3-12 'Lots' to reconcile verbiage to reflect accurate declarations regarding lot sizing.*

Mayor Pro-Tem Roel Leon Moreno Jr. motioned to approve items 1 through 6 Commissioner Pete Morales seconded. Motion carried.

II. REGULAR AGENDA

D. Consideration and Action to Approve a Proclamation recognizing Judge Richard Cortez for his ongoing commitment to the City of Alamo Museum and for being a champion of our city's historical preservation efforts.

Proclamation was read under Presentation and Announcements.

E. Consideration and Action to Approve a Proclamation Commemorating the 10th Anniversary of the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV).

Proclamation was read under Presentations and Announcements.

F. Consideration and Action to approve the Alamo Municipal Court Amnesty Program, to run from August 6, 2025 through September 30, 2025.

Municipal Judge Celia Garcia stated that the Alamo Municipal Court will be having an Amnesty Program which will run in the month of August 6, 2025 – September 30, 2025. This Program will allow people with outstanding traffic warrants to come by the Municipal Court and pay their traffic citations without the fear of being arrested by the Alamo Police Department. However, motorists will still have to pay for the original citation fine. The Warrant fee of \$168.00 will be waived. She is hoping that people will take advantage of this program to pay their citations. The Municipal Court is located at 502 E. Duranta Alamo, Texas. Office hours are Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. thru 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. thru 5:00 p.m.

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

G. Consideration and Action to Approve a Javier Hinojosa Engineering Professional Services Contract.

City Manager Robert L. Salinas stated the item before you is the consideration and possible approval of a professional service contract with Javier Hinojosa Engineering for the Duranta Avenue Paving and Drainage Improvements project. Mr. Hinojosa has already begun the design phase and is currently working closely with City staff to ensure the project progresses smoothly and meets all required specifications. This contract will formalize the agreement and allow the City to proceed with the necessary engineering services to complete the project.

Engineer Javier Hinojosa stated that he wanted to present his services for the Duranta Ave paving and drainage improvements. They will be proving improvements to Duranta Avenue from Tower Rd. to Border Road that will include paving, drainage, water line improvements, and sanitary sewer improvements.

Mayor J.R. Garza asked how long will it take to complete this project.

Engineer Javier Hinojosa responded that the difficult part will be acquiring the write-a-ways. But hopefully he can get the people to donate their write a way if they provide better sewer and water services. He estimates about a 6 month period.

Commissioner AJ Garcia stated that for informational purposes, asked Mr. Javier Hinojosa to please tell the audience what he is trying to accomplish with this project.

Engineer Javier Hinojosa responded that Duranta Ave was basically an old county section road which means there's no curb and gutter. The project that he is proposing is to install the curb and gutter section, widen the rest of the street to 40 feet, rehabilitation and new striping. Improving infrastructure, drainage, water and sanitary sewer.

Commissioner Pete Morales asked for drawings and or plans when proposing a contract to know exactly what he is voting on.

Engineering Javier Hinojosa responded that he can provide a hard copy or send an electronic file to City Manager, Robert L. Salinas.

Commissioner Pete Morales stated that this project is for Tower Road to Border?

City Manager Robert L. Salinas stated that this project is Duranta Avenue widening from Tower Rd to Border Rd. It will be from a 2 lane to a 3 lane street improving water serves and sanitary sewer.

Further comments and concerns were addressed by City Commission.

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

H. Presentation from David De Los Rios regarding Watermelon Festival and Freedom Bash Festival.

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

I. TABLED-Consideration and Action to Approve the Success Fee for the TXDOT Drainage Project (Alamo Commercial District).

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

AEDC Consultant Isauro Trevino stated that he issued a packet to each of the council members for any additional questions.

Mayor Pro-Tem Roel Leon Moreno Jr. stated that he would take this item to Executive Session for some legal counsel.

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 6:57 p.m.

1. Pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.071 Consultations with Attorney:

- a. Item H on Regular Agenda – Presentation from David de los Rios regarding Watermelon Festival and Freedom Bash Festival
- b. Item I on Regular Agenda – Consideration and Action to Approve the Success Fee for the TXDOT Drainage Project (Alamo Commercial District).

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 8:13 p.m.

- c. Item H on Regular Agenda – Presentation from David de los Rios regarding Watermelon Festival and Freedom Bash Festival

No further comments or concerns in regards to this presentation.

- d. Item I on Regular Agenda – Consideration and Action to Approve the Success Fee

for the TXDOT Drainage Project (Alamo Commercial District).

Mayor J.R. Garza motioned to no action.

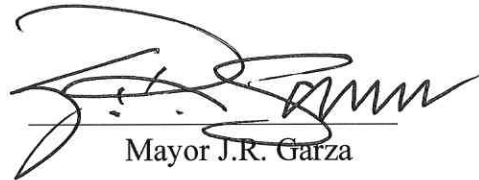
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: Five minutes per person with no response from the City Commission. Residents must sign up prior to the city meeting.

- *Pastor Dino Tuttle stated his concerns in regards to the Chicken Ordinance*

I. ADJOURNMENT

Citizens are encouraged to sign the attendance sheet.

There being no further business, Mayor J.R. Garza adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.


Mayor J.R. Garza

ATTEST:



Ana Garza, City Secretary

