

Board of Commissioners for the City of Alamo, Texas met for the Special Meeting held on Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 6:00 p.m., at the City of Alamo Municipal Building.

**COMMISSION PRESENT:**

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

**COMMISSION ABSENT:**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Robert L. Salinas, City Manager  
Alexandra Rangel, Asst. City Manager  
Saul Solis, Police Chief  
RC Flores, Fire Chief  
Sergio Zavala, Planning Director  
Adela Perez, Purchasing Agent  
Ronnie Cruz, City Engineer  
Michael Torres, IT Director  
Miguel Cavazos, Asst. Parks & Rec Dir.  
Ernesto Solis, Stormwater Specialist

Cris Palacios, City Attorney  
Ana Garza, City Secretary  
Ruth Chapa, HR Director  
Isauro Trevino, AEDC Consultant  
Jose Tamez, Library Director  
Alex Oyoque, Museum Director  
Lya Yllades, Communications Director  
Nina Chavez, Creative Producer  
Sid Vaca, Wastewater Plant Operator

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

*Mayor J.R. Garza called the special meeting held on Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026 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***

- *Assistant City Manager Alexandra Rangel invited everyone to the City of Alamo Blood Drive on February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at our Alamo City Hall located at 420 N. Tower Rd. Alamo, TX. 78516. \$15 dollar gift card for every successful donation.*
- *Assistant City Manager Alexandra Rangel invited everyone to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Walking Southern Roads to Freedom starting at the City of Alamo Central Park on February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 7 a.m.*
- *Assistant City Manager Alexandra Rangel announced that the City of Alamo is seeking volunteers for our Annual Watermelon Festival coming up on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Please contact Terri Sandoval for more information at 956-884-9693 or Sabrina Sandoval at 956-624-8621.*
- *Commissioner Pete Morales stated that the Alamo Chamber of Commerce will be having a Network Night at La Villa Event Center located at 835 E Expressway 83 Alamo TX 78516 on Thursday, February 26, 2026 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.*
- *Commissioner Pete Morales invited everyone to the Annual Texas Independence Parade: Alamode Theme on Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 starting at 11 a.m.*
- *Mayor Pro-Tem AJ Garcia congratulated the anonymous City of Alamo resident who won the lottery*
- *Miss Alamo Pageant Representative Gloria Espinosa thanked the City Commission, Residents and Community for all their support for this beautiful event. She also thanked all the sponsors for their support. She gave a brief explanation of the work that goes into this event. Ms. Kristina Espinosa introduced the 2026 Miss Alamo Royal Court.*
  - *Miss Alamo 2026 – Sophia Evelyn Hernandez*
  - *Alamo Princess 2026 – Jordan Monroe Farias*
  - *Alamo Duchess 2026 – Amber Lee Salinas*
  - *Alamo Ambassador 2026 – Syriana Cecilia Treviño*

- *Miss Alamo 2026 Sophia Evelyn Hernandez thanked the City Commission and the Community for their support.*
- *Mayor Pro Tem AJ Garcia invited the Royal Court to all the City of Alamo events. He congratulated all the participants. He finished by thanking the Espinosa family for all their help and support throughout the city events.*
- *Commissioner Okie Salinas congratulate all the participants who will be representing the city, the families for all the support they give to each participant and also all the participants who participated in this pageant.*
- *Commissioner Pete Morales thanked Alamo Ambassador 2026, Syriana Cecilia Treviño for representing the City of Alamo and for mentoring the Royal Court Participants. He finished by thanking all the participants for their hard work, dedication and woman power.*
- *Mayor J.R. Garza congratulated the Royal Court and stated that it was an amazing evening. He thanked the ladies, parents, Espinosa Family and everyone who participated.*
- *Commissioner Roel Leon Moreno Jr. thanked all the young ladies as well as the Espinosa Family for all their hard work and dedication.*

## **2. 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 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026.
2. Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes for Special Meeting on January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026.
3. Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes for a Regular Meeting on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026.
4. Consideration and Action to Approve a Resolution on a Temporary Street Closure on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026 for the Annual Texas Independence Day Parade.
5. Consideration and Action to Approve a Resolution on a Temporary Street Closure on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026 for the Farias Elementary 3-K Color Run.
6. Discussion and Possible Action to City-initiate Rezoning Process to the North one-half of the South one-half of Lot 3, Block 41, Alamo Land & Sugar Company's Subdivision Form R-2 Multifamily Residential District to R-1 Single-dwelling Residential District.
7. Consideration and Action to continue and update the "Interlocal Agreement 2026-2027" between the Rio Grande Valley Emergency Communication District 9-1-1 (known as "RGV 9-1-1") and Public Safety Answering Points ("PSAPS") for 9-1-1 Service with the Alamo Police Department.
8. Consideration and Action to Approve an Emergency manhole repair on Alamo Rd.

*Commissioner Roel Leon Moreno Jr. motioned to approve items 1 through 8, Mayor Pro-Tem AJ Garcia seconded. Motion carried.*

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

- D. Consideration and Possible Action on a Resolution of the City Council of the City of

Alamo, expressing its nomination for the Hidalgo County Appraisal District Board of Directors.

*City Manager Robert L. Salinas stated that the City received a letter from the Hidalgo County Appraisal District asking to nominate a candidate to fill the vacancy at the March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Board of Directors meeting.*

*Mayor J.R. Garza stated that they would like to place this item to Executive Session.*

**E. Consideration and Action to Approve backfill and compaction work for the Laguna Park Detention Pond Project.**

*City Manager Robert L. Salinas stated that the City of Alamo is continuing improvements to the Laguna Park Pond to enhance public safety, drainage, and overall usability of the area. As part of this effort, backfill and compaction work is required along multiple segments of the pond to stabilize the area and prepare for future improvements and maintenance. A cost proposal was received from Trimad Consulting Engineers for backfill and compaction services across four phases of the project: North, West, South, and East sections of the pond. The scope of work includes backfill and compaction, removal and replacement of rip rap, installation of headwalls, and safety end treatments, as applicable to each phase. This will provide a 3:1 slope along all edges of the pond that will allow for easier maintenance along the pond's edge. The proposed work and associated costs are summarized as follows:*

- **Phase 1 – North Side:** Backfill and compaction totaling **\$8,683.00***
- **Phase 2 – West Side:** Backfill and compaction, rip rap removal and installation totaling **\$55,364.00***
- **Phase 3 – South Side:** Backfill and compaction, headwall removal and installation totaling **\$49,354.00***
- **Phase 4 – East Side:** Backfill and compaction, rip rap installation, and safety end treatment totaling **\$36,599.00***

*The **total project cost** for all four phases is **\$150,000.00**.*

*If you will recall the City Commission, at their meeting held on 9-16-25 approved for the cleanup of the pond which included costs associated with de-watering of the pond, however no such de-watering was needed. These costs allow for a credit of **\$59,825.69**. Subtracting the costs for de-watering leaves a total of **\$90,174.31** for the needed backfill and compaction work. This cost does not include the actual dirt needed to fill in the edges to allow for a 3:1 slope. As of this write-up, staff has asked HCDD #1 to see if they could provide the necessary 58,000+ CY of fill dirt for this project. Staff Recommendation: Staff is seeking direction on whether to approve the additional work or leave the pond with an unfinished edge.*

*Mayor J.R. Garza stated that everything needs to be done right.*

*Commissioner Roel Leon Moreno Jr. stated that the work is not to be done in vain. When compacting the soil in a 3:1 slope along all the edges of the pond and a stabilizing material should be added like hydro mulch to help hold the soil in place. Although the soil will be compacted, additional treatment or material is necessary to prevent erosion or slope failure during rainfall.*

*Mayor J.R. Garza invited Rick Salazar and his team to the podium to answer a couple of questions. He asked if the extra material like hydro mulch is needed to hold the soil in place.*

*TRIMAD Engineer Rick Salazar responded that it can be done without hydro mulch but the hydro mulch will prevent erosion. He further explains what hydro mulch is and how it helps seal the soil.*

*Further comments and concerns were addressed by the City Commission.*

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

F. Consideration and Action to enter into a contract between the City of Alamo and Gerlach Builders for the Alamo Public Safety Building.

*City Manager Robert L. Salinas stated that the City of Alamo has been working toward the development and construction of the Alamo Public Safety Building to enhance public safety operations and better serve the community. Discussion: Gerlach Builders has been identified as the contractor for the construction of the Alamo Public Safety Building. The proposed contract has been reviewed and revised by both the City Attorney and Gerlach Builders' legal counsel to ensure compliance with all applicable legal and contractual requirements. Entering into this contract will allow the City to proceed with the construction phase of the project in accordance with approved plans, specifications, and budget parameters. Recommending: Staff recommends consideration and action to approve and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract between the City of Alamo and Gerlach Builders for the construction of the Alamo Public Safety Building. For the record the number that came in was \$9.7 million or so, the City will go into contract for \$9.7 but with the value engineering we will be able to call it out as a deduct and will be removing from the pricing.*

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

G. Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Festival Transportation Options.

*Mayor J.R. Garza stated that he would like to move this item to Executive Session.*

H. Discussion and Possible Action on Resolution #18-02-26 authorizing the submittal of a grant application for the Office of the Governor, FY 2025 Operation Stone Garden Program.

*AEDC Consultant Isauro Treviño stated that this is part of the protocol grant submittal. This will be the last grant that would be submitting this year by the March 12, 2026 deadline. Last year the Chief was awarded \$116,000.00 and this year we are applying for \$150,000.00. Which 140,000.00 will be for retirement and \$10,000.00 will be for vehicle maintenance.*

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

I. Consideration and Action to Approve a Job Order Contract with SKO-Elite, LLC for Fire Station No. 2 Renovations.

*City Manager Robert L. Salinas stated that the City of Alamo has identified needed interior and exterior renovations at Chief Rolando Espinoza Fire Station No. 2. The proposed project includes renovation of the existing space, specifically:*

- Ceiling replacement*
- Lighting upgrades (LED fixtures)*
- Flooring replacement*
- Interior and exterior painting*
- Bathroom renovations (including shower installation and plumbing improvements)*
- HVAC duct insulation and air grille upgrades*

*SKO Elite LLC is an awarded vendor through the TIPS cooperative purchasing program. The proposed estimate is calculated using RSMeans pricing (Year 2026, Quarter 1 – McAllen region) with a competitive bid coefficient of 0.9 applied to the base estimate. The total amount is \$88,997.98 No additional adjustments, permits, or bond costs were included in this proposal. Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of the contract with SKO Elite LLC for the Chief Rolando Espinoza Fire Station No. 2 Renovation project.*

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

J. Consideration and Action to select an Engineer for the Cesar Chavez Utilities Relocation Project.

*City Manager Robert L. Salinas stated that in accordance with the City's established Engineer Rotation Policy, staff is requesting authorization to select the next eligible firm in the rotation for professional engineering services related to the Cesar Chavez Utilities Relocation Project. This project will involve the relocation and coordination of existing utilities within the Cesar Chavez corridor to accommodate upcoming infrastructure improvements. The scope will include preliminary engineering, design development, preparation of construction documents, coordination with utility providers, and construction phase support as needed. Based on the current engineer rotation list, the next qualified firm eligible for assignment is Javier Hinojosa Engineering. Staff recommends proceeding with this firm to ensure compliance with the rotation policy and to maintain project timelines. Upon Commission approval, staff will negotiate a professional services agreement and return with a contract for formal consideration. Please let me know if additional information is needed.*

*Mayor Pro-Tem AJ Garcia motioned to approve, Commissioner Pete Morales seconded. Motion carried.*

*Commissioner Pete Morales asked for an update on the plans for Cesar Chavez Road.*

*City Manager Robert L. Salinas responded that what he is aware of is that they are hoping to start construction in June 2026 for Phase I. Phase I will begin from Ridge Road to Business 83. Once that phase is completed then they'll start Phase II but that one is further on but he can make arrangements to meet with the City Commission.*

*Commissioner Pete Morales stated that he would like to invite the City of San Juan Mayor and Commissioners to attend the meeting in efforts to repair the Cesar Chavez Road.*

K. Consideration and approval of Amendment No. 001 to the Professional Services Agreement with International Consulting Engineers (ICE) for Construction Phase Services and approval of Supplemental Services Agreement with EDCON, PLLC for BIM Modeling and 4D Model Programming Services for the City of Alamo Public Safety Building Project.

*City Manager Robert L. Salinas stated that On April 11, 2025, the City of Alamo entered into a Professional Services Agreement with International Consulting Engineers (ICE) for architectural and engineering services for the City of Alamo Public Safety Building. The original agreement excluded Construction Phase Services (Project Management). Amendment No. 001 provides for Construction Phase Services, including construction administration, quality control and assurance, contractor coordination, review of shop drawings, change order evaluations, field reports, payment certification, and closeout procedures. The amendment establishes compensation for Construction Phase Services in the amount of \$390,920, representing four percent (4%) of the current project construction cost of \$9,773,000, and an additional \$60,000 for Supplemental Services related to BIM Modeling and 4-D Model Programming. The BIM Modeling and 4-D Model Programming services will be performed by EDCON, PLLC, as detailed in their proposal dated January 12, 2026, for a total fee of \$60,000, including \$35,000 for BIM Modeling and \$25,000 for 4-D Model Programming. These services include:*

- *Development of coordinated architectural, structural, and MEP BIM models (LOD 200)*
- *Establishment of a Common Data Environment (CDE) through BIM 360*
- *4-D model integration with construction schedule for sequencing and visualization*
- *Virtual simulation of construction phases and critical path analysis*
- *Construction Phase Services (ICE): \$390,920*
- *BIM Modeling & 4-D Model Programming (EDCON): \$60,000*
- *Total Amendment Amount: \$450,920*

*Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of Amendment No. 001 with ICE for Construction Phase Services and approval of the Supplemental Services Agreement with EDCON, PLLC for BIM Modeling and 4-D Model Programming Services for the City of Alamo Public Safety Building Project.*

*Commissioner Pete Morales clarified that ICE stands for International Consultant Engineers.*

*Commissioner Okie Salinas asked if these numbers change, will the 4% change as well?*

*City Manager Robert L. Salinas confirmed that once they have the final number confirmed the 4 % will change as well.*

*Commissioner Okie Salinas asked if this contract will help alleviate issues like the ones at the Waste Water Treatment Plant?*

*City Manager Robert L. Salinas responded that they would basically be the ones to ensure that all the plans, and designs are followed to the "T". The contractor also has a project manager, so they will have a project manager for Gerlach and then the city side will also have Alex that will be running the administrative side. All of them will be working together and we hope to have a monthly and or bi-weekly meetings regarding the whole project to guarantee that issues don't happen.*

*Further comments and concerns were addressed by City Commission.*

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

- L. Consideration and Action to Select a Dirt Hauling Company for the Laguna Park Pond Project and Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Agreement in an Amount Not to Exceed \$200,000.

*City Manager Robert L. Salinas stated that the City of Alamo is currently making improvements to the Laguna Park Pond as part of its ongoing drainage and park infrastructure enhancements. In order to properly stabilize the pond and ensure long-term structural integrity and public safety, the pond edges must be graded to a 3:1 slope (three horizontal feet to one vertical foot). A 3:1 slope is the accepted engineering standard for earthen pond embankments and provides:*

- Improved slope stability*
- Reduced erosion risk*
- Safer conditions for maintenance and the public*
- Compliance with standard drainage and safety practices*

*To achieve this design requirement, additional fill dirt is necessary to properly shape and reinforce the pond embankment. The fill material will be provided by Hidalgo County Drainage District No. 1 (HCDD#1) at no cost to the city. The proposed expenditure is strictly for hauling and delivery of the material to the Laguna Park project site. Staff solicited pricing from qualified dirt hauling contractors and are awaiting submissions based on cost, availability, equipment capacity, and ability to meet project timelines. Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends that the City Commission authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with the lowest responsible bidder in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.*

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

- M. Presentations of Departmental reports

*No Comments 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:

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

- a. Regular Agenda Item D - Consideration and Possible Action on a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Alamo, expressing its nomination for the Hidalgo County Appraisal District Board of Directors.
- b. Regular Agenda Item G - Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Festival Transportation Options.

Mayor J.R. Garza convene to Executive Session at 6:50 p.m.

**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 reconvened the meeting at 7:10*

- c. Regular Agenda Item D - Consideration and Possible Action on a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Alamo, expressing its nomination for the Hidalgo County Appraisal District Board of Directors.

*Mayor Pro-Tem AJ Garcia motioned to nominate Arturo Guajardo Jr. for the Hidalgo OCunty Appraisal District Board of Directors, Commissioner Okie Salinas seconded. Motion carried.*

- d. Regular Agenda Item G - Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Festival Transportation Options.

*Commissioner Okie Salinas motioned to No Action, mayor Pro Tem AJ Garcia seconded. Motion carried.*

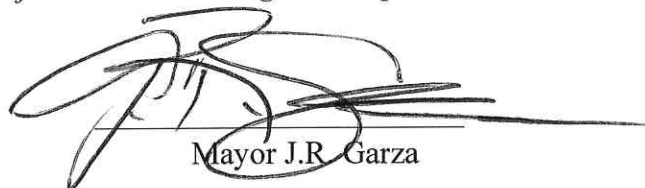
**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: Five minutes per person with no response from the City Commission. Residents must sign up prior to the city meeting.**

- *No Comments*

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

Citizens are encouraged to sign the attendance sheet.

*There being no further business, Mayor J.R. Garza adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.*



Mayor J.R. Garza

**ATTEST:**



Ana Garza, City Secretary

