

Board of Commissioners for the City of Alamo, Texas met for the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, April 21st, 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:

Alexandra Rangel, Asst. City Manager
Ana Garza, City Secretary
RC Flores, Fire Chief
Ronnie Cruz, City Engineer
Jose Tamez, Library Director
Adela Perez, Purchasing Agent
Michael Torres, IT Director
Sandra Chavez, Parks & Rec Dir.
Nina Chavez, Communications Dir.

Rick Palacios, City Attorney
Saul Solis, Police Chief
Isauro Trevino, AEDC Consultant
Sergio Zavala, Planning Director
Jessica Garcia, Asst. Library Dir
Alex Oyoque, Museum Director
Julio Villarreal Jr. Public Works Dir.
Antonio Carrillo Asst. Public Works Dir.
Frida Retana, Communications Associate

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor J.R. Garza called the regular meeting held on Tuesday, April 7th, 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 Watermelon Festival on May 9th, 2026 at the Alamo Sports Complex.*
- *Commissioner Pete Morales invited the public to help us name our mascot. The public will have to scan the code or click on the link provided in the Facebook post to participate. The names provided are;*
 - *Sergio sandia*
 - *Willy – watermelon*
 - *Sandito*
 - *Melito*
 - *Mr. Sandia*
 - *Señor Sandia*
 - *Amigo Sandia*
 - *Water Melone*
 - *Walamo*
- *Commissioner Pete Morales thanked the City of Alamo employees for all their hard work and dedication.*
- *Commissioner Roel Leon Moreno Jr. gave a warm welcome to the new Communications Director Nina Chavez.*
- *Mayor J.R. Garcia introduced our new Communications Director Nina Chavez and read the following;*

Nina is an award-winning filmmaker and communications visionary. She holds a Master of Arts in Screenwriting from the London Film School, a postgraduate specialization in Filmmaking from Prague Film School, and graduated Summa Cum Laude from The University of Texas–Pan American. With more than 13 years of experience in visual storytelling, creative leadership, and municipal communications experience, she has led

multimedia initiatives that strengthen public trust and enhance government transparency. Her work as Creative Producer with the City of Alamo has helped transform the way residents engage with the city's digital platforms. Now as the new Communications Director for the City of Alamo, she leads with purpose, continuing to shape the city's voice through meaningful community engagement and innovative media. Nina's experience spans multiple commercial projects, short films, and feature-length productions across Mexico, Czechia, England, and the United States. She has contributed to major productions, including Netflix's series Narcos and Monarca. She brings a strong communications approach to her new role as Communications Director.

- *Communications Director Nina Chavez thanked the City Commission for the opportunity. She stated that she is grateful and cares about the department but specially about the city. She is proud of all the work that has been done as a team and she will continue that momentum. She finished by thanking Frida Retana for all her hard work and dedication to the Communications Department.*
- *Mayor J.R. Garza introduced Communications Associate, Desiree Villanueva and read the following;*
Desiree Villanueva graduated Cum Laude from the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley with a Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communication. During her undergraduate studies, she worked in the university's Student Media Department as a news anchor for KVAQ-TV and sports reporter for KVAQ Sports, where she developed a strong foundation in broadcast journalism, multimedia storytelling, digital content creation, and on-camera reporting. She is currently pursuing her Master's degree in Communication, further advancing her expertise in strategic communication and media. Desiree currently serves as Communications Associate for the City of Alamo, where she combines her passion for storytelling with her commitment to community service. In her role, she helps elevate the city's voice through strategic communications, digital media, and event coverage that captures the spirit of the community. Passionate about public engagement, Desiree takes pride in being a visible and approachable representative of the city bringing energy, authenticity, and creativity to every project she leads. Through her work, she strives to serve as a dynamic face of the City of Alamo, showcasing the people, events, and stories that reflect the heart of the community while strengthening the connection between residents and their city
- *Communications Associate Desiree Villanueva thanked the City Commission for the opportunity and stated that she will represent the city on the best way possible.*
- *Mayor J.R. Garza thanked Communications Associate Frida Retana for everything she does.*
- *Communications Associate Frida Retana thanked the City Commission for all their support. She finished by stating that it is very easy to do their job when having great leaders to help out.*
- *Commissioner Pete Morales*

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 a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Alamo and Vanguard Academy Charter School.
2. Consideration and Action to continue and update the "Law Enforcement Support Office

(LESO)” Application for Participation / Authorized Screeners Letter between the Defense Logistics Agency Disposition Services and the Alamo Police Department.

3. Consideration and Action to approve an update on Employee Policy Handbook in the areas of workplace safety, attendance expectations and introductory (probationary) employment periods.
4. Discussion and Possible Action on an Ordinance to Amend Title 9 ‘Building Regulations’, Chapter 6 ‘Landscape Regulations’, Section 9-6-3 (A) ‘Residential Use Landscaping’ to mandate sod/grass as a part of permit process for single-dwelling residences.

Commissioner Pete Morales motioned to approve items 1 through 4, Mayor Pro-Tem AJ Garcia seconded. Motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA

- D. Presentation of a \$25,000 equipment grant check from the Alamo Economic Development Corporation to the Sergeant Fernando de la Rosa Memorial Library.

AEDC Consultant Isauro Treviño stated that on the AEDC March 2026 meeting, Library Director Joe Tamez, as well as Assistant Library Director, Jessica Garcia presented a \$25,000 grant request. The grant was approved on April 8th, 2026. Check has been signed and he finished by congratulating the Sergeant Fernando de la Rosa Memorial Library directors and employees for all their hard work and dedication.

For the record AEDC Consultant Isauro Trevino stated that for the past three years the

- E. Consideration and Action to Approve Purchase of Real Estate Property (1143 S. Tower Road) legally described as follows: (Alamo Land & Sugar Co N 130’-S 260’-E 200’ of Lot 2 BLK 29.60 AC GR 0.41 AC NET) for the relocation of the New Lift Station.
- F. Consideration and Action to authorize the City Manager to submit a grant application for FY-26 Safe Streets 4 All (SS4A) Planning and Demonstration Grant with a local match not to exceed \$60,000.
- G. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve entering into a three-year rent-to-own contact with LFC Exhibits, Inc for the provision and installation of Christmas decorations.
- H. Consideration and Action to Appoint or Re-appoint a member for the Parks & Recreation Board.
- I. Consideration and Action to Approve Contract Amendment No. 1 with Le Fevre Engineering, PLLC for the Lift Station No. 1 Relocation Project.
- J. Consideration and Action to Approve a contract with Cruz – Hogan Consultants, Inc for the Disaster Recovery Reallocation Program Allocated Through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
- K. Consideration and Action to approve a site certificate for City of Alamo Lift Station No. 1 relocation.
- L. Consideration and Action to approve a contract to Select Grant Works for Grant Program Administration Services for the Disaster Recovery Reallocation Program Allocated Through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
- M. Consideration and Action to purchase park bleachers for the Alaniz-Villagomez Baseball Field.
- N. Consideration and Action to Approve increases to park rental fees.
- O. Presentation of Departmental Reports.

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. Discussion Regarding Legal Issues Pertaining to Personnel Matters Concerning the City's Organizational Chart.
 - I. Discussion regarding the creation of the position of Assistant Chief of Police.
 - II. Discussion regarding the creation of the position of Assistant Fire Chief.
 - III. Discussion regarding the creation of the position of Public Utilities Director.
 - IV. Discussion Regarding Public Works Department organization chart.
 - V. Discussion Regarding Utilities Department organization chart.

Mayor J.R. Garza convene to Executive Session at 6:26 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 8:16 p.m.

- P. Discussion and possible action regarding the creation and approval of the position of Assistant Chief of Police.
- Q. Discussion and possible action regarding the creation and approval of the position of Assistant Fire Chief.
- R. Discussion and possible action regarding the creation and approval of the position of Public Utilities Director.
- S. Discussion and Possible action to approve Public Works organization chart.
- T. Discussion and Possible action to approve Utilities organization chart.

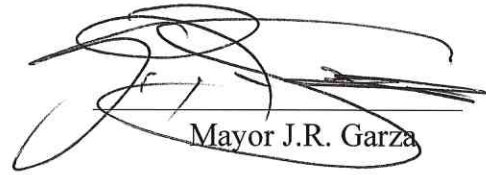
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: Five minutes per person with no response from the City Commission. Residents must sign up prior to the city meeting.

- *No citizen participation.*

I. ADJOURNMENT

Citizens are encouraged to sign the attendance sheet.

There being no further business, Mayor J.R. Garza adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.



Mayor J.R. Garza

ATTEST:



Ana Garza, City Secretary

