

**City of Alton City Commission
Regular Meeting 7:30 pm
April 12, 2016 Minutes**



Members Present

Mayor Salvador Vela
Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr
Commissioner Ricardo Garza
Commissioner Richard Arevalo
Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr

City Staff Present

Jorge Arcaute
Baudelia Rojas
Jeff Underwood
Rudy Garza
Rosie Tello
Steve Pena
Janie Gaytan

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE A QUORUM IS PRESENT:

With a quorum of the Alton City Commission present, Mayor Salvador Vela called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

III CONSENT AGENDA:

Approve the minutes of the City Commission meeting of March 8, 2016.

Discuss and consider granting a conditional use permit to Maria Aguilar for an accessory structure at 1219 S Los Ebanos Blvd., legally described as 1.24 acres out of Lot 37-2, West Addition to Sharyland.

Motion to approve the minutes as presented was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr. Motion carried 4-0.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consider and approve the final reading of Ordinance 2016-05 amending existing sign ordinances and adopting new sign regulations.

Jeff Underwood, Assistant City Manager stated the ordinance allows for slightly larger signs in commercial areas. The new ordinance incorporates the requirements for political signs and digital signs that were included in previous ordinances. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 4-0.

- 2. Adoption of Resolution 2016-07 designating Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization Members.**
Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated the MPO designees needed to be updated. Salvador Vela as primary, Ricardo Garza as secondary and Jeff Underwood as a proxy. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved Commissioner Ricardo Garza by and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr. Motion carried 4-0.
- 3. Adoption of Resolution 2016-08 designating a voting member and an alternate member to represent the City of Alton on the Urban County Advisory Council.**
Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated the designees for the Urban County Advisory Council needed to be updated. As primary member, Salvador Vela and secondary, Jorge Arcaute. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 4-0.
- 4. Adoption of Resolution 2016-09 establishing rules and regulations regarding the use of excessive force during nonviolent civil rights demonstrations, including physically barring entrance to a facility or location which is the subject of such demonstrations, and providing penalties for violations thereof.**
Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated the resolution was an annual update. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza by and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr. Motion carried 4-0.
- 5. Adoption of Proclamation 2016-02 proclaiming April 2016 as Fair Housing month.**
Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 4-0.
- 6. Adoption of Proclamation 2016-03 proclaiming March 28-April 1, 2016 as CDBG Week.**
Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 4-0.
- 7. Adoption of Proclamation 2016-04 proclaiming April 22, 2016 as Earth Day.**
Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 4-0.

8. Consider and approve renewal of Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Hidalgo County and the City of Alton, Texas to assist in projects with equipment, materials and manpower.

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated agreement is up for renewal. Agreement is to assist in projects with equipment, materials and manpower. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 4-0.

9. Adoption of Ordinance 2016-06, appointing seven members to the Board of Adjustments and Appeals, waiving second and third reading.

Jeff Underwood, Assistant City Manager stated ordinance is establishing a Board of Adjustment and Appeals. Staff will look into dilapidated structures and bring their recommendations to the board. Ordinance appoints seven members to the Board. Board Members: Raul Rodriguez, Miguel Barbosa, Frank Garcia, Julian Carranza, Ernie Treviño, Elizabeth Placeres (alternate) and Carlos Peres (alternate). Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 4-0.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to Government Code Section 551.071 & 551.072

VI. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:

VII. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Jorge Arcaute stated that Samm Mercado was promoted to Director of Recreation. He also stated that the City of Alton commercial has been airing. The video of commercial and also of the employee customer service training held April 9th were presented.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 pm was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 4-0.

CITY OF ALTON



Salvador Vela, Mayor

ATTEST:



Baudelia Rojas TRMC, CPM
City Secretary

