

**City of Alton City Commission  
Regular Meeting 7:30 pm  
March 26, 2013 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  
Steve Peña  
Rudy Garza  
Javier Garcia  
Enrique Sotelo  
Noe Garza  
JJ Salinas  
Ricardo Gonzalez

**Others Present**

Gus Martinez, Teachers of the Year, Cornelio Gonzalez, James Olivarez, Armando O'Caña, Oscar Martinez, Craig Verley, Mario Solis, Patty O'Caña-Olivarez, Judge Dist Court 92 Ricardo Rodriguez.

**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 7:42 pm.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**III. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Approve the minutes of the City Commission meeting of March 12, 2013.**

**Approve conditional use request for a Drive-thru business called El Rancho Drive Thru #2 located at 1921 West Main Avenue.**

**Approve rezoning of 5.78 acres out of an 8.50 acre tract of land from Agricultural District (AG) to a Multi-family District (MF).**

Motion to approve was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and second by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 5-0.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Adopt Proclamation 2013-02 proclaiming April 22, 2013 as Earth Day.**

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated Earth Day has been celebrated for many years. This year it is April 22. The City supports many green efforts. There will be a rain harvesting project at the ball park. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 5-0.

**2. Adopt Proclamation 2013-03, proclaiming April 1<sup>st</sup> through April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013 as Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Week.**

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated Urban County urges us to pass this resolution every year. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and second by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.

**3. Adopt Proclamation 2013-04, proclaiming April 2013 as Fair Housing Month.**

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated Urban County requests this proclamation as well. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and second by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr. Motion carried 5-0.

**4. Approve Budget and Program Amendment for Urban County Funding.**

Steve Peña, Assistant City Manager stated a budget and program amendment is being requested from the Urban County Program to allow the utilization of surplus funding from the Street Improvements line item and the Section 108 Repayment line item. Funding is to be used for Fire Station/Equipment and for a Sewer capacity buy in with McAllen Public Utilities Board. Surplus funding is coming from Years 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012. Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated the allotment for FY 2013 was lowered \$18,000. Commission had already adopted a budget so Urban County requested to remove the \$18,000 from the Section 108 line item. We want to include this today to be in compliance. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.

**5. Adopt Ordinance 2013-05 appointing 6 members to the previously established Board of Directors for Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number One, City of Alton Redevelopment Project, waiving second and third reading.**

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated the board members are members of the City Commission and Hidalgo County Precinct 3. Staff recommends reappointment. Motion to approve was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and second by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 5-0.

**6. Recognition of Alton area Teachers of the Year.**

Presentation of certificates.

Karina Ventura – Alton Elementary School

Aissa Chapa – Cantu Elementary School

Lars Tamen – Cavazos Elementary School  
Jaclyn Y Buitron – Salinas Elementary School  
Leticia de los Reyes – Waitz Elementary  
Rosbel Peña – Alton Memorial Jr High School  
Rebecca Franco – Jesse Jensen Elementary School

Not present: Ana Parra – R Cantu Jr High School

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

None

**VI. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

**VII. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT:**

Continued progress with sewer project with Texas Water Development Board. Received notice to proceed for the Fire Station. Street Improvements expecting asphalt laying in Tri City in the next few days.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 pm was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and second by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 5-0.

CITY OF ALTON

  
Salvador Vela, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Baudelia Rojas, CPM  
City Secretary

