

**City of Alton City Commission  
Regular Meeting 6:30 pm  
April 14, 2015 Minutes**

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**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  
Ricardo Gonzalez  
Rosie Tello  
Enrique Sotelo  
Janie Gaytan  
Rudy Garza  
Javier Garcia

**Others Present**

Melba Schaus  
Homer Bazan  
Chelsea Castro

**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 7:30 pm.

**II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. FLAG**

Mayor Salvador Vela led the group in prayer. Commissioner Ricardo Garza led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

At 7:31 pm, Mayor Salvador Vela moved to the City Managers report.

**III. PUBLIC HEARING**

- 1. Public hearing to solicit input from interested parties on the city's proposed budget and Program Amendment to its Urban County Program Years 25, 26 & 27 (2012, 2013, & 2014).**

Mayor Salvador Vela opened the public hearing at 7:47 pm. Jeff Underwood, Asst City Manager stated the public hearing was required in order for the City to reprogram funds from other line items in previous Urban County years to a street improvements line item. The proposal is to move unexpended funds from the fire station/equipment

section and Section 108 repayment line items to a street improvements line item, which will allow the City to repave Delaware and Colorado Streets in the Old Townsite. There were no public comments during the public hearing. Public hearing closed at 7:52 pm.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**V. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Approve the minutes of the City Commission meeting of March 24, 2015.**

Motion to approve the minutes was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Consider and approve a budget and program amendment to the City of Alton's Urban County budget for Years 25, 26, & 27 (2012, 2013 & 2014).**

Jeff Underwood, Asst. City Manager stated staff is seeking authorization to reprogram \$149,140.49 from fire station/equipment and section 108 repayment line items to a street improvements line item in order to repave Colorado and Delaware Streets from main Avenue to Carter Street. The funds will be used for construction only. 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.

**2. Consider and approve the second reading of Ordinance 2015-05, an ordinance regulating mobile food vendors, waiving third reading.**

Jeff Underwood, Asst. City Manager stated that staff has received numerous inquiries regarding the possibility of operating mobile food vending establishments within the City. Staff is proposing this ordinance to place strict regulations on all mobile food vendors, specifically pushcart vendors. There have not been any changes made since the first reading of the Ordinance. This also contains provisions for the flea markets. 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.

**3. Approval 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 for Palm Lake Estates project. The work is already underway. The agreement has the capability for renewal each year. 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.

**4. Approval of the 2015 Public Investment Policy.**

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated there were no changes to the investment policy. 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.

5. **Adopt Resolution 2015-10 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 resolution is presented annually. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and second by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.

6. **Adopt Proclamation 2015-03 proclaiming April 2015 as Fair Housing Month.**

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated proclamation is routine and presented annually. 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.

7. **Adopt Proclamation 2015-04 proclaiming April 6-11, 2015 as CDBG Week.**

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated proclamation is presented annually. 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.

8. **Discussion and action on tax resale bid received on tax resale property described as Account No. W0100-00-037-0010-06; that portion of canal right of way in Lot 37-10, West Addition to Sharyland Subdivision, as per map thereof recorded in Volume 1, Page 56, Hidalgo County.**

Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.

9. **Adopt Resolution 2015-11, a resolution on tax resale property.**

Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.

10. **Discussion and possible action on approving the re-nomination of CADC Board of Directors for an additional two year term.**

Steve Peña, CEO CADC recommended the re-nomination of CADC Board of Directors Ricardo Garza, Arturo Galvan and Calixto Hernandez for an additional two year term. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 5-0.

**11. Discussion and consideration to approve an Interlocal Agreement with Texas A&M University-Kingsville for participation in the Stormwater Compliance Regional Task Force.**

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated that the interlocal was a renewal that assists the City in ensuring compliance with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Phase II Stormwater Rules. 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.

**12. Consider and approve the selection of Bond Counsel for the USDA Sanitary Sewer Yard line Project.**

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated that as a requirement for securing loans from USDA for the installation of the sewer yard line, the City must retain the services of bond counsel. Recommends bond counsel of Muñoz & Frankel. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 5-0.

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

- a) Pending and/or potential litigation: Alton Fire Station Project

Motion to enter into executive session at 7:57 pm was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.

**VIII. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:**

- a) Pending and or potential litigation: Alton Fire Station

Motion to enter into open session at 8:09 pm was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.

Ricardo Gonzalez, City Attorney stated to proceed as requested in executive session. Motion to approve was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and seconded by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 5-0.

**IX. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Homer Bazan, TxDOT Pharr District headquarters provided a report on FM 676 (Mile 5 Project) to the City Commission. Project would start late fiscal year 2016 or beginning of 2017.

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated Fire Department received a \$4,000 grant for another training which they will be hosting in Alton. Chief Garcia is looking into providing a basic fire fighting academy. A budget amendment would be brought up the first meeting in May. Tuition should cover all costs.

Currently waiting on report of the project manager for the plumbing connections.

Pond is at street level with the fill. Mr. Underwood is contacting professional landscaping company for this project where funding has already been set aside. Drainage district has already completed the benching.

**X. ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 pm was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and second by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 5-0.

**CITY OF ALTON**

  
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**Salvador Vela, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

  
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**Baudelia Rojas, TRMC/CPM**  
**City Secretary**

