

**City of Alton City Commission
Regular Meeting 7:30 pm
September 12, 2017 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
Samm Mercado
Steve Pena
Rudy Garza
Rosie Tello
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 7:43 pm.

II. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Solicit input from the public the Proposed Budget FY 2017-2018.

Mayor Salvador Vela opened the public hearing at 7:43 pm. Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated the City is required to hold a public hearing for proposed budget in order to solicit input from the public. No comment received from the public. Mayor Salvador Vela closed the public hearing at 7:45 pm.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

IV. CONSENT AGENDA:

Approve the minutes of the City Commission meeting of September 12, 2017.

Discuss and consider approving the second reading of Ordinance 2017-08, adopting a new official zoning map and repealing previous zoning maps.

Discuss and consider approving the second reading of Ordinance 2017-09, adopting the City of Alton Unified Development Code, repealing any conflicting ordinances.

Motion to approve was moved Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 5-0.

V. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Consider and approve request by Hidalgo County Elections Department to utilize a City facility for the Constitutional Amendment as an Early Voting and Election Day County-Wide location.**

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated Hidalgo County Elections department has requested use of city facility for upcoming Constitutional Amendment. 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. **Discuss and consider approving Ordinance 2017-11, calling for the abatement of health, safety and sanitation hazards; repealing conflicting ordinances; waiving second and third reading.**

Jeff Underwood, Assistant City Manager stated that in an effort to update the Weedy Lot Ordinance and bring into compliance with State law, staff is recommending adoption of ordinance presented. This is an amendment to Ordinance 79-11. 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. **Consider and approve the selection of Geo-Technical Engineering Firms for public and private projects within the City.**

Jeff Underwood, Assistant City Manager stated staff received 2 submittals of qualifications for Geo-Tech firms and ranked the submittals on 5 criteria. The ranking were Raba Kistner – 86 and Terracon – 83. Staff recommends negotiating contracts with both firms and utilizing them on a rotating basis. Both firms have been providing testing for the city for the previous 3 years. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 5-0.

4. **Consider and approve the second budget amendment of the City of Alton General Fund for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.**

Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 5-0.

5. **Discuss and consider the approval of the City of Alton Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018.**

No action.

6. **Adoption of Resolution 2017-22, a resolution in opposition of building border infrastructure, including walls, levees or fences along the U.S. - Mexico Border.**

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated other cities have already approved a similar resolution. The City is presenting a resolution similar to the City of Mission's. 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

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

VII. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:

VIII. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT:

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated Lions Club Car show will be held October 28th along with Haunted House. Alton Police Department had a hurricane relief effort and delivered items to Houston. The Empowerment Zone will be having a remembrance day on September 15th at the Recreation Center. A grand opening for Bella Vista apartments will be held September 14th at 10 am.

Samm Mercado, Recreation Director briefed the Commission on summer camp. He presented awards to the top 4 volunteers of the Out of This World Summer Camp.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 pm was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.

CITY OF ALTON



Salvador Vela, Mayor

ATTEST:



Baudelia Rojas CPM, TRMC|CMC
City Secretary



Approved by City Commission 09/26/17