

**City of Alton City Commission  
Regular Meeting 7:30 pm  
July 9, 2019 Minutes**

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**Members Present**

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

**Members Absent**

Commissioner Ricardo Garza

**City Staff Present**

Jeff Underwood  
Ricardo Gonzalez  
Steve Pena  
Rosie Tello  
Jesse Pena  
Jonathan Flores  
Samm Mercado  
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 7:30 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.

**III. CERTIFICATION OF POSTING:**

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Approve the minutes of the City Commission meeting of June 5, 2019.**

Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 4-0.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Consider and approve the fiscal year 2019-2021 Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC) PSAP Interlocal Agreement.**

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated the interlocal agreement is required by the Commission on State Emergency Communications (CSEC). The agreement must be renewed every two years to be in compliance with 911 agreement. Staff

recommends approval. Motion to approve moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 4-0.

**2. Consider and approve Resolution 2019-09 authorizing the submittal of the BL20 Local Border Security Program (LBSP) Grant #3763301 for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year.**

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated the grant is operated by the Office of the Governor's office in which local law enforcement entities assist in combating criminal activity related to border crimes. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve Arturo Galvan Jr as Mayor Pro tem was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 4-0.

**3. Consider and approve Social Media Protocols for the City of Alton.**

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated that it was a good idea to have social media protocols as guidelines for a social media presence. 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.

**4. Approve the disposition of surplus vehicles, equipment and other minor items.**

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated some of the items are no longer in use, computers and vehicles and place some of the items in public auction. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 4-0.

**5. Consider and approve re-appointment of CADC board members.**

Steve Pena, CADC CEO stated terms for Richard Garza, Calixto Hernandez and Felipe Gomez had expired. CADC has already approved their reappointment. Reappointment would end June 12, 2021. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Commissioner Cantu Jr and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 4-0.

**6. Discuss and consider the approval of the purchase of playground equipment for Sylvia Vela Park.**

Samm Mercado, Recreation Director stated Kompan Inc thru Texas Buyboard provided a proposal for a 5-12 old playscape in addition to other playground equipment. Proposal includes the removal and replacement of the fall surface material and an ADA accessible ramp. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 4-0.

**7. Discussion and action on Resolution 2019-10 opposing to and authorizing legal challenge to SB 1152.**

Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 4-0.

**8. Consider and approve Resolution 2019-11 establishing the Alton Crime Stoppers Program and providing for certain parameters.**

Jonathan Flores, Chief of Police stated resolution was for the establishment of a crime stoppers program in Alton. It is a nonprofit organization that provides the community an outlet to report anonymous tips to help deter and eliminate criminal activity within our city. Board consists of Samm Mercado, Janie Gaytan, Ariel Gonzalez, Nidia Ybarra, and Vicky Rueda. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 4-0.

**9. Discuss and consider renewal of an agreement with the City of Mission related to the City of Mission Animal Shelter.**

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated the City has utilized the City of Mission Animal Shelter for the previous two years. Agreement is about to expire. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 4-0.

**VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to Government Code Section 551.071 & 551.072**  
None

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

**VIII. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

5K walk/run was held by one of the Chamber members. About 100 participants in the event. Summer camp is ongoing with about 140 enrollees.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 pm was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 4-0.

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Salvador Vela, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Baudelia Rojas CPM, TRMC|CMC  
City Secretary

