

**City of Alton City Commission
Regular Meeting 7:30 pm
September 24, 2019 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

Jeff Underwood
Baudelia Rojas
Ricardo Gonzalez
Steve Pena
Cristina Garcia
Janie Gaytan
Jesse Pena
Samm Mercado
Jonathan Flores

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. CERTIFICATION OF POSTING

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Approve the minutes of the City Commission meeting of September 10, 2019.

Discuss and consider a conditional use permit for Guadalupe Maldonado for a parking lot as primary use at 914 N Alton Blvd, also legally described as Lot 8, Block 3 Nuevo Alton Subdivision.

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

V. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Consider and approve contract with Texas Department of Public Safety which allows the City to provide information necessary to deny renewal of driver license of a person who fails to appear for a complaint or citation or fails to satisfy judgment by the Alton Municipal Court Judge.**

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated contract was for the City to provide information to Department of Public Safety to deny renewal of driver license if they fail to appear for a complaint or fail to satisfy a judgment. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.

2. Consider and approve cancelling the City Commission meeting of October 8, 2019.

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 5-0.

3. Discuss and consider the adoption of the City of Alton Budget for fiscal year 2019-2020.

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated the budget had a positive fund balance. A couple of positions were added which are parks laborer and full time communications officer. 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 Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Consider and approve Resolution 2019-18 designating the schedule of city holidays.

Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Consider and approve Resolution 2019-19 designating reimbursement rates for per diem and mileage.

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

6. Consider and approve Resolution 2019-20 designating official city newspapers for the publication of legal notices, advertisements or publications of any kind which may be required by law to be published.

Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.

7. Consider and approve the retirement of Alton Police Department K9 “Treason” and approval for adoption.

Jonathan Flores, Chief of Police stated K9 Treason had served the City for over five years. It is currently an eight year old and is showing signs of health decline. Our recommendation is to retire and be allowed to be adopted by his handler Officer Juan

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

- 8. Consider and approve Ordinance 2019-15, an ordinance to include procedures for public testimony; decorum and persons present; providing for severability clause; providing for effective date and dispensing with the reading requirement; and ordaining other matters related to the foregoing.**
Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated House Bill 2840 allows the right to speak at open meetings allowing the public to address the governing body regarding an item. It also allows the governmental body to adopt reasonable rules regarding the public's right to address the body. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve first reading was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.
- 9. Consider and approve Ordinance 2019-16, amending Ordinance 2015-13, Alton Solid Waste Ordinance, waiving second and third reading.**
Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated the ordinance is amending ordinance 2015-13. The changes to the ordinance are an increase in the MS4 fees with a \$2.00 increase across the board. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr and seconded by Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 5-0.
- 10. Consider and approve Resolution 2019-21, expressing its nomination for appraisal district directors for 2020-2021 of the Hidalgo County Appraisal District Board of Directors.**
Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated resolution was for the nomination of Jose Daniel Olivarez and Amador Requenez to the Board of Directors for the Appraisal District. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.
- 11. Consider and approve the 2019-2020 Organizational Chart.**
Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 5-0.
- 12. Consider and approve the renewal of employee benefit coverage with TML Health.**
Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated the employee benefit coverage with TML Health was up for renewal. There was a 3% increase in cost for employee. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 5-0.
- 13. Consider and approve Ordinance 2019-17, amending Ordinance 2010-17 providing for a water conservation plan and a public education/information program, waiving second and third reading.**

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated the ordinance is for a water conservation plan which must be updated in order to submit the drainage construction project on Stewart Road to the Texas Water Development Board. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 5-0.

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

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

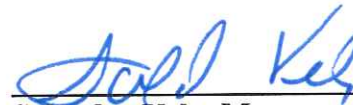
VIII. **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Jeff Underwood, City Manager introduced the new Planning Director, Cristina Garcia. Reminder for the public hearing on expansion of FM 676 at Alton Elementary on October 1, 2019. Mission Pink Walk is scheduled for October 12th; staff will be attending this year again. Also, Fire Chief and a First Responder organization as two staff are trained as emergency technicians.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 5-0.

CITY OF ALTON



Salvador Vela, Mayor

ATTEST:



Baudelia Rojas CPM, TRMC|CMC
City Secretary



Approved by City Commission 10/22/19