

**City of Alton City Commission  
Regular Meeting 7:30 pm  
November 12, 2019 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**

Jeff Underwood  
Baudelia Rojas  
Ricardo Gonzalez  
Steve Pena  
Cristina Garcia  
Janie Gaytan  
Rosie Tello  
Jesse Pena  
Samm Mercado

**Others Present**

Adam Navarro  
J.A. Meave  
Mimi Reyes  
Dina Villarreal  
Jose De Leon III

- 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. **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. **PUBLIC COMMENT**  
J.A. Meave, Mimi Reyes and Dina Villarreal spoke during public comment and addressed the issues of animals in flea markets. They thanked the Commission for moving forward with an ordinance regarding selling of animals in the flea markets and possibly approving the ordinance.
- V. **CONSENT AGENDA**  
**Approve the minutes of the City Commission meeting of October 22, 2019.**  
Motion to approve the minutes was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Consider and approve Resolution 2019-24 authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with Hidalgo County for the purposes of implementing the Scofflaw Program.**  
Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated resolution was for authorization to enter into an interlocal with Hidalgo County in regards to the Scofflaw Program. This is a renewal as the previous contract is to expire. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 5-0.
- 2. Discuss and consider entering into an agreement with Hamer Enterprises for Internet Processing Professional Services related to the implementation of the Hidalgo County Scofflaw Program.**  
Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated the agreement is for the processing of online payments for the Scofflaw program. Previous 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 5-0.
- 3. Discuss and consider Ordinance 2019-19 amending and adopting Regulation of Sale of Animals and prohibiting cruelty to animals, waiving second and third reading.**  
Cristina Garcia, Planning Director stated that based on citizens comments and concerns with animal sales and conditions, staff had drafted an ordinance prohibiting the sale of animals in places such as flea markets. The ordinance also has included prohibiting animal cruelty as well. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 5-0.
- 4. Presentation of the Annual Tax Collection Report from the office of Pablo “Paul” Villarreal Jr Tax Assessor Collector for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.**  
Presentation by Hidalgo County Tax Office representative. 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.
- 5. Approve the investment report of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2019 according to the Public Funds Investment Act.**  
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. Discuss and consider approving Ordinance 2019-20 regulating post construction stormwater runoff, waiving second and third reading.**  
Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated TCEQ requires cities to have an ordinance that addresses how construction sites protect waterways from stormwater runoff. 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.

**7. Discuss and consider approving Ordinance 2019-21 regulating and reducing pollution that enters surface water, waiving second and third reading.**

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated TCEQ requires cities to have an ordinance that addresses the elimination of illicit discharge into the storm sewer system. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Emilio Cantu. Motion carried 5-0.

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

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

**IX. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT:**

**X. ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 5-0.

CITY OF ALTON

  
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Salvador Vela, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Baudelia Rojas CPM, TRMC|CMC  
City Secretary



Approved by City Commission 12/10/19