

**City of Alton City Commission  
Regular Meeting 7:30 pm  
April 28, 2020 Minutes  
Virtual Meeting**

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**Members Present**

Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr  
Commissioner Ricardo Garza  
Commissioner Richard Arevalo  
Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr

**Members Absent**

Mayor Salvador Vela

**City Staff Present**

Jeff Underwood  
Ricardo Gonzalez  
Baudelia Rojas  
Rosie Tello  
Jonathan Flores  
Janie Gaytan  
Jesse Pena  
Rosie Tello

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE A QUORUM IS PRESENT:**

With a quorum of the Alton City Commission present, Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr led the group in prayer. Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. CERTIFICATION OF POSTING**

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**V. CONSENT AGENDA**

Approve the minutes of the City Commission meeting of April 14 and April 16, 2020.

Motion to approve was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 4-0.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Consider and approve a Cooperation Agreement with the County of Hidalgo for three year period (2021-2023) of the Community Block Grant Program.**  
Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated the cooperation agreement was for a three year period beginning in 2021 through 2023 for the administration of Urban County Funds. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 4-0.
- 2. Consider and approve first budget amendment of the City of Alton General Fund and Solid Waste Fund for fiscal year 2019-2020.**  
Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated the first budget amendment for the General Fund and Solid Waste Fund. In the General Fund, numbers have decreased in several areas such as building permits and passports. There are some programs that will be cut and some vacancies. The training center will be closed. The Solid Waste Fund which is the garbage, recycling and brush pick up. There has been a decrease in roll off service. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 4-0.
- 3. Consider and approve acceptance of LRGVDC Interlocal Contract for the Regional Solid Waste Grant Program.**  
Jesse Peña, Public Works Director stated this was the approval of the grant for \$20,673 which will assist with the recycling program. This will be used for a vertical baler and also a self propelled electric jack. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 4-0.
- 4. Consider and approve standing orders for the Alton Municipal Court.**  
Baudelia Rojas, City Secretary presented the standing orders for the Municipal Court. These orders were for deferred disposition for moving violations, non-moving violations, financial responsibility, driving while license invalid, dismissal of financial responsibility violations, and compliance dismissals. The standing orders will alleviate the traffic flow through court and allow for defendant to take care of citation prior to their court date. Judge Carlos Ortegon has reviewed and approved standing orders. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Ricardo Garza and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 4-0.
- 5. Consider and approve Resolution 2020-10 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.**

Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 4-0.

**6. Adoption of Proclamation 2020-02 proclaiming April 13-17, 2020 as CDBG Week.**

Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 4-0.

**7. Adoption of Proclamation 2020-03 proclaiming April 2020 as Fair Housing Month.**

Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 4-0.

**8. Discuss and consider fourth amendment to the emergency order due to public health emergency.**

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated the Governor issued new orders. The orders will be incorporated in the amendment to the emergency order. A work safe plan will need to be submitted by the business prior. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and seconded by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 4-0.

**9. Discuss and consider approving a disposal agreement with Republic Services regarding the disposal of brush and bulk items at the La Gloria Landfill.**

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated that utilizing Republic Services at La Gloria Landfill will benefit the City due to the proximity of the location versus the Edinburg landfill. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve contingent to legal counsel review was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 4-0.

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

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

**IX. CITY MANAGERS REPORT:**

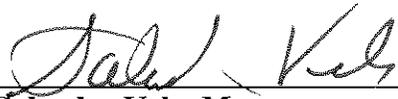
Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated that in February, Ms. Martha Oliver from Domingo Trevino Middle School and her students hand wrote letters to Mayor Vela asking for assistance in reducing the number of animals that are run over near their school. Public Works Department placed an animal crossing sign on Inspiration Road.

City Manager also recognized Mrs. Rojas. The City received an award from the Texas Municipal Clerks Achievement Award of Excellence, one of 18 cities from the State of Texas out of 595 cities. No other city in the Valley received the award.

**X. ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 pm was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 4-0.

**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 05/12/2020