

**City of Alton City Commission
Regular Meeting 7:30 pm
June 9, 2020 Minutes
Virtual Meeting**



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
Ricardo Gonzalez
Baudelia Rojas
Rosie Tello
Jesse Pena
Steve Pena

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.

I. 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.

II. CERTIFICATION OF POSTING

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Approve the minutes of the City Commission meeting of May 26, 2020.

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

V. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Discuss and consider the execution of a Special Warranty Deed between the City of Alton and Cesar Chavez Foundation for 3.60 acres of land out of Lot 42-4, West Addition to Sharyland Subdivision.**

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated the City recently purchased 19.6 +/- acres however the purchase was supposed to be for approximately 16 acres. There was a mistake made in legal description; the city was not supposed to have the entire 19.6 acres. The proper way to solve the issue is to transfer (deed) the 3.6 acres back to Cesar Chavez Foundation. 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 a Waterline Access Agreement between the City of Alton and Sharyland Water Supply Corporation for Sunset Valley Apartments Subdivision.

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated the waterline agreement with Sharyland Water Supply Corporation which will allow fire hydrants on their lines. The subdivision is 51 lot fourplex subdivision. 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 an Interlocal Agreement with Hidalgo County for the CARES Act Relief Funding.

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated County approved the Interlocal today. At this point they have not submitted anything to the City. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve subject to legal review was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Discuss and consider budget for the CARES Act Relief Funding.

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated Cares Act Funding of \$151 million was sent to County to be distributed throughout the cities equally with \$114 per capita. They considered Alton to have 18,105 residents which equates to \$2,063,970. Funds would need to be spent by August 31st and be reimbursed. There is an additional \$18 per capita which is \$325,890 that the city would have access to which has to be spent by November 30. Expense documentation would be submitted to County and if acceptable would be reimbursed to City. The \$132 per capita would be \$2,389,960. The propose budget are actual expenses which have already been spent on Covid and other proposed numbers. The proposed budget is \$4,648,998 which also includes the WiFi project. 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.

5. Updated Mayoral Declaration of Local State of Disaster due to public health emergency.

Jeff Underwood, City Managers stated the disaster declaration presented is to extend through June 16, 2020. It is keeping in line with the Governors orders as to what is open. This order identifies that restaurants are going up to 75%. Staff recommends

approval. Motion to approve subject to legal review was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.

6. Discuss and consider adoption of policy for Economic Development, Mortgage and Rental assistance.

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated City has up to \$600,000 for economic development, mortgage and rental assistance. Budget is presented for this program. Small business with 15 employees and under will be able to request assistance for up to \$5000. The other part is mortgage assistance for up to \$2000. Guidelines from the Treasury Department will be followed. Deadline is until the end of November. They must be Alton residents. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve subject to was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded 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 MANAGERS REPORT:

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated that three tractors have been mowing lots and they have already started with mosquito spraying.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 pm was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded 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 July 14, 2020