

**City of Alton City Commission
Regular Meeting 7:30 pm
August 25, 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
Cristina Garcia
Samm Mercado
Steve Pena
Rosie Tello
Mauro Sandoval
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 7:33 pm.

II. CERTIFICATION OF POSTING

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Approve the minutes of the City Commission meeting of August 11, 2020.

Discuss and consider approving request by M2 Engineering, PLLC to rezone a 10.026 acre tract at the 800 Block of Glasscock Road from "D" Duplex/Fourplex District to "R-3" Single Family – Small Lot District.

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

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider and approve the second budget amendment of the City of Alton General Fund for fiscal year 2019-2020.

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated briefed the Commission on the second budget amendment for the fiscal year. There were several expenses due to Covid and

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

2. **Discuss and consider approving the change of Tax Rate Public Hearing from September 3rd to September 8th at 7:30 pm.**
Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated the tax office has advised that the public hearing needs to be in front of the City Commission and thus the request for date change. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 5-0.
3. **Discuss and consider approving Resolution 2020-12, accepting the 2021 Texas Traffic Safety Program Grant from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.**
Jonathan Flores, Chief of Police stated the grant was to increase the patrol during holidays, run more traffic and seat belt violations. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve subject to legal review was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 5-0.
4. **Discuss and consider approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Alton and RGV Dare to Care Food Program Inc.**
Samm Mercado, Community Services Director stated the program for a nutrition and education program for children. The agreement will be for one year. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve subject to was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 5-0.
5. **Discuss and consider approving an Interlocal Agreement for Police Services with Mission Consolidated Independent School District.**
Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated the agreement was for two school resource officers for nine months. One stipulation that would need to be added is to provide at least two weeks' notice to adjust the officers schedules. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 5-0.
6. **Discussion and action on Resolution 2020-13 declaring the necessity for acquiring by condemnation the fee simple title to certain real property located at 1001 E Main Avenue for expansion of Josefa Garcia Park and providing for utilities to the area; ratifying the City Manager's and staffs actions and ordering the and authorizing the institution of a condemnation proceeding of said real property to proceed.**

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated that based on the discussion on executive session at previous meeting, the next step is to move forward on condemnation for the expansion of Josefa Garcia Park. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.

7. Discuss and consider approving a contract with Scripture Ambulance Service for temporary service to assist with emergency medical calls as necessitated by COVID-19.

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated Scripture ambulance service has assisted in providing services to the residents of Alton. Scripture ambulance has assisted with different calls and recommends an extension of one week. This is reimbursable through the CARES act. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 5-0.

8. Discuss and consider amending the CARES act Relief Funding Budget.
No action.

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

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated the disaster declaration presented is to extend through September 8, 2020. It is keeping in line with the Governors orders and no changes have been made. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. 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 Municipal Court Judge Eric Flores will be hosting a food distribution event at the Recreation Center on Saturday, August 29, 2020 from 8 am to 12 pm. This will be boxes of produce and milk. Volunteers are needed for this event and masks are required. Samm Mercado and his staff are working on a food barn/food drive for the community. Paul Armendariz, Communications dispatcher has received the 2020 Silent Hero Award which is awarded to dispatcher/emergency communications staff.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

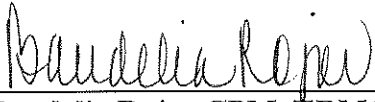
Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 pm was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 5-0.

CITY OF ALTON



Salvador Vela, Mayor

ATTEST:



Baudelia Rojas CPM, TRMC|CMC
City Secretary



Approved by City Commission on September 8, 2020