

**City of Alton City Commission
Regular Meeting 7:30 pm
September 8, 2020 Minutes
Virtual Meeting**



Members Present

Mayor Salvador Vela
Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr
Commissioner Ricardo Garza
Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr

Members Absent

Commissioner Richard Arevalo

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 HEARING

1. Solicit input from the public on proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Mayor Salvador Vela opened the public hearing at 7:33 pm. Jeff Underwood, City Manager briefed the Commission on the proposed budget. No public comments.

2. Solicit input from the public on the proposed tax rate for the 2020 tax year.

Mayor Salvador Vela opened the public hearing at 7:36 pm. Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated the City did not go with the no new revenue tax rate. The proposed tax rate is \$0.4367 which almost one full cent below the current tax rate. No public comments.

Mayor Salvador Vela closed the public hearing at 7:37 pm.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

V. CONSENT AGENDA

Approve the minutes of the City Commission meeting of August 25, 2020.

Discuss and consider approving request by Melden & Hunt Inc to rezone a 12.901 acre tract of land at the 1201 Block of South Bryan Road from “R-2” Single Family Residential – Standard Lot District to “R-3” Single Family Residential – Small Lot District.

Discuss and consider approving request by Melden & Hunt Inc to rezone 0.73 acres at the 1201 Block of South Bryan Road from “R-2” Single Family Residential – Standard Lot to “R-3” Single Family Residential – Small Lot District.

Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 4-0.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss and consider approving the investment report of the 2nd quarter of 2020 according to the Public Funds Investment Act.

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated investment report was for the second quarter of 2020. Things are going well with the investments. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 4-0.

2. Consider and approve designating Lone Star National Bank as the City’s depository for a term of three years commencing October 1, 2020 with possible two year extension.

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated a proposal from Lone Star National Bank for depository was received. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 4-0.

3. Discuss and consider approving Ordinance 2020-15, fixing the rate and tax levy for the City of Alton, Texas for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021, upon all taxable property in said City of Alton, Texas in conformity with the laws of the State of Texas and the Ordinances of said City; and providing for a waiver of second and third reading; and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith.

Jeff Underwood, City Manager briefed the Commission on the tax ordinance. Staff recommends approval. Commissioner Ricardo Garza moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$.4367, which is effectively a 2.58

percent increase in the tax rate seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr. Motion carried 4-0.

4. Consider and vote for a candidate for the TML Intergovernmental Risk Pool Board of Trustees Election.

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated TML Intergovernmental Risk Pool is holding their Board of Trustees Election. Recommendations are as follows: Place 1 – Herrera, Place 2 – Fullen; Place 3 – Snyder and Place 4 – Overeynder. 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 4-0.

5. Discuss and consider amending the Mortgage and Rental Assistance Program Guidelines.

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated that when the program begin, the dates ran through the month of June 2020. It is brought to the Commisison to amend it to the end of September with the option to come back and extend further. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and second by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 4-0.

6. 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 22, 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 4-0.

7. Discuss and consider the sale of the following tracts of land to the State of Texas, related to FM 676 roadway improvements; authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents.

a) Parcel 35 – 1.019 acres out of West Addition to Sharyland, Lot 41-10

b) Parcel 99 – 396 square feet of land out of John H Shary Subdivision Lot 402

Item discussed in Executive Session.

ADDENDUM

8. Consider and approve first amendment to the CARES Act Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the County of Hidalgo, Texas and the City of Alton.

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated this was an amendment to the first interlocal of the CARES Act Interlocal with the County of Hidalgo. The County Commissioners saw this fit to allow this second advance which is 20% which is

partially \$415,000. This is before you as an emergency as the City is in need of the funding. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and second by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr. Motion carried 4-0.

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

- a) **Pending and/or potential litigation: Discussion of agreement with McAllen Public Utilities on wastewater treatment.**
- b) Personnel
- c) **Real Estate:**
 - **Parcel 35 – 1.019 acres out of West Addition to Sharyland, Lot 41-10**
 - **Parcel 99 – 396 square feet of land out of John H Shary Subdivision Lot 402**

Motion to enter into executive session at 7:52 pm was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 4-0.

VIII. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

- a) **Pending and/or potential litigation: Discussion of agreement with McAllen Public Utilities on wastewater treatment.**
- b) Personnel
- c) **Real Estate:**
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Motion to enter into open session at 8:12 pm was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 4-0.

No action on item agreement with Mcallen Public Utilities. For real estate items, Commisisoner Garza motioned to authorize City Manager to proceed as discussed in executive session seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr. Motion carried 4-0.

IX. CITY MANAGERS REPORT:

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated we are working on the Census as the deadline is now September 30th. Alton is currently doing well at 53% response rate. A golden voucher ticket is ongoing. Residents who complete their census at the Recreation Center are able to receive this voucher worth \$20 redeemable at different . On September 11th, from 4pm to 7pm, a free hamburger giveaway will be held. Residents will need to complete their census on site. Chief Flores was named to the 40 under 40, International Chiefs of Police for outstanding leadership.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 pm was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 4-0.

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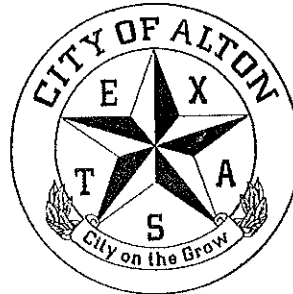


Salvador Vela, Mayor

ATTEST:



Baudelia Rojas CPM, TRMC|CMC
City Secretary



Approved by City Commission 09/22/2020