

**City of Alton City Commission
Regular Meeting 7:30 pm
October 13, 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

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 September 22 and October 6, 2020.

Discuss and consider approving request by J & R Engineering LLC for final plat approval of the proposed Mount Zion Estates Subdivision.

Discuss and consider approving Ordinance 2020-18, voluntary annexation request from Tim Curl to annex a 13.71 acre tract of land, out of the South 20.0 acres of land, out of Lot 38-8, West Addition to Sharyland Subdivision; with a zone request of "R-3" Single Family Residential – Small Lots District; waiving second and third reading.

Motion to approve the minutes was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 5-0.

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss and consider approving an elevated storage tank agreement between Sharyland Water Supply Corporation and the City of Alton.

Steve Pena, CADC CEO stated Sharyland Water Supply Corporation wanted to utilize the water tank to place some of their antennas. In return we want to utilize plant #1 and plant # 3 to put towers on their property to facilitate the wifi. 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.

2. Consider and approve the renewal of Memorandum of Understanding for Clinical Services between the City of Alton and the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley.

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated that UTRGV has been working from the Recreation Center and also bringing in their RV to provide primary care to people in the area. 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. Consider and approve agreement between Region One Service Center Adult Education Program and the City of Alton for an Adult Education Program.

Samm Mercado, Community Services Director stated that the MOU allows region I to provide instructional for adult education program. 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.

4. Consider and approve the disposition of surplus vehicles, equipment and other minor items.

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated the list provides the disposition of vehicles, equipment and other items. 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 the renewal of employee health coverage with TML Health Benefits Pool.

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated the renewal for employee health coverage is being presented. There was a slight increase in employee coverage. 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. Discuss and consider awarding bid for Geotechnical Engineering Services.

Cristina Garcia, Planning Director stated there were three firms that submitted their request for qualifications. Two of the three firms have been selected which are Raba Kistner and MEG. 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 amending the Grants Assistance Program (GAP) and the Mortgage and Rental Assistance Program Guidelines (MRAP).

Steve Pena, CEO CADC requested an amendment/extension of the dates for the GAP and MRAP guidelines. This is to provide assistance to more residents and merchants during the crisis period. 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. 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 October 27, 2020. It is keeping in line with the Governors orders. The only change was for restaurants to increase to 75% capacity. 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.

VI. 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: East FM 676 Road improvement project for parcel 94, 97 and 100

Motion to enter into executive session at 7:44 pm was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 5-0.

VII. 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: East FM 676 Road improvement project for parcel 94, 97 and 100

Motion to enter into open session at 7:53 pm was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Garza. Motion carried 5-0.

For real estate item, East FM 676 road improvement project for parcel 94, 97 and 100, proceed as discussed in executive session to authorize the City Manager to sign all necessary documents.

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

VIII. CITY MANAGERS REPORT:

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated early voting is being held at the Alton Recreation Center gym.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

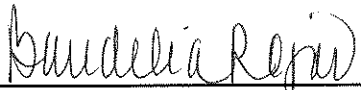
Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 pm was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.

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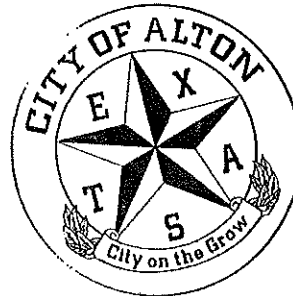


Salvador Vela, Mayor

ATTEST:



Baudelia Rojas CPM, TRMC|CMC
City Secretary



Approved by the City Commission on 10/27/2020