

**City of Alton City Commission
Regular Meeting 7:30 pm
October 27, 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
Janie Gaytan
Jonathan Flores

Others Present

Hector Chapa, LRGVDC 911
Randall Snyder, LRGVDC 911

- 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 7:35 pm.
- II. **CERTIFICATION OF POSTING**
- III. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
- IV. **CONSENT AGENDA**
Approve the minutes of the City Commission meeting of October 13, 2020.

Discuss and consider approving request by SOTEX Engineering LLC for final plat approval of the proposed Roadrunner Subdivision.

Discuss and consider approving request by Melden & Hunt, Inc for preliminary plat approval of the proposed Alton Valley Estates Subdivision.

Discuss and consider approving conditional use permit request by Francisco Gomez to allow a portable office for temporary use at 808 North Trosper Road.

Motion to approve the minutes 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 approval of Resolution 2020-17 authorizing the filing of an application for financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board for the North Stewart Road Drainage Project and designating a representative.**
Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated they have been working on a solution on drainage for north Stewart area. The resolution is the official notice to Texas Water Development Board of the City's desire to seek assistance for the drainage project that will alleviate flooding for subdivisions on North Stewart. The resolution includes the Financial Advisor – D.A. Davidson & Company, Engineer – Halff Associates, Inc, and Bond Counsel – J. Ramirez Law Firm. 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 approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with Hidalgo County Drainage District #1 related to the North Stewart Road Drainage Project and the management of the Arroyo Colorado Watershed.**
Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated is another requirement the board has. The City needs to work with the local drainage district. The MOU will go to their board for their approval. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 5-0.
- 3. Discuss and consider releasing a roadway easement on Parcel 137, being a 0.9338 acre tract out of the Sharyland Water Supply Corporation tract, adjacent to E. FM 676, for proposed improvements to FM 676; authorizing the City Manager to sign all necessary documents.**
Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated the City has a 60 foot roadway easement on the SWSC tract at the corner of Main and Shary Road. TxDOT is requesting release of the easement so they can move forward with the acquisition of the right of way. 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. Discuss and consider awarding or rejecting bids for Grounds Maintenance at City Facilities.**
Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated that a month ago the City reject bids received and re-advertised. Staff received two bids. The City has worked with both companies in the past. Staff recommends approval to go with Southern Landscapes with a bid of \$69,000 for a two year term. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor

Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Discuss and consider approval of Resolution 2020-18 authorizing the creation of the Rio Grande Valley Regional 9-1-1 Emergency Communications District.

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated that Mr. Chapa and Mr. Snyder with LRGVDC 911 have joined the meeting. The resolution is approving the creation of a Regional Emergency Communications District. 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. 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 November 10, 2020. It is keeping in line with the Governors orders. 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 the CARES act funding which came from the federal government to the County. Approximately \$2 million dollars had to be spent by October 2020. Another \$340,000 was provided which has also been. All that was allotted was spent.

The City of Alton staff participated in the Mission Pink 5K/Walk virtual event on October 24 at the Sylvia Vela Park.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:


Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 pm was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.

CITY OF ALTON



Salvador Vela, Mayor

ATTEST:



Baudelia Rojas CPM, TRMC|CMC
City Secretary

