

**City of Alton City Commission  
Regular Meeting 7:30 pm  
January 12, 2021 Minutes  
Virtual Meeting**

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**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  
Samm Mercado  
Rosie Tello  
Mauro Sandoval  
Jonathan Flores  
Janie Gaytan

**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.

**II. CERTIFICATION OF POSTING**

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

Approve the minutes of the City Commission meeting of December 8, 2020.

Discuss and consider approving request by Honorio Villarreal to rezone a 5.0 acre tract at the 1400 block of North Inspiration Road from "R-1" Single Family Large Lots District to "MF-1" Multi-Family Low Density District.

Discuss and consider approving Ordinance 2021-01, voluntary annexation request from Alexis Alcantar to annex a 1.0 acre tract, more or less, containing all of Tract 4 (0.824 acres) and a portion of "Trinidad Lane" out of the west 5.0 acres of Lot 45-4, West Addition to Sharyland Subdivision; waiving second and third reading.

**Discuss and consider the preliminary plat approval for Mayberry Meadows Subdivision, being the south 20 acres of Lot 38-8, west addition to Sharyland Subdivision.**

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

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Discuss and consider approving Resolution 2021-01 authorizing the Alton Chief of Police to submit an application to the Office of the Governor for the General Victim Assistance Grant Program for FY 2022.**

Jonathan Flores, Chief of Police stated the grant is to fund a sworn crime victim's liaison which will aid the agency in providing victim services to the community. 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. Discuss and consider approving Resolution 2021-02 authorizing the Alton Chief of Police to submit an application to the Office of the Governor for the Criminal Justice Grant Program for FY 2022.**

Jonathan Flores, Chief of Police stated the grant is for acquisition of personnel and equipment to assist us in continuity of services to the community. 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 approving Resolution 2021-03 authorizing the Alton Chief of Police to submit an application to the Department of Homeland Security for the Stonegarden Grant.**

Jonathan Flores, Chief of Police stated the grant allows the agency to enhance operations through additional manpower in order to help deter criminal activity that is directly related to border crimes. Staff recommends approval. 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.

- 4. Consider and approve a compensation policy and pay plans.**

Janie Gaytan, HR Director stated the policy and pay plans is a guide for directors and manages when hiring. The rates are competitive with other cities in the region and raises will take effect with a positive evaluation from the supervisors. 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. Consider and approve an Emergency paid sick leave policy.**

Janie Gaytan, HR Director stated the new policy offers additional emergency sick leave to employees for approved Covid related absences. The emergency paid sick

leave and expended family and medical leave requirements are no longer mandated as of December 31, 2020. 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.

**6. Discuss and consider approving Resolution 2021-04 authorizing the Alton Chief of Police to submit an application to the Office of the Governor for the Violence Against Women Justice and Training Program Grant FY 2022.**

Jonathan Flores, Chief of Police stated that funding through the grant is intended to improve the justice systems response to violent crimes against women, including domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking. Staff recommends approval. 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 renewal agreement for consulting services between the City of Alton and Five Dogs Consulting.**

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated agreement for consulting services had expired and recommends extending for an additional year. 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 the approval of the sale of land to TxDOT related to east FM 676 Road improvement Project for TxDOT parcel 159; authorizing the City Manager to sign all necessary documents.**

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated TxDOT has offered \$15,135 for parcel 159 which is located on Main Ave and Stewart Road. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve sale to TxDOT and authorizing the City Manger to sign all necessary documents was second by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.

**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 January 26, 2021. All business establishments shall operate at no more than 50% of the total listed occupancy of the establishment. 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 County Health Department has asked the Cities to partner with the school districts. We have partnered with MCISD and submitted a plan to Hidalgo County Health Department for their review and approval in hopes of bringing a point of distribution here in Alton. Updates will be provided once received.

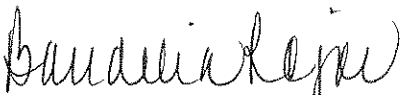
**IX. ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 pm was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 5-0.

**CITY OF ALTON**

  
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Salvador Vela, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Baudelia Rojas CPM, TRMC|CMC  
City Secretary