

**City of Alton City Commission
Regular Meeting 7:30 pm
March 23, 2021 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
Samm Mercado
Rosie Tello
Jonathan Flores
Steve Pena
Cristina Garcia
Janie Gaytan
Javier Garcia

Others Present

Eric Flores
Victoria Flores
Judge Patty O'cana-Olivarez

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 7:44 pm.

II. CERTIFICATION OF POSTING

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Approve the minutes of the City Commission meeting of March 9, 2021.

Discuss and consider approving Ordinance 2021-07, voluntary annexation request from Mayberry Crossing LLC to annex 20.0 acre tract, more or less, out of and forming part or portion of Lot 37-8, West Addition to Sharyland Subdivision; waiving second and third reading

Discuss and consider approving request by Javier Hinojosa on behalf of 4 Mild LLC to rezone a 35.04 acre tract at 1205 South Glasscock Road, from "R-1" Single Family Residential – Large Lot District to "R-2" Single Family Residential-Standard Lot District.

Discuss and consider request by Javier Hinojosa Engineering, representing Meza Homes Inc, owner for final plat approval of the proposed Sunset Valley Apartments Subdivision.

Discuss and consider request by Trevino Engineering on behalf of Jesus Cabello, owner to rezone two (2) tracts at 501 South Glascock Boulevard.

Discuss and consider request by Trevino Engineering on behalf of Jesus Cabello, owner for preliminary plat approval of the proposed Glascock Heights Subdivision. 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. Consider and approve Ordinance 2021-08, appointing 6 members to the previously established Board of Directors for Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number One, City of Alton Redevelopment Project, waiving second and third reading.**

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated the only change in the ordinance is the representative for Hidalgo County Precinct 3 on TIRZ board which is Jaime Barrera and the remainder is made up of City Commission. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve the minutes was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.

- 2. Consider and approve Appointment of Associate Judge.**

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated the position of Associate Judge was held by Patty O'cana-Olivarez and our Alternate was Eric Flores. With Judge Patty moving to County Court at Law #9, we would like to move Judge Eric Flores to Associate Judge. 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 Appointment of Alternate Judge.**

Jeff Underwood, City Manager recommended the appointment of Victoria Flores as Alternate Judge. 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 removal of \$2,243.64 receivable of sewer fees in arrears from the accounting records.**

Rosie Tello, Finance Director stated there have been sewer arrears for several years. Every year, twenty percent is being written off as they are not collectible. 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.

- 5. Discuss and consider approval of Resolution 2021-10, approving the City of Alton Investment Policy 2021.**
Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated the investment policy has remained the same as in the past several years. 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.
- 6. Discuss and consider approving renewal of contract between the La Union del Pueblo Entero and the City of Alton.**
Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated LUPE is being housed in the Development Center. The contract is renewal for two years at a fee of \$300 a month. 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.
- 7. Consider and approve Resolution 2021-11, authorizing and directing the Chief of Police to submit an application to the Office of the Governor Public Safety Office Homeland Security Division Grant Program FY 2022.**
Jonathan Flores, Chief of Police stated the grant is to allow for an upgrade to the computer aided dispatch system which has platforms that benefit both police and fire departments. The system will enhance the agencies capabilities via improved workflow, critical incidents, emergency operations, fire inspections, and various reporting function capabilities. 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. Consider and approved Resolution 2021-12, authorization of sale of real estate to City of Alton Development Corporation.**
Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated the land is under 3 acres of land north of Trosper. Once the design was done, we realized there was additional land that could be for sale. The City of Alton Development Corporation (CADC) has a buyer. Resolution will be for the sale to the CADC. 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.
- 9. Consider and approve the City of Alton’s Audit Financial Report for the year ended September 30, 2020.**
Adrian Webb, CPA briefed the Commission on the year audit financial report for the period ended September 30, 2020. The audit was issued an unmodified opinion which is the highest that can be received. 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.

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

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated the big changes were made in the previous order. This update will be extend through April 13, 2021. 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.

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

a) Pending and/or potential litigation: City of Alton vs. Mutual Equity
Motion to enter into executive session at 8:12 pm was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 5-0.

VII. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

a) Pending and/or potential litigation: City of Alton vs. Mutual Equity
Motion to enter into open session at 8:19 pm was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Ricardo Garza.

City Attorney stated to the effect of City Commission to authorize City Manager to obtain finances for the park expansion and deposit funds in the court registry. 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 that in the previous Commission meeting, the position of Assistant City Manager was approved. Baudelia Rojas, City Secretary will assume the additional duties of Assistant City Manager.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:


Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 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 04/13/2021