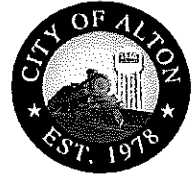


**City of Alton City Commission
Regular Meeting 7:30 pm
August 10, 2021 Minutes**



Members Present

Mayor Salvador Vela
Commissioner Ricardo Garza
Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr.

Members Absent

Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr.
Commissioner Richard Arevalo

City Staff Present

Jeff Underwood
Ricardo Gonzalez
Baudelia Rojas
Janie Flores
Steve Pena
Cristina Garcia
Jonathan Flores
Mauro Sandoval
Janie Gaytan
Samm Mercado
John Salinas
Rosie Tello

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 7:34 pm.

II. CERTIFICATION OF POSTING

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Approve the minutes of the City Commission meeting of July 6 and July 13, 2021.

Discuss and consider request by Quintanilla, Headley & Associates on behalf of Red Rock Real Estate Group Ltd, owner to rezone a tract at 509 N. Alton Boulevard from "R-2" (single family-standard lot) District and a portion being "C-2" (general commercial) District and to "D" (duplex/fourplex) District.

Discuss and consider request by Sergio Ornelas on behalf of Columbus Construction Texas LLC, owner to rezone a tract at 1009 West St. Francis Avenue, from “R-1” (single family-large lot) District to “D” (duplex/fourplex) District.

Discuss and consider approving a waterline access agreement for Meza Homes – Sunset Valley Apartments Phase II Subdivision.

Motion to approve the minutes was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and seconded by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 3-0.

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider and approve the second budget amendment of the City of Alton General Fund and Solid Waste Fund for fiscal year 2020-2021.

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated that this was the second budget amendment and proceeded to explain information presented in the budget for various departments. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and seconded by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 3-0.

2. Presentation of the City of Alton Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Jeff Underwood, City Manager, stated that no action was required on this presentation.

3. Discussion on the 2021 No-New-Revenue Tax Rate and the Voter Approval Tax Rates for proposing the adoption of the new tax rate.

Alejandro Bazan with the Hidalgo County Tax Office stated that it was the time of the year to where we present the tax calculations for the 2021 tax year. There was an increase in valuations. This year’s no new revenue rate \$0.4114, the voter approval tax rate is \$0.4420 which is the highest and last year’s tax rate is \$0.4367. Jeff Underwood, City Manager recommended in leaving the rate at \$0.4367. I, Commissioner Ricardo Garza, move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.4367, which is effectively a 6.15 percent increase in the tax rate. Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

4. Discuss and consider approving the disposition of surplus vehicles, equipment and other minor items.

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated the list shows several vehicles, computers and equipment. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and seconded by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 3-0.

5. Discuss and consider accepting a donation of a modular building from Mission Hospital, Inc.

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated that Mission Hospital owned the building to the west of City Hall. They have donated the building to the City at no charge. Building has been inspected already. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and seconded by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 3-0.

6. Discuss and consider interlocal agreement between the City of Mission and the City of Alton regarding the use of Animal Shelter located and operated by the City of Mission.

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated the City has partnered with the City of Mission regarding the use of their animal shelter. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and seconded by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 3-0.

7. Discuss and consider declaring spoils created by the excavation of the Louisiana Regional Stormwater Detention Facility as surplus; authorizing staff to offer the spoils to the public at no cost.

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated the City authorized staff to move forward with Phase II of the Louisiana RDF. We believe that there will be 130,000 yards of dirt from location. It will be costly to haul it away and would be best to offer it to the public. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and seconded by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated the there were no changes to the order. This update will be extended through August 24, 2021. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and second by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 3-0.

9. Swearing in of Alton Fire Chief.

John J. Salinas was sworn in as Alton Fire Chief by Judge Eric Flores.

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

VII. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

VIII. CITY MANAGERS REPORT:

IX. ADJOURNMENT:


Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 pm was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and seconded by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 3-0.

CITY OF ALTON



Salvador Vela, Mayor

ATTEST:



Baudelia Rojas CPM, TRMC|CMC
City Secretary



Approved by City Commission on 08/24/2021