

CITY OF ALAMO HEIGHTS

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING

Take notice that a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Alamo Heights, Texas will be held on Monday, the 12th day of January, 2009, in the Council Chambers, 6120 Broadway at **5:30 p.m.** to consider and act upon any lawful subjects which may come before it.

1. Approval of Minutes of the December 8, 2008 City Council Meeting **APPROVED AS AMENDED**
2. Citizens to be heard concerning items not listed on the agenda

Consent Items

3. Request for permission to refund a duplicate or erroneous property tax payment to Bank of America on behalf of, owners of property at 2 Rockridge Lane, in the amount \$1,159.84 – Cynthia Barr, Director of Finance (Staff recommends approval) **APPROVED**

Items for Individual Consideration

4. Consideration of an Ordinance amending Chapter 10, "Miscellaneous Provisions and Offenses", expanding the prohibition against placing advertisements on private property without the consent of the property owner – Rick Pruitt, Police Chief (Staff recommends approval) **APPROVED**

Staff Reports

5. Announcement of Citizens' Advisory Group (CAG) for Facilities Design Services – Shawn P. Eddy, Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director **ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER/PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR SHAWN EDDY ANNOUNCED, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF ALAMO HEIGHTS FACILITY COMMITTEE, THE SELECTED MEMBERS OF THE CITIZENS' ADVISORY GROUP (CAG) WHO WILL ADVISE THE COMMITTEE REGARDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF MUNICIPAL FACILITIES.**
6. Briefing on a petition received from citizens requesting a stop sign on Alta Avenue at Columbine Street for east and westbound traffic – Rick Pruitt, Police Chief **POLICE CHIEF RICK PRUITT GAVE A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE TRAFFIC SITUATION IN THIS AREA, NOTING THE RESIDENTS' CONCERNS, EXPLAINED THE RESULTS OF TRAFFIC STUDIES PERFORMED AND OFFERED POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS.**

7. Briefing on vehicular parking on Mary "D" Avenue between Broadway and Encino Avenue – Rick Pruitt, Police Chief **CHIEF PRUITT PRESENTED A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE PARKING ISSUE ON MARY "D" AVENUE AND SHOWED A POWERPOINT MAP OF THE LOCATION SHOWING THE EXISTING PARKING AVAILABLE AND THE PARKING RESTRICTIONS CURRENTLY IN PLACE. CHIEF PRUITT ALSO PRESENTED OPTIONS FOR RESOLUTION OF THE MATTER. SEVERAL RESIDENTS, COMMERCIAL PROPERTY OWNERS AND BUSINESS OWNERS ALSO ADDRESSED COUNCIL ON THE TOPIC.**
8. City Manager's Report
 - a. Alamo Heights Comprehensive Plan Update and Design Workshop scheduled for January 17, 2009 **CITY MANAGER REBECCA WALDMAN REMINDED COUNCIL OF THE WORKSHOP ON SATURDAY AND RECOGNIZED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR ANN MCGLONE AND HER STAFF FOR THEIR HARD WORK AND WELL ORGANIZED WORKSHOP ARRANGEMENTS.**
 - b. Council meeting on Monday, May 25th to be rescheduled to Tuesday, May 26th due to the Memorial Day Holiday and discussion of no City Council Meetings in July due to Budget Preparation **CITY COUNCIL WAS IN AGREEMENT WITH THESE SCHEDULE CHANGES BUT REQUESTED THAT STAFF RESEARCH ADDITIONAL POTENTIAL CONFLICTS WITH THE COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE AND RE-EVALUATE THE POSSIBLE NEED FOR AT LEAST ONE CITY COUNCIL MEETING IN JULY IF BUSINESS WARRANTS.**
 - c. Recognition of sponsors of Employee Recognition/Holiday Banquet and other holiday donations **MS. WALDMAN THANKED COUNCIL FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE ANNUAL EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AND HOLIDAY BANQUET STATING THAT THEIR PARTICIPATION HELPED MAKE IT A GREAT SUCCESS. MS. WALDMAN THEN RECOGNIZED THOSE EMPLOYEES WHO RECEIVED SERVICE AWARDS, CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION FOR CARE SHARE DONATIONS TO UNITED WAY, AND THE MEMBERS OF THE BANQUET COMMITTEE. MS. WALDMAN ALSO GAVE A BRIEF REPORT ON THE RESULTS OF THE CITY'S 2008 UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN. ADDITIONALLY, MS. WALDMAN WANTED TO EXPRESS THE CITY'S APPRECIATION TO MS. MARGARET HOUSTON AND HER MANY ASSOCIATES WHO COORDINATED A HOLIDAY DINNER PROGRAM FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

Time Certain Item - 6:30 p.m.

9. Public discussion of proposed solid waste service improvements and regulation of commercial solid waste operations – Shawn P. Eddy, Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director **MR. EDDY PRESENTED TO COUNCIL A PROPOSED SOLID WASTE IMPROVEMENT PLAN. SEVERAL CITIZENS EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE AUTHORIZED HOURS FOR COMMERCIAL DUMPSTER PICKUP. CITY COUNCIL DIRECTED MR. EDDY TO RE-EVALUATE THE TIME SPAN AND PROVIDE A NEW REVISED PROPOSAL FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION.**

Closed Session

10. Closed session as authorized by Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code to consult with the City Attorney concerning reconstruction project of E. Castano Avenue **NO ACTION WAS TAKEN BY COUNCIL.**

The City Council reserves the right to retire to closed session whenever it is considered necessary and legally justified under the Texas Government Code, Subchapter D, Sections 551.071 et. seq., including, but not limited to consultation with attorney, real property, prospective gifts, personnel matters, exclusion of witnesses, security devices and economic development matters.

CERTIFICATE

I certify that the above notice of meeting was posted on the bulletin board at the City Hall of the City of Alamo Heights, Texas on January 8, 2009, at 4:30 p.m.

Jennifer Reyna, TRMC
City Secretary