

CITY OF ALAMO HEIGHTS
CITY COUNCIL
May 23, 2016

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Alamo Heights, Texas was held at Council Chambers, located at 6116 Broadway, San Antonio, Texas, at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, May 23, 2016.

Present and composing a quorum were:

Mayor Louis Cooper
Mayor Pro-Tempore Fred Prassel
Councilmember Lawson Jessee
Councilmember Bobby Rosenthal
Councilmember Lynda Billa Burke
Councilmember John Savage

Also attending were:

City Manager J. Mark Browne
Fire Chief/Assistant City Manager Buddy Kuhn
Assistant to the City Manager Marian V. Mendoza
City Attorney Mike Brenan
Finance Director Robert Galindo
Community Development Services Department Director Jason Lutz
Human Resource Manager Lori Harris
Chief Police Rick Pruitt
Public Works Director Pat Sullivan

Absent was:

City Secretary Jennifer Reyna

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Mayor Louis Cooper opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

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Item # 1 Approval of Minutes

Mayor Cooper asked City Council for any revisions to the minutes of the May 9, 2016, City Council meeting. A motion was made by Councilmember Bobby Rosenthal to approve the minutes of May 9, 2016. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lynda Billa Burke and passed by unanimous vote.

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Item # 2 Announcement

Mayor Cooper read the following caption.

a. Movie Nights in the Heights, June 10, 2016

Assistant to the City Manager Marian V. Mendoza welcomed the public to the annual movie nights in the heights summer series. She invited family to enjoy “Inside Out” scheduled on Friday, June 10, 2016, beginning at 8:30 p.m. at the Nature Trails Parking Lot Area, 250 Viesca. She reminded residents to come early to get good seating and not to forget to bring their chairs, blankets, and snacks. She stated all movies during the summer are sponsored by the Randolph Brooks Federal Credit Union (RBFCU).

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Item # 3 Citizens to be heard concerning items not on the agenda

Suzanne Powell, resident, invited Council to attend Barney Smith’s 95th birthday celebration. The celebration will held on Wednesday, May 25th beginning at 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

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Items for Individual Consideration

Item # 4 Mayor Cooper read the following caption.

A Resolution awarding a five-year contract for Bank Depository Services to Frost Bank

Finance Director Robert Galindo made a PowerPoint presentation that included background information.

Mr. Galindo informed Council that a Request for Proposal for depository services was advertised on March 16, 2016. He stated three proposals were received by due date, April 18, 2016. Mr. Galindo highlighted the criteria and evaluation process. He reviewed the summary ratings for Frost Bank, Jefferson Bank, and Pioneer Bank. He stated Frost Bank was selected to continue to provide bank depository services for the municipality.

A motion for approval was made by Mayor Pro Tem Fred Prassel to enter a five-year contract with Frost Bank. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lynda Billa Burke. The vote was as follows: Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Fred Prassel, Councilmembers Lawson Jessee, Lynda Billa Burke and John Savage; Nays: None, and Abstain: Councilmember Bobby Rosenthal. The motion carried.

Item # 5 Mayor Cooper read the following caption.

ORDINANCE NO. 2052

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A RESTRICTED PARKING ZONE ALONG THE WEST CURB LINE OF ALAMO HEIGHTS BOULEVARD BEGINNING AT ITS INTERSECTION WITH LA JARA BOULEVARD AND CONTINUING IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION TO THE WEST LEG OF ALAMO HEIGHTS BOULEVARD

Police Chief Rick Pruitt made a PowerPoint presentation that included background information and a map.

Police Chief Pruitt stated Ordinance No. 2043 approved on February 22, 2016 restricted parking along the north curb line of Alamo Heights Boulevard for a distance of 397 feet to alleviate parking from Little League Fields. Since then off-street parking project was completed creating 24 parking spaces in the green space behind the dog park and 7 additional paved parking spaces south of the Bark Park entrance. The proposed restricted parking includes west curb line of Alamo Heights Boulevard between La Jara Boulevard and the west leg of Alamo Heights Boulevard. The proposed restricted parking would be marked by painting the curb red for a distance of 1,034 linear feet. Police Chief Pruitt stated no signage will be erected; however, the curb is proposed to be painted red. Limestone boulders would be placed along the unimproved shoulder to dissuade illegal parking. A map identified the proposed restricted parking area and proposed locations of boulders. Police Chief Pruitt reviewed the cost in supporting the proposed parking restriction.

There was a brief discussion among Council regarding boulders and signage. Mayor Cooper commented that large boulders would not be ideal; however, he encouraged natural looking boulders. Councilmember Rosenthal requested green signs to direct people off Alamo Heights Boulevard onto the new parking lot.

Police Chief Pruitt stated the boulders are similar to the ones located at the Bark Park. He stated there will be signs directing residents to the new parking lot.

Mayor Cooper complimented Police Chief Pruitt on the vision/plan as he stated the visibility coming from La Jara Boulevard, south of high school fields, has made a big difference that encompasses safety. He thanked Police Chief Pruitt for his research and time. Councilmember Rosenthal agreed with Mayor Cooper comments.

The following citizens spoke on this matter:

John Grable, resident, complimented Police Chief Pruitt and staff for the amazing transformation within the area. He commented staff utilized in-house resources which displays fiscal responsibility. He expressed his opinion that limestone will weather out and become gray. Mr. Grable asked Council to consider placing boulders on both sides

to maintain visual clarity of the nature trail. He suggested diluting the red paint to a brick dust or pecos red sandstone color to maintain natural context.

Laurie Saunders, President, Bark Park, stated speeding continues on La Jara Boulevard. She requested a slow or warning sign be placed on La Jara Boulevard to discourage speeding.

Councilmember Rosenthal suggested the addition of dog crossing signs upon entering the area. He commented if there is no red stripe he is uncertain if the boulders would be sufficient to discourage parking without "no parking" signs.

A discussion among Council continued regarding boulders and paint. Mayor Pro Tem Prassel reminded Council of the cost factor related to paint vs. boulders. Council agreed the proposed boulders should be placed near the street. Police Chief Pruitt stated code refers to red paint and said contractors are aware of the universal red paint. He shared the options of different signage.

A motion for approval was made by Councilmember Lynda Billa Burke. The motion was seconded by Councilmember John Savage and passed by unanimous vote.

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There being no further business, a motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Fred Prassel to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lawson Jessee and passed by unanimous vote. Mayor Cooper adjourned the meeting at 5:53 p.m.



Jennifer Reyna
City Secretary



Louis Cooper
Mayor