

CITY OF ALAMO HEIGHTS
CITY COUNCIL
May 8, 2017

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 8, 2017.

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 Resources Manager Lori Harris
City Secretary Jennifer Reyna
Chief Police Rick Pruitt
Public Works Director Pat Sullivan

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Mayor Cooper opened the meeting at 5:31 p.m.

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Item # 1 Approval of Minutes

Mayor Cooper asked City Council for any revisions to the minutes of the April 24, 2017, Council Meeting. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Fred Prassel to approve the minutes of April 24, 2017. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lynda Billa Burke and passed by unanimous vote.

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Item # 2 Presentation of \$1.00 each to the Mayor and Council members for compensation as per City Charter, Article IV, Section 13

Finance Director Robert Galindo thanked Council for their service and presented them a crisp dollar as compensation for their service.

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Item # 3 Announcements

a. Alamo Heights 5K Fun Run/Walk, May 20th

Assistant to the City Manager Marian Mendoza invited the community to participate in the AH 5K Fun Run/Walk scheduled for Saturday, May 20, 2017. Prizes for the top two winners will be provided by TejasFit. The run/walk route was presented. She stated Renegade Food Truck will be selling their local products. Family activities will be available to enjoy such as the moon bounce, hula hoop, and jump rope. Fingerprinting for children will be available as well.

b. Alamo Heights Night at the Silver Stars Game, June 6th

Ms. Mendoza announced Alamo Heights Night at the Silver Stars game is scheduled for Tuesday, June 6th. Alamo Heights residents are invited to attend the basketball game at a discounted rate. Information of the upcoming event will be displayed via digital bulletin at City Hall, email blast and social media. Local officials and dignitaries will be present. City Manager Mark Browne added Alamo Heights Independent School District will recognize outstanding students at the Silver Stars game.

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Item # 4 Citizens to be heard concerning items not on the agenda

Margaret Houston, resident, expressed her appreciation to Mayor Cooper as she highlighted his accomplishments during his tenure. She thanked him for his dedication.

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Items for Individual Consideration

Item # 5 Mayor Cooper read the following caption.

Architectural Review Board Case # 557S, request of Comet Signs, applicant, for permanent signage at 110 Chichester Place

Community Development Services Department Director Jason Lutz made a PowerPoint presentation that included background information, photos of the signage.

Mr. Lutz stated the applicant is appealing the decision of the Architectural Review Board (ARB) regarding the proposed monument sign for the property located at

110 Chichester Place. He presented photos of the address and monument signage. On April 18, 2017, ARB approved the applicant's sign requests as submitted; however, with the stipulation of the monument sign with an overall height limitation of eight feet. The applicant is appealing ARB's decision for two reasons. The previous monument sign, Alamo Heights Garage, was in excess of 30' and could have been utilized for this development project and the proposed monument sign met current City regulations regarding height limits for multi-tenant signs. Mr. Lutz referenced Sections 15-32 *Limitation of signs for business or office premises* and 15-36 *Height regulations* related to the monument sign appeal.

Mayor Cooper noted the setback is located further inside the property and commented there are no obstacles. He acknowledged the prior business monument sign had been there for years. Councilmember Rosenthal agreed with Mayor Cooper's comments and observed the business address is located on the building appropriately and will complement the monument sign.

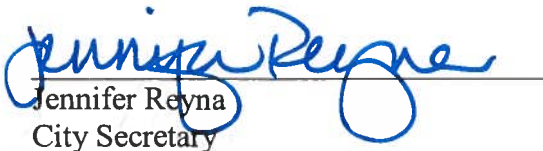
Mayor Pro Tem Prassel asked why ARB denied the applicant's request.

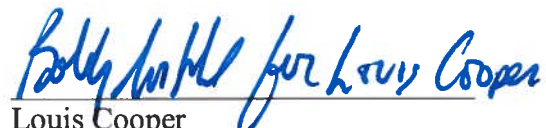
Mr. Lutz responded ARB's concerns was the overall monument signage height at 16' was they were seeking traditional signage. He shared that the applicant's concern was the height requirement with the property's setback not located along the street.

A motion was made by Councilmember Billa Burke to approve the signage as originally submitted to ARB. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Savage and passed by unanimous vote.

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There being no further business, a motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Prassel to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Savage and passed by unanimous vote. Mayor Cooper adjourned the meeting at 5:44 p.m.


Jennifer Reyna
City Secretary


Louis Cooper
Mayor