

CITY OF ALAMO HEIGHTS  
CITY COUNCIL  
August 18, 2015

A Work Session of the City Council of the City of Alamo Heights, Texas was held in the Council Chambers, located at 6116 Broadway, San Antonio, Texas, at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 18, 2015.

Present and composing a quorum were:

Mayor Louis Cooper  
Mayor Pro-Tempore Lynda Billa Burke  
Councilmember Bobby Rosenthal  
Councilmember Fred Prassel  
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  
Finance Director Robert Galindo  
Community Development Department Director Jason Lutz  
Chief Police Rick Pruitt  
Public Works Director Pat Sullivan

Absent was:

Councilmember Lawson Jessee

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Mayor Louis Cooper opened the meeting at 8:37 a.m.

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*Item #1* Mayor Cooper read the following caption.

**Discussion and consideration of options for the Community Infrastructure and Economic Development (CIED) fund**

City Manager Mark Browne made a PowerPoint presentation that included options that may be considered to utilize the CIED fund.

Mr. Browne presented fifteen options to assist with funding. Options included road repair, beautification, reserves, water meter services, street maintenance program, 4X2 project for sewer/water, fire truck replacement, technology for digital imaging, major replacement for sewer vector truck, solar panels for city facilities, markers or monuments on Austin Highway and at both ends of Broadway, permanent external signage for city facilities, and replacement of

curbs within the City, completion of parking lot at City Hall, and planting ivy or vines on the Public Works Department wall to serve as a landscape buffer on Blue Bonnet Boulevard.

Public Works Director Pat Sullivan provided additional information and presented photos to identify street improvements and needed road repairs. Mr. Sullivan highlighted the need for sidewalks and drainage improvements.

Mayor Cooper shared about Highland Park in which the city receives revenues from student issued on-street permit parking. Mayor Cooper commented perhaps the similar situation could be considered so that incoming revenues from permit parking pay for new sidewalks.

Mayor Cooper asked about a slurry seal on city streets that is available in which a street is temporarily repaired until money is allocated. Mr. Sullivan stated the temporary fix is not the best solution. He shared the drawbacks, for example, sand from the street is removed and provides poor reflection. Mr. Sullivan stated not all streets are candidates for slurry. He explained that if he is going to address the street, he is conscientious of the possible utility work that may be needed.

There was a brief discussion among Council regarding slurry seal. Council agreed is it not the permanent solution; however, it would be a temporary consideration and promote aesthetics. Mayor Pro Tem Billa Burke suggested a bond project solely for street improvements.

Mayor Cooper suggested perhaps all the suburban cities get together to purchase materials for street repairs to obtain the lowest cost due to maintenance and high costs.

Mr. Sullivan commented it may possible that the City of San Antonio obtains a lower price from the vendor due to their large order of quantity. Mr. Browne stated the planning may be a challenge for the various entities to meet; however, may be possible for small entities to meet and attempt purchase of street maintenance material at a lower price through a vendor.

Councilmember Fred Prassel suggested the City provides a sample of slurry seal to view the benefits. Mr. Browne stated a test can be conducted. Mr. Browne asked Public Works Director Pat Sullivan to obtain a rough estimate. Mr. Sullivan agreed and stated he will contact the City of San Antonio to obtain additional information.

Mr. Sullivan further explained the circumstance at Broadway regarding the different sizes of pipes and drainage system. There was a brief discussion among Council regarding the drainage at Broadway and cooperation with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). Mayor Pro Tem Lynda Billa Burke recommended looking at the drainage system as a whole and not merely at Broadway. Mr. Browne recommended getting on TxDOT's list for repairs and interpreted as a good opportunity to work with TxDOT. Mr. Sullivan suggested the City ask TxDOT to improve infrastructure, for example, making sidewalks in compliance with the Americans with Disability Act (ADA). Council agreed for staff to work with TxDOT.

Mr. Browne continued his presentation with the consideration of installation of solar panels and regarding CPS Energy Solar Panel programs: 1) community solar and 2) rooftop.

Both programs offer savings to the customers reflected on their bill. Mr. Browne commented that these programs do not directly provide solar energy to the City facilities. The solar energy is either utilized as power purchased by CPS Energy through the community solar program or hosting solar panels on the rooftop.

Council expressed their comments on the CIED funding options. There was agreement among Council regarding the completion of City Hall's parking lot, upgrading permanent signage at City Hall, and beautification projects to include: striping along Alamo Heights Boulevard, tree planting, markers/monuments along the boundaries of Alamo Heights, landscaping on Blue Bonnet Boulevard, and reserving a portion of the CIED monies. Mayor Pro Tem Billa Burke suggested to communicate with the State Representative obtaining monies for the community. Councilmember Bobby Rosenthal suggested consideration of CPS solar panel participation program.

Mr. Browne summarized the desired expenditures as the following: finishing City Hall facilities with external permanent signage, complete the parking lot at City Hall, monuments/markers at the boundaries of Alamo Heights, painting/striping on some streets and specifically on Alamo Heights Boulevard, tree planting and providing a landscape buffer on Blue Bonnet Boulevard.

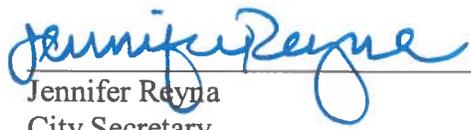
Council thanked staff for their ideas.

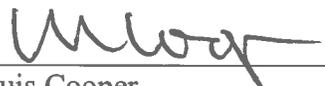
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Mayor Cooper shared Cappy Lawton's comments regarding his recent business fire and expressed appreciation to the City for their prompt responses, follow-up, and concern.

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There being no further business, Mayor Cooper adjourned the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

  
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Jennifer Reyna  
City Secretary

  
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Louis Cooper  
Mayor