

CITY OF ALAMO HEIGHTS  
CITY COUNCIL  
February 22, 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, February 22, 2016.

Present and composing a quorum were:

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

Also attending were:

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

Absent were:

Mayor Louis Cooper  
Assistant to the City Manager Marian V. Mendoza

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Mayor Pro Tem Billa Burke opened the meeting at 5:32 p.m.

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*Item # 1      Approval of Minutes*

Mayor Pro Tem Billa Burke asked City Council for any revisions to the minutes of the February 8, 2016, Council Meeting. A motion was made by Councilmember Fred Prassel to approve the minutes of February 8, 2016. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bobby Rosenthal and passed by unanimous vote.

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*Item # 2      Announcement*

**a. 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Alamo Heights Band Association's Run to the Beat 5K, March 5, 2016**

Community Development Services Department Director Jason Lutz announced that on Saturday, March 5, 2016, the Alamo Heights High School Band Association will host their "Run to the Beat" 5K, beginning at 7:00 a.m. at the Alamo Heights ISD Administration Offices. He shared to call Mr. Ben Hub at (210) 861-8128 for additional information.

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

Laurie Saunders, President, Bark Park, announced that the pavers had arrived to conduct work at the Bark Park.

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Items for Individual Consideration

*Item # 4*      Mayor Pro Tem Billa Burke read the following caption.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2043**

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING A NEW RESTRICTED PARKING ZONE "AT ALL TIMES" ON ALAMO HEIGHTS BOULEVARD, NORTH SIDE, FROM THE INTERSECTION WITH JONES MALTSBERGER IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION FOR A DISTANCE OF FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY-SIX (566) FEET**

Police Chief Rick Pruitt made a PowerPoint presentation that included background information, maps and photos.

Police Chief Pruitt presented a map and identified the location of the area proposed with restricted parking at all times. He stated Little League will be starting soon and this would be ideal to consider addressing on-street parking congestion on Alamo Heights Boulevard (35 feet in width). He explained that Little League games are the greatest contributor to on-street parking during their regular season, post season tournament and fall ball season. Police Chief Pruitt reminded Council of the greenspace adjacent to the nature trails and swimming pool when used for large permitted fundraising events such as 5K/10K runs, Pooch Parade, and An Evening in '09.

Police Chief Pruitt expressed concern for safety for pedestrians crossing the roadway when vehicular traffic is distracted by parking congestion and vehicles moving in the opposite direction and when visibility is further limited during hours of darkness.

He informed Council of the 40 available off-street parking on an unpaved area by Devine Road, unimproved area near batting cages, and 9 parking spaces at Alamo Heights Boulevard near Devine Road. He explained the game schedule overwhelms what is available and pushes parking to the street. Police Chief Pruitt recommended restricting parking “at all times” along the north curb line of Alamo Heights Boulevard from its intersection with Jones Maltsberger/Devine Road to the intersection with the 100 block Alamo Heights Boulevard, southbound for a distance of 566 feet. He explained that restricted parking at all times is encouraged to avoid confusion. Signage will be placed at the corner of Alamo Heights Boulevard and Viesca directing drivers to available Little League parking on the Viesca side of the complex.

An overview map and photos of Alamo Heights Boulevard were presented. Photos included on a game day and when games were not scheduled. He referenced Texas Transportation Code Section 542.202(a)(2) and City of Alamo Heights Code Section 18-99 that allows the creation or repeal of restricted and time limit parking zones by a municipality. Police Chief Pruitt briefly reviewed the financial cost of the materials needed to inform residents and spectators.

Councilmember Rosenthal asked if additional head in parking had been considered and of any communication with the Little League.

Police Chief Pruitt responded that it had been considered and commented that Councilmember Lawson Jessee had suggested earlier as well. He stated he had not spoken with Little League, however noted communication had been attempted.

Mayor Pro Tem Billa Burke encouraged City Manager Mark Browne to produce a map that displayed ownership of the park/fields to identify stakeholders/property owners.

Mr. Browne responded that identifying the owners had been a challenge and encouraged a title search to identify property owners.

City Attorney Mike Brenan reported that he had communication with an attorney that specialized in title work and was awaiting information from him. He commented that it was a challenge due to the numerous lots and possible changes. He stated he will follow up with appropriate individual.

Mayor Pro Tem Billa Burke directed Mr. Browne and Mr. Brenan to conduct a title search for the Little League Fields/Olmos Basin area.

Laurie Saunders, resident, commented that Ray Romano is a realtor and she will make outreach to him if he can provide assistance in identifying property owners.

Council agreed to have City Manager and City Attorney move forward with a title search to possible consider the assistance of Ray Romano.

Councilmember Prassel shared his personal experience regarding property lots and boundaries in which he acknowledged the challenge.

Mayor Pro Tem Billa Burke inquired about cross walks at Alamo Heights Boulevard. Councilmember Jessee stated there are solar powered crosswalk warning signals available and may be a consideration.

Police Chief Pruitt responded there are challenges for cross walks; however, he will explore options.

A motion for approval was made by Councilmember Bobby Rosenthal to restrict parking at all times along the north curb of Alamo Heights Boulevard to the eastern edge of the head-in parking spaces on the north side of Alamo Heights Boulevard. The motion was seconded by Councilmember John Savage and passed by unanimous vote.

*Item # 5* Mayor Pro Tem Billa Burke read the following caption.

**Resolution No. 2016R - 076**

**A Resolution adopting the City's Investment Policy**

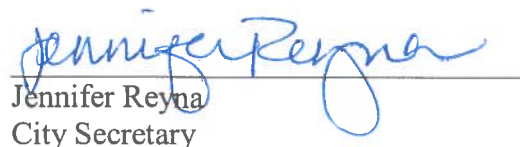
Finance Director Robert Galindo made a PowerPoint presentation that included background information.

Mr. Galindo briefly explained the Public Funds Investment Act (PFIA) which establishes requirements for local governments for managing investments. He stated a few policy revisions were made and are in compliance with the PFIA. He stated City Manager Mark Browne and himself serve as the public investment officers. Mr. Galindo explained the investment policy included strategies to provide safety of principal, minimize risk to the City's portfolio, put money to work, and add yield but not risk to the portfolio.

A motion for approval was made by Councilmember Prassel. A motion was seconded by Councilmember Jessee and passed by unanimous vote.

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There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilmember Prassel to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rosenthal and passed by unanimous vote. Mayor Pro Tem Billa Burke adjourned the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

  
Jennifer Reyna  
City Secretary

  
Lynda Billa Burke  
Mayor Pro-Tempore