

CITY OF ALAMO HEIGHTS
CITY COUNCIL
April 10, 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, April 10, 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
Community Development Services Department Director Jason Lutz
Chief Police Rick Pruitt
Public Works Director Pat Sullivan

Absent were:

Finance Director Robert Galindo
City Secretary Jennifer Reyna

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Mayor Cooper opened the meeting at 5:32 p.m.

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Item # 1 Approval of Minutes

Mayor Cooper asked City Council for any revisions to the minutes of the March 27, 2017, Council Meeting and March 29, 2017 work session. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Fred Prassel to approve the minutes of February 27, 2017 and March 29, 2017. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lawson Jessee and passed by unanimous vote.

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Item # 2 Announcements

a. National Prescription Drug Take Back Program, April 29th

Police Chief Rick Pruitt announced that any expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs will be taken on Saturday, April 29, 2017 at City Hall beginning at 10:00 am. – 2:00 p.m. Police Officers will be present to take unwanted prescription drugs. Police Chief Pruitt stated syringes, intravenous solutions, or injectables will not be accepted due to blood borne pathogen threats. Police Chief Pruitt stated he will send information via email blast to remind the community of this opportunity.

b. National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, April 9th – 15th

Police Chief Rick Pruitt announced the week of April 9th through April 15th is National Telecommunicators Week dedicated to Public Safety Dispatchers. He briefly highlighted their important roles which make the jobs of Public Safety responders easier. Mayor Cooper read and presented a Proclamation to Police Chief Pruitt in appreciation of their excellent work.

c. Fiesta Medal

Assistant to the City Manager Marian Vargas reminded residents that fiesta medals will be available at City Hall beginning today. Ms. Vargas stated information was published in the April's newsletter, City's website, Facebook page and twitter.

d. An Evening in '09, April 22nd

Community Development Services Department Director Jason Lutz announced the sixth annual "An Evening in '09" scheduled for Saturday, April 22, 2017 at the Alamo Heights Pool and hosted by the Alamo Heights Optimist Club. The event will begin at 5:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the Alamo Heights Pool. This annual event includes games/rides for the kids, food, drink booths, and music.

e. Pooch Parade, April 29th

Mr. Lutz announced the 19th annual Pooch Parade sponsored by Therapy Animals of San Antonio is scheduled for Saturday, April 29, 2017 beginning at the Alamo Heights Swimming Pool parking lot. The costume contest will begin at 8:00 a.m. The parade route was presented.

f. VIA funding the Trolley restoration

City Manager Mark Browne reported VIA provided a letter informing the City they will fund the faux bois trolley stop in the amount of \$40,000. Mr. Browne thanked Mayor Cooper for his assistance. Monies received from VIA will return to the Community Infrastructure and Economic Development (CIED) Fund.

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

There were no citizens that signed up to speak.

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Items for Individual Consideration

Item # 4 Mayor Cooper read the following caption.

ORDINANCE NO. 2074

Planning and Zoning Commission Case # 388, public hearing, consideration, and action regarding a request to abandon an easement dedicated for the use of an “alley”, being the west fifteen (15) feet of Lot five (5), Block seventy-five (75), Montclair Addition, of the City of Alamo Heights, Texas, located at 515 Austin Highway

Community Development Services Department Director Jason Lutz made a PowerPoint presentation that included background information and maps.

Mr. Lutz identified the location of the easement and stated the applicant requested the City to abandon its rights to the easement. The City was granted the easement on July 18, 1951 for use as an alley. Since then, the easement had not been utilized. Mr. Lutz reported no utilities or public infrastructure are located in the easement. The easement is 15' x 143.5' (2,152.5 square feet). An appraisal was provided by Stouffer & Associates, LLP and noted the value of the property was appraised at \$6,460.00 which will be paid by the landowner to the City of Alamo Heights.

On April 3, 2017, the Planning & Zoning (P&Z) Commission reviewed and recommended approval of the abandonment of the easement. Staff received one response in support and one in opposition of the applicant's request.

Council asked questions related to the plans of the easement and why the purchase of the easement was low.

Mr. Lutz responded that in future Brake Check plans to demolish the building. He stated the fee was low because the landowner owns the property and noted the landowner desired to purchase because the alley is not buildable land.

Mayor Cooper opened the public hearing at 5:42 p.m. No one signed up to speak. Mayor Cooper closed the public hearing at 5:43 p.m.

A motion for approval was made by Councilmember Lawson Jessee. The motion was seconded by Councilmember John Savage and passed by unanimous vote.

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