

CITY OF ALAMO HEIGHTS
CITY COUNCIL
May 22, 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 22, 2017.

Present and composing a quorum were:

Mayor Louis Cooper
Mayor Pro Tempore Fred Prassel
Mayor Elect Bobby Rosenthal
Councilmember Lawson Jessee
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
Lieutenant Cindy Pruitt
Public Works Director Pat Sullivan

Absent was:

Police Chief Rick Pruitt

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Mayor Cooper opened the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

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Mayor Cooper handed the gavel to Mayor Elect Bobby Rosenthal. A standing ovation filled the Council Chambers. Mayor Rosenthal welcomed Wes Sharples, Councilmember, Place 2.

Mayor Rosenthal announced in honor of fallen Firefighter Scott Deem and all first responders, City Hall's lights are red. He expressed his appreciation to public safety personnel.

Item # 1 Recognition of Mayor Louis Cooper dedicating 16 years of public service to the City of Alamo Heights

City Manager Mark Browne, Fire Chief Buddy Kuhn and Community Development Services Department Director Jason Lutz thanked Mayor Cooper for his leadership and strong support. They highlighted his accomplishments in making Alamo Heights a great place for residents and employees.

Mayor Rosenthal introduced City of Terrell Hills Mayor Anne Ballantyne, former Mayor Brad Camp and City Manager Greg Whitlock. They presented a proclamation to Mayor Cooper for being an honorary citizen.

Bexar County Constituent Services Director Dwayne Robinson presented books authored by Bexar County Judge Nelson W. Wolff as a gift to Mayor Cooper. Mr. Robinson read a letter from Judge Wolff that congratulated and highlighted Mayor Cooper's leadership and accomplishments.

District Attorney Nico LaHood shared how he met Mayor Cooper and how it takes someone special to be a statesmen as Mayor Cooper is.

Debra Nason, President, Neighborhood Association, thanked Mayor Cooper for his years of service. She recalled the challenges and how it was addressed.

Sarah Reveley, resident, shared her experience with Mayor Cooper and expressed he was a great public servant.

Margaret Houston, resident, restated Councilmember Savage's quote, "he gave us a voice". She shared that Mayor Cooper knew and represented everyone.

Mayor Rosenthal read and presented a proclamation to Mayor Cooper. Mayor Rosenthal read a letter that Speaker Joe Straus highlighted his achievements and wished him the best. Mayor Rosenthal presented Mayor Cooper an engraved gavel. Flowers were presented to Ms. Cooper for her support. A photo of Council was taken. Mayor Rosenthal shared his relationship with Mayor Cooper and distributed customized hats for Council to "Make Alamo Heights Great Again".

Mayor Rosenthal unveiled the letters of the Council Chambers to read Cooper Council Chambers. Mayor Rosenthal stated this would be an everlasting remembrance of Mayor Cooper.

Mayor Cooper thanked everyone present that made this day special. He stated he worked with great staff and had Council's support; it's a team sport. He reminded the audience that the facility was possible due to citizens and expressed appreciation. He stated the City is in good hands with Mayor Rosenthal's leadership.

A video was presented highlighting Mayor Cooper's participation in city events, meetings, and collaboration as Mayor.

Stan McCormick, former Councilmember, referenced a political statement, to get from a no to a yes you know how to get through a series of maybes”. He stated Mayor Cooper had the sincerity and character. He expressed his appreciation for his leadership.

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Item # 2 Approval of Minutes

Mayor Rosenthal asked City Council for any revisions to the minutes of the May 8, 2017, Council Meeting. A motion was made by Councilmember Lawson Jessee to approve the minutes of May 8, 2017. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lynda Billa Burke and passed by unanimous vote.

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Item # 3 Presentation of Certificates of Election and administration of Oaths of Office to newly elected officials: Mayor, Bobby Rosenthal, Councilmember, Place 1 – Lawson Jessee, and Councilmember, Place 2 – Wes Sharples

City Secretary Jennifer Reyna announced Bobby Rosenthal is elected as Mayor. Councilmembers Lawson Jessee and Wes Sharples were declared elected. Ms. Reyna administered the oaths of office and congratulated them.

Item # 4 Election of Mayor Pro Tempore

A motion was made by Councilmember Fred Prassel to elect Councilmember Lawson Jessee as the Mayor Pro Tempore. The motion was seconded by Councilmember John Savage and passed by unanimous vote.

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Item # 5 Announcements

a. Video clip of Alamo Heights 5K Fun Run/Walk

Mayor Rosenthal stated the fun run/walk was the first for the City of Alamo Heights. A video was presented to highlight the run/walk. Mayor Rosenthal noted the AH09 is the new branding.

City Manager Mark Browne thanked Human Resources Manager Lori Harris, Assistant to the City Manager Marian Mendoza, and City Secretary Jennifer Reyna for organizing the event.

Ms. Mendoza shared there were 170 registrants; however, 130 participants showed up. She briefly shared recapped the fantastic turnout, activities and local support.

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

Assistant to the City Manager Marian Mendoza announced Alamo Heights Night at the Silver Stars game is Tuesday, June 6th. Alamo Heights residents are invited to attend the basketball game at a discounted rate. Information of the upcoming event is displayed via the digital bulletin at City Hall and promoted via email blast and social media. Local officials and dignitaries will be present.

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Item # 6 Citizens to be heard concerning items not on the agenda

Margaret Houston, resident, welcomed Mayor Rosenthal and stated it will be a great journey for all.

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Mayor Rosenthal announced a break at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Rosenthal reconvened the meeting at 6:39 p.m.

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Items for Individual Consideration

Item # 7 Mayor Rosenthal read the following caption.

Planning and Zoning Commission Case # 390, public hearing, consideration, and action regarding a request to replat the properties currently known as 415 La Jara and 616 Evans Ave., identified as CB 4024, BLK 171, LOT 4, 5, & E 25FT of 3, and 622 Evans Ave., identified as CB 4024, BLK 171, LOT E 40FT of 2 & W 25FT of 3

Community Development Services Department Director Jason Lutz made a PowerPoint presentation that included background information, current and proposed plats.

Mr. Lutz identified the project and stated the applicant is seeking to subdivide the existing property in order to create two lots. He stated originally the applicant requested to create three new lots; however, at the Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Commission meeting, the applicant amended their request to create two new lots. The plat will establish Lots 11 and 12, Block 1, CB 52.16. Lot 11 is a 0.319 acre lot and will have 133.56' of frontage along Ogden. Lot 12 is a 0.37 acre lot and will have 81.66' of frontage along Ogden. The current and proposed plats were presented.

A 14' utility easement had been provided along all property lines adjacent to Ogden and Viesca. City staff is waiting to hear from CPS Energy to reduce the 14' utility easement along Ogden to 10' and eliminate the 14' utility easement along Viesca.

On May 1, 2017, P&Z reviewed and approved the applicant's request to replat, with the condition that the easements only be reduced with approval from CPS Energy. Staff received no responses in support or opposition of the request.

John Grable, architect, noted the request is on behalf of Mayor and Sue Balthrope. He stated they had acquired three lots and wanted to replat the properties. He stated the replat would preserve 100 foot frontage and consolidate into Lot 2. He thanked Council for their service.

Mayor Rosenthal opened the public hearing at 6:41 p.m. No one signed up to speak. The public hearing closed at 6:42 p.m.

A motion for approval was made by Mayor Pro Tem Lawson Jessee subject to CPS Energy's approval of the easements. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lynda Billa Burke and passed by unanimous vote.

Item # 8 Mayor Rosenthal read the following caption.

Planning and Zoning Commission Case # 391, public hearing, consideration, and action regarding a request to replat the property currently known as 704 Ogden Lane, identified as CB 5216, P-5, P-100, P-101, OCL 39 R1 D2 (0.691 AC)

Mr. Lutz made a PowerPoint presentation that included background information, current and proposed plats.

Mr. Lutz identified the project and stated the applicant is seeking to replat two lots and a portion of a third lot into two new lots. The plat will establish Lots 9R and 10R, Block 171. Lot 9R is a 0.3209 acre lot and will have 100' of frontage along Evans. Lot 10R is a 0.4196 acre lot and will have 199.8' of frontage along Evans and 196.79' of frontage along La Jara. A 10' utility easement is provided on the lot frontages along Evans and La Jara. The current and proposed plats were presented.

On May 1, 2017, P&Z reviewed and approved the replat request with approval from CPS Energy. Mr. Lutz confirmed CPS Energy approved. Staff received six responses in support of the request and none in opposition.

Mayor Rosenthal opened the public hearing at 6:43 p.m. No one signed up to speak. The public hearing closed at 6:44 p.m.

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

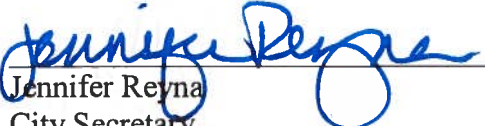
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There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilmember Fred Prassel to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wes

Sharples and passed by unanimous vote. Mayor Rosenthal adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.



Bobby Rosenthal
Mayor



Jennifer Reyna
City Secretary

