

CITY OF ALAMO HEIGHTS
CITY COUNCIL
June 12, 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, June 12, 2017.

Present and composing a quorum were:

Mayor Bobby Rosenthal
Mayor Pro Tempore Lawson Jessee
Councilmember Wes Sharples
Councilmember Fred Prassel
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 Bobby Rosenthal opened the meeting at 5:31 p.m.

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Item # 1 Approval of Minutes

Mayor Rosenthal asked City Council for any revisions to the minutes of the May 17, 2017, Special Council Meeting. A motion was made by Councilmember Fred Prassel to approve the minutes of May 17, 2017. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lynda Billa Burke and passed by unanimous vote.

Mayor Rosenthal asked City Council for any revisions to the minutes of the May 22, 2017, Council Meeting. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Lawson Jessee to approve the minutes of May 22, 2017. The motion was seconded by Councilmember John Savage and passed by unanimous vote.

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Item # 2 Announcements

a. 45th Annual Fourth of July Parade

Community Development Services Department Director Jason Lutz invited residents to the 45th annual Alamo Heights Fourth of July parade on Tuesday, July 4th, at 10:00 a.m. beginning at Estes and Patterson Avenue.

b. 38th Annual San Antonio Roadrunner’s 5K/10K, July 15th

Mr. Lutz announced the San Antonio Roadrunners (S.A.R.R.) will host their 38th annual 5k/10k walk/run on Saturday, July 15, 2017. He presented the route and stated the event will begin at 7:30 a.m. at the HEB Lincoln Heights. He stated this is the first year S.A.R.R. hosting a 10K and the route will be run twice.

c. 2nd Annual TejasFit 5K, July 29th

Mr. Lutz announced the second annual TejasFit 5K run is scheduled for Saturday, July 29, 2017. He presented the route which will begin at the Alamo Heights Swimming pool beginning at 7:30 a.m.

d. Movie Nights in the Heights, July 14th

Assistant to the City Manager Marian V. Mendoza welcomed the public to the annual movie nights in the heights summer series. She invited family to enjoy “Sing” scheduled on Friday, July 14, 2017, beginning at 8:30 p.m. at the Nature Trails Parking Lot Area, 250 Viesca. She reminded residents to come early to get good seating and not to forget to bring their chairs, blankets, and snacks. She stated all movies during the summer are sponsored by the Randolph Brooks Federal Credit Union (RBFCU).

e. Cancellation of July 10th City Council Meeting

City Secretary Jennifer Reyna announced the cancellation of the July 10th Council Meeting to accommodate the upcoming budget work session scheduled for Monday, July 17th, 2017. Council agreed.

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

There were no citizens that signed up to sign.

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Items for Individual Consideration

Item # 4 Mayor Rosenthal read the following caption.

Architectural Review Board Case # 668F, request of Laurence Seiterle, owner, for the significance and compatibility review of the proposed replacement structure located at 333 Normandy under Demolition Review Ordinance No. 1860 in order to demolish 32% of the existing street-facing façade on the west side at Imlay in order to add to the existing main structure

Community Development Services Department Director Jason Lutz made a PowerPoint presentation that included background information, existing/proposed site plans, elevations, photos, and existing/proposed streetscapes.

Mr. Lutz identified the project and stated the applicant is requesting to construct an addition to the existing single-family structure, demolish an existing accessory structure, expand the existing carport to bring their parking requirements into compliance, and demolish 32% of the existing street-facing façade on the west side at Imlay. The existing and proposed residential design standards were reviewed. Mr. Lutz stated the shed will be demolished. Building materials are wood siding and composition shingle roof. The existing/proposed site plans, elevations, photos, and existing/proposed streetscapes were presented.

On May 16, 2017, the Architectural Review Board (ARB) reviewed and approved the request. Staff received five responses in support of the applicant's request and none in opposition.

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

Item # 5 Mayor Rosenthal read the following caption.

Architectural Review Board Case # 669F, request of John Grable, FAIA, applicant, representing William D. and Sue H. Balthrope, owners, for the significance and compatibility review of the proposed replacement structure located at 415 La Jara under Demolition Review Ordinance No. 1860 in order to demolish 82.1% of the existing roof, demolish 52.3% of the street-facing façade on the east side at La Jara, demolish 84.6% of the street-facing façade on the north side at Evans, and demolish 68.5% of the overall exterior facing walls of the existing structure in order to remodel and add to the existing main structure

Mr. Lutz made a PowerPoint presentation that included background information, existing/proposed site plans, elevations, photos, and existing/proposed streetscapes.

Mr. Lutz identified the project and stated the applicants are requesting permission to demolish several additions to the home as additions were made throughout the years. New construction would be on a one story 4,600 square foot addition while retaining the original home.

Mr. Lutz reviewed the existing and proposed residential design standards. He noted there was additional property purchased to differentiate existing and proposed acreage. He stated two non-heritage elm trees are to be removed. An 8" palm tree is to be relocated. Building materials include stucco and glass, and standing seam metal roof. The existing/proposed site plans, elevations, photos, and existing/proposed streetscapes were presented.

On May 1, 2017, the Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Commission approved a replat of two lots and a portion of a third lot, creating two new lots. The ARB reviewed and approved the significance and compatibility request on May 16, 2017. On May 22, 2017, Council approved the replat request. Staff received ten postcards in support of the applicants' request and none in opposition.

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

Item # 6 Mayor Rosenthal read the following caption.

Consider a request of Robert Guzman, representing Warehouse Strength & Conditioning, to hold a first time "Special Event" (fundraiser for 100 Club of SA) to be held on August 26, 2017

Mr. Lutz made a PowerPoint presentation that included background information on Warehouse Strength and Conditioning requesting to host a special event on August 26, 2017, beginning at 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Lutz explained that Council approval is sought for a first time event to be held in Alamo Heights. He stated the fundraiser is to benefit the One-Hundred Club of San Antonio. The One-Hundred Club of San Antonio provides financial support to the family of fallen Firefighters and Police Officers offering immediate and higher education financial needs. He stated four Alamo Heights Police Officers will be participating. The event is proposed to be held at 250 Viesca, hosting a series of competitive stations where contestants rotate between events. He stated no streets will be blocked or closed. Food and beverages will be sold and amplified sound will be utilized.

Councilmember Fred Prassel asked how loud the amplifier system will be.

Mr. Robert Guzman, applicant, stated the amplifier system is utilized for participants during the event and most likely used after 10:00 a.m. He is expecting 12-20 teams.

City Manager Mark Browne asked what kind of events will be hosted.

Mr. Guzman responded that he is expecting 12 – 20 teams to participate in tactical events that Firefighters and Police Officers are used to. He briefly described the event and stated he needed more space to host the annual event. He stated the recent loss of Firefighter Scott Deem is an example of how the event will be a contributed benefit.

A motion for approval was made by Mayor Pro Tem Lawson Jessee. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wes Sharples and passed by unanimous vote.

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Closed Session

At 5:56 p.m., Mayor Rosenthal adjourned the regular City Council meeting to conduct a closed meeting as authorized by Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code to discuss the employment, evaluation and duties of the City Manager.

Mayor Rosenthal reconvened the regular meeting at 5:57 p.m. There was no action taken during the closed session.

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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 Mayor Pro Tem Jessee and passed by unanimous vote. Mayor Rosenthal adjourned the meeting at 5:58 p.m.


Jennifer Reyna
City Secretary


Bobby Rosenthal
Mayor