

CITY OF ALAMO HEIGHTS
CITY COUNCIL
June 27, 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, June 27, 2016.

Present and composing a quorum were:

Mayor Louis Cooper
Mayor Pro-Tempore Fred Prassel
Councilmember Bobby Rosenthal
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 Resource Manager Lori Harris
Chief Police Rick Pruitt
Public Works Director Pat Sullivan

Absent were:

Councilmember Lawson Jessee
Councilmember Lynda Billa Burke

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Mayor Louis Cooper opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

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Item # 1 Recognition of the Alamo Heights Baseball Team in honor of being Texas State finalists

Mayor Pro Tem Fred Prassel welcomed the Alamo Heights High School Baseball Varsity Team and announced their names. Mayor Cooper expressed his appreciation and thanked them for representing the City as he noted everyone was following them on their progress.

Jason Thompson, Head Coach, thanked the City for their support and shared the support received from the community and the Alamo Heights Independent School

District (AHISD) was tremendous. He stated the team dedicated hours to practice and games striving for the best.

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Item # 2 Approval of Minutes

Mayor Cooper asked City Council for any revisions to the minutes of the June 6, 2016, Strategic Action Plan work session and June 13, 2016 City Council meeting. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Fred Prassel to approve the minutes of June 6, 2016. The motion was seconded by Councilmember John Savage.

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Item # 3 Announcements

Mayor Cooper read the following caption.

a. Street Improvement Bond Election Informational Meeting, June 29, 2016

Assistant to the City Manager Marian V. Mendoza welcomed the public to attend an informational meeting regarding the consideration of street improvement bonds. It is scheduled for Wednesday, June 29th, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chambers. She informed Council that additional information is available on the City's website and newsletter. Information has also sent via community email blast, and twitter.

b. Movie Nights in the Heights, July 22, 2016

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 "Star Wars, the Force Awakens" scheduled on Friday, July 22, 2016, 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 informed Council that Cheesy Janes and Kona Ice will be selling their food for anyone to purchase. Daisy Bee and Friends balloon artists will also be there to create balloon art for guests in attendance.

c. July 4th Parade

Community Development Services Department Director Jason Lutz invited residents to the 44th annual Alamo Heights Fourth of July parade on Monday, July 4th, at 10:00 a.m. beginning at Estes and Patterson Avenue.

d. 37th Annual SARR Women's 5K, July 16, 2016

Mr. Lutz announced the San Antonio Roadrunners will host their 37th annual 5k/10k walk/run on Saturday, July 16, 2016. He presented the route and stated the event will begin at 7:30 a.m. at the HEB Lincoln Heights.

e. Tejas Fit 5K Run, July 30, 2016

Mr. Lutz announced the first annual Tejas Fit 5K run is scheduled for Saturday, July 30, 2016. He presented the route which will begin at the Alamo Heights Swimming pool beginning at 7:15 a.m.

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Item # 4 Citizens to be heard concerning items not on the agenda

Margaret Houston, resident, thanked Council for their dedication. She expressed concern of the new 10-family units that are being constructed on Terrell Road. She stated she will go to all necessary meetings to express her concerns. She summarized that the City's character has been changing.

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Items for Individual Consideration

Item # 5 Mayor Cooper read the following caption.

A presentation by the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District concerning the Zika Virus given by Rita Espinoza, Chief of Epidemiology & Stephen Barscewski, Sanitary Services Manager

Fire Chief Buddy Kuhn introduced Rita Espinoza and Stephen Barscewski with the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District. They made a PowerPoint presentation that included background information.

Ms. Rita Espinoza, Chief of Epidemiology, SA Metropolitan Health District, provided statistical information on the Zika virus and how it is transmitted. She explained the symptoms and stated there are no treatments for the virus. A map was presented that highlighted the areas where mosquitos are.

Mr. Stephen Barscewski, Sanitary Services Manager, SA Metropolitan Health District, explained the different types of mosquitos and the different stages of metamorphosis. He reviewed the types of repellent that should be used against mosquitos.

Council and staff asked questions and were addressed by Ms. Espinoza and Mr. Barscewski.

Item # 6 Mayor Cooper read the following caption.

Architectural Review Board Case No. 625F, request of Susan Flores, owner, for the significance and compatibility review of the proposed main structure located at 312 Argo Avenue under Demolition Review Ordinance No. 1860 to demolish/encapsulate 75% of the existing roof, demolish 67% of the existing exterior facing walls, and 56% of the existing street facing façade of the main structure in order to remodel and add to the existing duplex

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

Mr. Lutz identified the project and stated the applicant seeking to demolish/encapsulate 75% of the existing roof, demolish 67% of the existing exterior facing walls, and 56% of the existing street facing façade of the main structure in order to remodel the existing duplex and convert into a single family residence. He reviewed the existing and proposed residential design standards. He summarized the request was in compliance with all regulations and no variances were required or requested. He stated the exterior is comprised of hardie siding and shake shingles with an asphalt shingle roof. The elevations, site plan, and existing/proposed streetscapes were presented.

On June 21, 2016, Architectural Review Board (ARB) reviewed the applicant's request. The replacement structure is compatible and the request was approved with conditions: the air conditioning unit must be screened with vegetation or with a screening fence. Staff received five postcards in support of the request and none in opposition.

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

Item # 7 Mayor Cooper read the following caption.

Resolution No. 2016R - 083

A Resolution awarding a contract for Employee Benefits Services to Catto & Catto in partnership with Financial Benefits Services (FBS) and authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract for such services

Human Resource Manager Lori Harris made a PowerPoint presentation that included background information.

Ms. Harris stated a Request for Proposals (RFP) was advertised on April 6, 2016 for employee benefit services. She stated the City received five proposals by the due date, May 6, 2016.

Ms. Harris reviewed the key criteria considered during the evaluation process. Three top firms were interviewed. She reviewed their ratings and recommended Catto & Catto in partnership with Financial Benefits Services (FBS) to be selected to provide employee benefit services. The financial impact was reviewed. Catto & Catto will be entitled to a pro rata portion of fees during the initial period of transition from September 1, 2016 until December 31, 2016.

A motion for approval was made by Councilmember Savage. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Prassel and passed by unanimous vote.

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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 6:16 p.m.



Jennifer Reyna
City Secretary



Louis Cooper
Mayor