

CITY OF ALAMO HEIGHTS  
CITY COUNCIL  
July 24, 2019

A special 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 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 24, 2019.

Present and composing a quorum were:

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

Also attending were:

City Manager Buddy Kuhn  
Deputy Fire Chief Allen Ottmers  
City Attorney Frank Garza  
Community Development Services Department Director Nina Shealey  
Police Chief Rick Pruitt  
City Secretary Jennifer Reyna

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Mayor Bobby Rosenthal opened the meeting at 8:36 a.m.

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*Item # 1* Mayor Rosenthal read the following caption.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2138**

**AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE LOWEST BID AND  
AWARDING THE CONTRACT TO PALOMA BLANCA  
ENTERPRISES, INC., FOR THE JUDSON NATURE  
TRAILS BUILDING RENOVATIONS AND AUTHORIZING  
THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE  
THE CONTRACT**

Deputy Fire Chief Allen Ottmers made a PowerPoint presentation that included background information and the bidding process.

Mr. Ottmers stated renovations to the Judson Nature Trails Building are needed. The bid was advertised in the *San Antonio Express-News* on June 26th and July 3rd. A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting was held on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Three bids were submitted and

evaluated. Staff recommended to award the bid to Paloma Blanca Enterprises, Inc. for a bid proposal of \$88,100 and funds are included in the Capital Projects Fund.

Councilmember Fred Prassel recalled 100% payment and performance bond were required and explained the importance of the contractor providing for assurance on defaults. He inquired the percentage on bond coverages required for this contract.

City Manager Buddy Kuhn stated the contract was coordinated through the City Attorney. He thanked Councilmember Lawson Jessee for his assistance providing guidance in the issuance of the bid proposal.

Mr. Jessee explained the necessity of the appropriate materials to conduct the project right. He shared of the bidding process requirements when he has applied for projects in San Antonio.

Mr. Kuhn acknowledged Paloma Blanca Enterprises, Inc. is bonded and stated the contract was coordinated with the City Attorney.

Mayor Rosenthal noted that Paloma Blanca Enterprises, Inc. is not owned by Richard Peacock, business entrepreneur.

A motion was made by Councilmember Lawson Jessee. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lynda Billa Burke and passed by unanimous vote.

*Item # 2* Mayor Rosenthal read the following caption.

**Review of responses to RFP for Landscape Architects and conduct interviews interviews for Landscape Architect**

Mayor Rosenthal provided background information prior conducting interviews. He shared of the financial commitment on the landscape design project (Broadway), timeline ordering the special bond election and the possibility of considering the bond election another time. He informed Council he met with Bexar County Commissioner Kevin Wolff seeking reassurance of the financial commitment.

Councilmember Jessee encouraged Council to keep momentum of the project and Councilmember Savage agreed.

Mayor Rosenthal shared the interview process to the candidates. Interviews were conducted. Representatives from Rialto Studio Architects, Overland Architects/TBG Partners, and Alamo Architects/Studio dwg/Kimley-Horn/Fd2s respectively answered Council's questions during their opportunity. Interviews concluded at 11:43 a.m.

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Closed Session

At 11:44 a.m., Mayor Rosenthal adjourned the regular City Council meeting to conduct a closed meeting as authorized by Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code to deliberate regarding terms and conditions for landscape architect contract.

Mayor Rosenthal reconvened the regular meeting at 12:32 p.m. There was no action taken during the closed session.

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Open Session after Closed Session

Item # 4 Mayor Rosenthal read the following caption.

**Discussion and possible action to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract for Landscape Architect**

A motion was made by Councilmember Lawson Jesse to award Phase 1 Design to Overland Partners and authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute the contract of such work. The motion was seconded by Councilmember John Savage and passed by unanimous vote.

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There being no further business, Mayor Rosenthal adjourned the meeting at 12:33 p.m.

  
Jennifer Reyna  
City Secretary

  
Bobby Rosenthal  
Mayor