

CITY OF ALAMO HEIGHTS
CITY COUNCIL
August 24, 2020

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Alamo Heights, Texas was held at the Council Chambers, located at 6116 Broadway, San Antonio, Texas, at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, August 24, 2020. A teleconference was held via Zoom; staff and meeting attendees were welcomed in the Council Chambers entering City Hall via one entrance (rear of City Hall), answering health questions, health screening, wearing a mask and practicing social distancing.

Present and composing a quorum were:

Mayor Bobby Rosenthal
Councilmember Lawson Jessee
Councilmember Wes Sharples
Councilmember Blake M. Bonner

Absent were:

Mayor Pro-Tempore John Savage
Councilmember Lynda Billa Burke

Also attending were:

City Manager Buddy Kuhn
Assistant City Manager/Community Development Services Director Nina Shealey
City Attorney Richard Lindner
Assistant to the City Manager/City Secretary Jennifer Reyna
Finance Director Robert Galindo
Police Chief Rick Pruitt
Fire Chief Michael Gdovin
Public Works Director Pat Sullivan

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Mayor Bobby Rosenthal opened the meeting at 5:36 p.m.

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Assistant to City Manager/City Secretary Jennifer Reyna announced the process for today's meeting via teleconference. She explained information was available at www.alamoheightstx.gov. Ms. Reyna announced if interested listeners desired to speak on a particular item, she instructed to them to press *9 so they will be cued to express their comments. She reminded listeners when addressing Council, please state your name and address for the record. She stated an alarm will inform the speaker that your time has expired.

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A Resolution approving a professional services agreement with Dr. Mark T. Ogden, DO, PA to provide emergency medical services (EMS) direction for the City and authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement for such services

Fire Chief Michael Gdovin made a PowerPoint presentation that included background information.

Fire Chief Gdovin stated the existing contract with Mark T. Ogden, DO, PA will expire on September 30, 2020. He shared the EMS (paramedics) work under the medical director's license and malpractice insurance and allow the purchase of medical supplies including emergency medications allowed only through MD license. Services in the agreement include 24/7/365 online medical direction with backup medical direction provided by Dr. Michael Magoon, and the Medical Director supplements inhouse training opportunities. He noted Dr. Mark T. Ogden is also the medical director for the Cities of Olmos Park and Terrell Hills. The new agreement would be through October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2023.

A designation of a Medical Director is mandated by the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) and is consistent with prior agreements dating back to the inception of EMS in 1982. Renewal of the proposed contract aligns with the EMS contract expiration, a three-year term.

The proposed contract is \$8,000 per quarter which is an annual total amount of \$32,000 through September 2023, which includes no increase and fees are paid by the EMS budget shared by all communities.

A motion of approval was made by Councilmember Wes Sharples. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Blake Bonner and passed by unanimous vote.

Item # 5 Mayor Rosenthal read the following caption.

Resolution No. 2020R-124

A Resolution approving a renewal of an interlocal agreement between the cities of Alamo Heights, Olmos Park and Terrell Hills to provide Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement for such services

Fire Chief Gdovin made a PowerPoint presentation that included background information.

Fire Chief Gdovin this is the consideration of a renewal of an interlocal agreement between the Cities of Alamo Heights, Olmos Park, and Terrell Hills to provide Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement for such services. The history of this interlocal agreement began in

1982 and has been renewed on an annual basis until 2008. The currently interlocal agreement expires on September 30, 2020 and if renewed, the agreement would terminate on September 30, 2023.

Fire Chief Gdovin highlighted the response times within the tri-city area are well below the national average of 10 minutes. He stated cost sharing among the tri-cities assures quality patient care is achieved at a low cost to its citizens. Citizens are assured quick access to emergency medical care and transport to the area hospital. Renewal of the interlocal agreement would align with the Medical Director Professional Service Agreement, three-year term contract.

The cost share arrangement was presented over a three-year time period. The chart identified the entities (Alamo Heights, Olmos Park, Terrell Hills), three-year period of cost and percentage comparison of last agreement's cost difference. Cost were based on the total number of EMS calls per city in the prior three year period of January 1, 2017-December 31, 2019.

A motion of approval was made by Councilmember Blake Bonner. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wes Sharples and passed by unanimous vote.

Item # 6 Mayor Rosenthal read the following caption.

ORDINANCE NO. 2160

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AMEND CITY CODES CHAPTER 18, ARTICLE VI, SECTION 18-152, SCHEDULE G ON PATTERSON AVENUE, NORTH SIDE, BEGINNING AT THE INTERSECTION WITH ENCINO AVENUE IN A WESTWARD DIRECTION

Police Chief Rick Pruitt made a PowerPoint presentation that included background information and photos.

Police Chief Pruitt informed Council of the request for a revised parking restriction made by Mr. James Rogers, who resides at 211 Patterson Avenue. The request is to change 40' of "No parking anytime" to "2-hour parking". A photo of the corner property lot was displayed. Police Chief Pruitt stated in 2017, the corner property lot was divided into two separate lots currently as 201 Patterson and 211 Patterson.

On December 13, 1999, Ordinance No. 1448 was passed in response to the overflow parking from HEB Central Market, post office, and employees parking on the property. The ordinance created six new restricted parking areas. Designated areas are 1) (North side) which was "no longer than 2 hours, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., except Sundays" beginning at Encino Ave. westward for a distance of 60 feet; 2) (North side) is no parking "at all times" commencing 60 feet west of Encino Ave. and continuing to Lagos Ave.; and 3) (South side) "No longer than 2 hours, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.,

except Sundays” beginning at Encino Ave., westward to the foot bridge. Photos of the properties impacted were presented as Police Chief Pruitt explained the restrictions and how they impacted with an addition of a crosswalk and another in which 60 feet marker was not at its fullest, in which amendments were proposed.

Amendments to Chapter 18, Article VI, Section 18-152, Schedule G were proposed. They were: 1). “No longer than two hour from 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., except Sunday”, on Patterson Ave., north side, from Encino Ave., westward for a distance of 185 feet; and 2) “No parking at all times”, Patterson Ave., north side, commencing at a point 185 feet west of Encino Ave., westward to Lagos Parkway.

Citizen concerns were shared by Police Chief Pruitt to include vehicle speeds in the 200 block of Patterson Ave. at the curve, proximity to curve and vehicles passing parked vehicles. A photo displayed a vehicle passing of a City parked vehicle along Patterson, west end and Police Chief Pruitt stated during his observation, he did not observe parked vehicles opposite each other as vehicles were passing as citizens expressed.

Texas Transportation Code Section 542.202 “Powers of Local Authorities” allows municipalities to adopt, amend and rescind parking restrictions on public roadways.

Police Chief Pruitt reviewed two options on the cost impact on the proposed changes that consists of sandblasting 40 feet of existing red curb, one parking sign and pole at \$1,375 or paint over 40’ of the red curb, erect one parking sign and pole at the cost of \$190. Public Works personnel will assume responsibility for removal of the red paint and installing one new sign pole.

Police Chief Pruitt stated property owners at 201 and 211 Patterson Ave. agreed to the two-hour parking restriction.

The Ordinance will be published in the *San Antonio Express-News* and on the City’s website in accordance with applicable law.

Mr. Kuhn commented originally, the requestor wanted to park there, anytime, and Mr. Kuhn suggested a two-hour parking restriction; requestor agreed to a two-hour parking restriction. He shared the request may have been specifically for landscaping purposes and service trucks.

Council asked questions regarding overflow of parking, property across from 200 Patterson will be removed from the floodplain, sufficient space for oversized trailers.

Police Chief Pruitt stated the overflow of parking no longer exists and yes, the proposed amendments provide sufficient space for oversized trailers to turn. Mr. Kuhn stated research is still being explored with LJA Engineering regarding properties in the floodplain.

A motion of approval was made by Councilmember Wes Sharples. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Blake Bonner and passed by unanimous vote.

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There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilmember Bonner to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sharples and passed by unanimous vote. Mayor Rosenthal adjourned the meeting at 6:02 p.m.



Bobby Rosenthal
Mayor



Jennifer Reyna
City Secretary