

CITY OF ALAMO HEIGHTS
CITY COUNCIL
August 26, 2019

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, August 26, 2019.

Present and composing a quorum were:

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

Also attending were:

City Manager Buddy Kuhn
Assistant to the City Manager Marian V. Mendoza
City Attorney Richard Lindner
Finance Director Robert Galindo
Community Development Services Director Nina Shealey
Human Resources Manager Lori Harris
City Secretary Jennifer Reyna
Police Chief Rick Pruitt
Fire Chief Michael Gdovin

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Mayor Bobby Rosenthal opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

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Mayor Rosenthal recognized the presence of a member of the Boy Scouts of America, Patrol # 360 in the audience. He was present to observe the Council meeting as a requirement for their Citizenship in the Community merit badge. Mayor Rosenthal thanked him for being present.

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Item # 1 Presentation of proclamation in memory of Barney Smith

Mayor Rosenthal read a proclamation to the family of Barney Smith in memory of his service to the City of Alamo Heights as he served as a volunteer firefighter.

Item # 2 Approval of Minutes

Mayor Rosenthal asked City Council for any revisions to the minutes of the August 12, 2019, Council Meeting. A motion was made by Councilmember Fred Prassel to approve the minutes of August 12, 2019. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lawson Jesse and passed by unanimous vote.

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Item # 3 Announcements

a. Budget and Tax Rate Hearings, September 9, 2019

Finance Director Robert Galindo announced two upcoming public hearings. The budget and tax rate hearings are scheduled on Monday, September 9, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at City Council Meeting.

b. 30th Annual AHHS Mulepushers Howdy Parade, September 18, 2019

Community Development Services Department Director Nina Shealey announced the 30th Annual Alamo Heights High School (AHHS) Mulepushers Howdy Parade. It is scheduled for Wednesday, September 18th beginning at the Bark Park and ending at AHHS. The event will begin at 4:30 p.m. and end at 7:30 p.m. A map route was presented.

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

There were no citizens that signed up to speak.

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Public Hearing

Item # 5 Public Hearing on 2019 proposed ad valorem tax rate

Mayor Rosenthal opened the public hearing at 5:34 p.m. on 2019 proposed ad valorem tax rate. With no public comments, the public hearing was closed at 5:35 p.m.

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Items for Individual Consideration

Item # 6 Mayor Rosenthal read the following caption.

Architectural Review Board Case # 768F, significance review of 533 W. Castano in order to demolish 100% of the existing roof and compatibility review in order to renovate and repair the single family residence under Demolition Review Ordinance No. 1860

Ms. Shealey made a Powerpoint presentation that included background information.

Ms. Shealey identified the project and stated the applicant requested restore the original footprint to include repair and renovate the single family residence roof. In 2018, the structure was on fire. Building materials for this project include brick, wood siding, and TPO membrane roof.

On August 20, 2019, the Architectural Review Board (ARB) reviewed and approved the request. Postcards were mailed to property owners within a 200-foot radius and notices were posted on property and the City's website. Staff did not receive any postcards in regards to the project request.

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

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Item # 7 Mayor Rosenthal read the following caption.

Presentation of Financial and Investment Report for the third quarter ending June 30, 2019

Finance Director Robert Galindo made a PowerPoint presentation that summarized the City's financial position. The Financial and Investment Report included General Fund Revenues/Expenditures, Utility Fund Revenues/Expenditures, Capital Projects Fund and an Investment Portfolio Update.

Mr. Galindo presented a graph that displayed property taxes, sales tax, permits and fees, fines and forfeitures, investments, and miscellaneous in regard to General Fund Revenues. He noted the debt service property tax revenue received \$823,062.

A Budget to Actual graph for property tax collections for the Maintenance & Operations (M&O) and Interest and Sinking (I&S), since 2014 was presented. A graph of the total sales revenues dated 2018-2019 was presented that included General Fund and street maintenance tax collection. Mr. Galindo reminded Council that the additional ¼ street maintenance sales tax was approved by the voters in the May 2017 special election and began collection on October 1, 2017.

General fund expenditures were categorized by departments and noted at 65% year to date which is within budget. A graph of the General Fund expenditures was displayed categorized by departments for actual and budget for the fiscal year. Utility Fund revenues & expenditures were presented. He explained the Harrigan Court rehab project will not be finished until next fiscal year as monies are being allocated.

Mr. Galindo reviewed the Capital Projects Fund that included revenue/expenditure balances, and transfers from the General Fund. He noted expenditures of the interior decoration at City Hall and the Olmos Basin cleanup are included in the Capital Projects Fund.

Mr. Galindo provided an investment portfolio update with a beginning value as of October 1, 2018. He stated the City is in compliance with the City of Alamo Heights Investment Policy and Public Funds Investment Act. He summarized the city's financial position as strong and positive.

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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 John Savage and passed by unanimous vote. Mayor Rosenthal adjourned the meeting at 5:47 p.m.


Jennifer Reyna
City Secretary


Bobby Rosenthal
Mayor