

CITY OF ALAMO HEIGHTS
CITY COUNCIL
August 27, 2018

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 27, 2018.

Present and composing a quorum were:

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

Also attending were:

City Manager 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 Ken Roberts
City Secretary Jennifer Reyna
Police Chief Rick Pruitt
Public Works Director Pat Sullivan

Absent was:

Human Resources Manager Lori Harris

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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, Troop # 809 in the audience. He explained he was present to observe the Council meeting as a requirement for their Citizenship in the Community merit badge.

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Item # 1 Approval of Minutes

Mayor Rosenthal asked City Council for any revisions to the minutes of the August 13, 2018, Council Meeting. A motion was made by Councilmember Fred Prassel

to approve the minutes of August 13, 2018 Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wes Sharples and passed by unanimous vote.

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Item # 2 Announcements

Mayor Rosenthal read the following captions.

a. 29th Annual AHHS Mulepushers Howdy Parade, September 13th

Police Chief Rick Pruitt announced the upcoming annual Howdy parade. It will be held on Thursday, September 13th beginning at 4:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. He displayed the parade route, queuing on Alamo Heights Boulevard to the Alamo Heights High School. The event is expecting 650 attendees. He stated email blasts will be sent inviting and informing the community.

b. Budget & Tax Rate Hearings, September 10th

Mr. Galindo announced the budget and tax rate hearings are scheduled for Monday, September 10th, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

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Item # 3 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 # 4 Public Hearing on 2018 Proposed Ad Valorem Tax Rate

Mayor Rosenthal read the caption and opened the public hearing at 5:33 p.m.

The following citizen spoke on this matter:

Sylvia Wong, resident, inquired about the proposed 2018 ad valorem rate.

Finance Director Robert Galindo provided the current, proposed tax rate and effective tax rate and process. City Manager Mark Browne responded the proposed tax rate will remain the same and today is the opportunity to obtain comments.

Mayor Rosenthal closed the public hearing at 5:35 p.m.

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Items for Individual Consideration

Item # 5 Mayor Rosenthal read the following caption.

ORDINANCE NO. 2108

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN EMERGENCY DISPATCH AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITIES OF ALAMO HEIGHTS, OLMOS PARK AND TERRELL HILLS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OF ALAMO HEIGHTS TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT

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

Since 1985, the City of Alamo Heights has provided the cities of Olmos Park and Terrell Hills EMS emergency dispatch services. Since 2009, the auto renewing contract had been effective and the contract rates are distributed among Alamo Heights at 60%, Olmos Park 13% and Terrell Hills 27%.

In 2017, the City of Olmos Park expressed concern for the rising costs of dispatch services. A meeting was held among the cities of Olmos Park, Terrell Hills and Alamo Heights. The Police Chiefs from each City were tasked to explore new models for dispatch rates and determine a multi-year contract period. Various models were explored and the cities agreed to enter into a three-year contract in which Olmos Park and Terrell Hills will pay 20% of the dispatch center personnel and operating costs and Alamo Heights would pay 60%. Due to the 7% increase, Olmos Park's agreement is structured to tier the increase upward over the three-year contract and downward for Terrell Hills. The agreement is effective October 1, 2018 and expires September 30, 2021. Police Chief Pruitt stated each city has until July 31st of any contract year to opt out of the agreement. The Cities of Olmos Park and Terrell Hills approved the emergency dispatch agreements at their respective Council meetings.

Police Chief presented a chart of the previous emergency dispatch rate services with the new contract percentages accordingly by year. He noted the new contract percentages included an administrative fee for the Police Administrative Assistant (10%) and Police Administrative Lieutenant (8%).

The following citizen spoke on this matter:

Sylvia Wong, resident, expressed concern on the level of percentage for the City of Alamo Heights at 60%.

Police Chief Pruitt explained the percentage level is at 60% because the City of Alamo Heights owns the dispatch center.

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

Item # 6 Mayor Rosenthal read the following caption.

Resolution No. 2018R-105

A Resolution accepting the competitive bid of Watchguard Video for the purchase of eighteen mobile body-worn camera systems, seven mobile video camera systems and one interrogation room video system and authorizing the Police Chief to execute purchase orders for the purchase of the video systems

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

Police Chief Pruitt stated in Fiscal Year 2017-2018, purchases were made in August and November for eighteen body worn cameras systems, software, video redaction software, and accessories from Watchguard Video. During the same fiscal year, approval for an emergency purchase was requested to replace the failing L-3 mobile video and interrogation room recording and storage systems. The combined total for all expenditures totaled \$75,540 during FY 2017-2018. Police Chief Pruitt explained the total cost of the body worn camera system, mobile video recording systems for all marked police vehicles, and redaction software system was paid from a \$13,000 refund, \$15,000 from court technology, and surplus budget funds. He stated extended warranties, software licenses and other related accessories or costs will be projected into future budgets.

Councilmember Jessee asked about the storage and retention of video records.

Assistant to the City Manager Marian Mendoza responded video storage is on-site. Police Chief Pruitt added options were considered such as iCloud storage but noted it was very expensive. Unless flagged, video records are scheduled for removal after 180 days.

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

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Staff Report

Item # 7 Mayor Rosenthal read the following caption.

A report on the current action taken minutes format and consideration of providing names when a split vote occurs

City Secretary Jennifer Reyna made a PowerPoint presentation that included background information on the current action taken minutes format.

Ms. Reyna explained action taken minutes are produced the next day following a Council meeting and accessible via the City's website. An email blast and twitter is distributed. She stated the action taken minutes consist of the motion and outcome of the vote. She explained minutes approved by Council consist of the agenda caption, summary of discussion, motion, and vote. If there is a split vote, individual votes are displayed. She asked Council for guidance in consideration of changing the format to include names of Councilmembers on a split vote. The communities of Balcones Heights and Fair Oaks Ranch display dissenting votes.

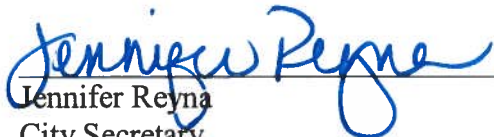
There was a brief discussion among Council and agreed to include names of Councilmembers to accompany splitting votes. Ms. Reyna agreed to make that change when applicable.

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Mr. Browne introduced Ken Roberts, Community Development Services Director. Mr. Roberts thanked Council for the opportunity to serve and provided a brief background of his experience.

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



Jennifer Reyna
City Secretary



Bobby Rosenthal
Mayor