

CITY OF ALAMO HEIGHTS
CITY COUNCIL
September 11, 2017

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, September 11, 2017.

Present and composing a quorum were:

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

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 Resources Manager Lori Harris
City Secretary Jennifer Reyna
Chief Police Rick Pruitt
Public Works Director Pat Sullivan

Absent was:

Councilmember John Savage

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

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Mayor Rosenthal expressed his appreciation to Police Chief Rick Pruitt and Fire Chief Buddy Kuhn respectively for the efforts the Police and Fire Departments. Today marked the 16th anniversary of September 11, 2001 (9/11) tragic events.

Item # 1 Approval of Minutes

Mayor Rosenthal asked City Council for any revisions to the minutes of the August 28, 2017, Council Meeting. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Lawson Jessee to approve the minutes of August 28, 2017. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lynda Billa Burke and passed by unanimous vote.

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Item # 2 Announcements

a. 22nd Annual St. Peter’s Parish Picnic, September 17th

Community Development Services Department Director Jason Lutz announced St. Peter's is hosting their parish picnic on Sunday, September 17, 2017. He highlighted that it is a barbeque picnic with bounce houses and a d.j. for entertainment.

b. 10th Annual SNIPSA 5K Run for the Rescues, September 30th

Mr. Lutz announced the 10th annual Race for the Rescues sponsored by SNIPSA on September 30, 2017. The event will begin at the Alamo Heights Swimming Pool at 8:00 a.m. ending at 10:00 a.m. The race route was presented.

c. 28th Annual AHHS Mulepushers Howdy Night Homecoming Parade, October 11th

Mr. Lutz announced the upcoming annual Howdy parade. It will be held on Wednesday, October 11th beginning at 4:00 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 101 to 500 attendees.

d. National Night Out, October 3rd

Assistant to the City Manager Marian Mendoza invited the community to celebrate the 8th Annual National Night Out on Tuesday, October 3rd at City Hall. The event will start at 6:00 p.m. and end at 7:30 p.m. Free hot dogs, chips, and sodas will be served. She informed Council that the event’s information will be available on the City’s website, displayed on the banner across Broadway in front of City Hall, an email blast will be sent, and a distribution of informational flyers to Cambridge Elementary students.

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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 Mayor Rosenthal read the following caption.

Public Hearing on proposed FY 2017-2018 Annual Operating Budget

At 5:34 p.m., Mayor Rosenthal opened the Public Hearing on the FY 2017-2018 annual operating budget. There being no public comment, 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. 2085

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A RENEWAL OF THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR EMS BILLING WITH THE CITY OF SCHERTZ, TEXAS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR SUCH SERVICES

Fire Chief Buddy Kuhn made a PowerPoint presentation that included background information.

Fire Chief Kuhn began his presentation with the advantages in renewing the interlocal agreement with the City of Schertz for EMS billing services to include electronic billing and acceptance of credit cards as a form of payment. He stated the interlocal agreement would expire on September 30, 2017 with automatic one year renewals through September 30, 2022. The renewal billing rate is fixed until the termination of the contract ending September 30, 2022. Fire Chief Kuhn explained the EMS billing rate cost and noted it is a one percent increase for a total of nine percent of the amount collected to pay for storage of records through South Texas Regional Advisory Committee (STRAC).

Fire Chief Kuhn answered Councilmember Billa Burke's questions related to billing and services the EMS Department offers.

A motion for approval was made by Mayor Pro Tem Lawson Jessee. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wes Sharples and passed by unanimous vote.

Staff Report

Item # 6 Mayor Rosenthal read the following caption.

Presentation of Financial and Investment Report for the third quarter ending June 30, 2017

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 Fund received \$870,712 in property tax revenue.

A Budget to Actual graph for property tax collections for the Maintenance & Operations (M&O) and Interest and Sinking (I&S), since 2012 was presented. A graph of the total sales revenues dated 2016-2017 was presented that included General Fund and street maintenance tax collection. He reminded Council that beginning October 1, 2017, the additional 1/4 street maintenance sales tax approved by the voters in the May 2017 election will be collected.

General fund expenditures were categorized by departments and noted at 67% 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 noted revenues are at 68% with an increased amount of revenue compared to last year, as he commented more rain was received.

Mr. Galindo reviewed the Capital Projects Fund that included revenue/expenditure balances, and transfers from the General Fund. He noted expenditures of the parking lot paving and signage projects were included in the Capital Projects Fund.

Mr. Galindo provided an investment portfolio update with a beginning value as of October 1, 2016. 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.

Mayor Pro Tem Jessee asked Mr. Galindo why the sales tax collection for February is higher than the other months within the year.

Mr. Galindo informed Council there is a two month lag in the City receiving sales tax collection. He explained the retailer pays the state in January for the taxes collected in December and then the state sends the money to the City in February.

Councilmember Sharples asked if there is anticipation of changes for the fourth quarter.

Mr. Galindo stated property tax collections are at 99% and expenditures are well under budget. He stated he does not anticipate any major changes that will make a negative impact to the City's budget with the fourth quarter remaining for the fiscal year.

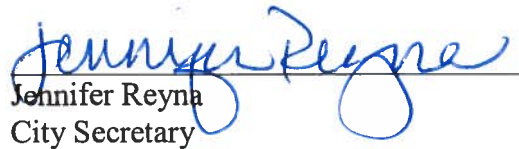
Mr. Browne added that additional revenues for the Utility Fund are desired but noted historically the revenues for the Utility Fund are lower than budget.

Councilmember Prassel referenced the City of Floresville and noted they are a similar size in comparison with the City of Alamo Heights, however, they have a slightly larger budget amount.

Mayor Pro Tem Jessee explained the budget amount is different because of the larger retailers that City of Floresville have located off Highway 181.

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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 Sharples and passed by unanimous vote. Mayor Rosenthal adjourned the meeting at 5:57 p.m.


Jennifer Reyna
City Secretary



Bobby Rosenthal
Mayor