

CITY OF ALAMO HEIGHTS
CITY COUNCIL
September 14, 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, September 14, 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.

Composing a quorum were:

Mayor Bobby Rosenthal
Mayor Pro Tempore John Savage
Councilmember Lawson Jessee
Councilmember Wes Sharples
Councilmember Blake M. Bonner
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 City Manager/City Secretary Jennifer Reyna
Human Resources Manager Lori Harris
Police Chief Rick Pruitt
Fire Chief Michael Gdovin

Absent was:

Finance Director Robert Galindo

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Mayor Bobby Rosenthal opened the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

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Mayor Rosenthal announced Item # 9 was pulled from the agenda and tabled for a future Council meeting.

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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.

Public Hearings

Item # 4 Mayor Rosenthal read the following caption.

Public Hearing on Proposed FY 2020-2021 Annual Operating Budget

At 5:51 p.m., Mayor Rosenthal opened the Public Hearing on the FY 2020-2021 annual operating budget. There being no public comment, Mayor Rosenthal closed the public hearing at 5:52 p.m.

Item # 5 Mayor Rosenthal read the following caption.

Public Hearing on 2020 Proposed Ad Valorem Tax Rate

At 5:52 p.m., Mayor Rosenthal opened the Public Hearing on the 2020 proposed ad valorem tax rate. Mayor Rosenthal closed the public hearing at 5:53 p.m.

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Items for Individual Consideration

Item # 6 Mayor Rosenthal read the following caption.

Architectural Review Board Case No. 801F, request of Kristen Klamer of Mason Ros Architecture, applicant, representing Diane Kolar, owner, for the significance review of the existing main structure located at 270 E. Oakview and compatibility review of the proposed design in order to demolish 100% of the existing residence and construct a new two-story single-family residence with attached garage under Demolition Review Ordinance No. 1860

Assistant City Manager/Community Development Services Department Director Nina Shealey made a PowerPoint presentation that included an existing/proposed site plans, elevations, and existing/proposed streetscapes.

Ms. Shealey identified the project as a 100% demolition and new two-story single family residence at 270 E. Oakview. Exterior materials include brick, wood, and a standing seam metal roof. Ms. Shealey reviewed the Residential Design Standards (RDS), elevations and proposed/existing streetscapes.

On August 18, 2020, the Architectural Review Board (ARB) reviewed and approved the applicant's request as submitted.

Public notifications were mailed to property owners within a 200-foot radius. Notices were posted on the City's website and a publication was published in the *San Antonio Express-News*. Staff received three postcards in support and none in opposition.

A motion of approval was made by Councilmember Lawson Jessee. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem John Savage and passed by unanimous vote.

Item # 7 Mayor Rosenthal read the following caption.

Planning and Zoning Commission Case No. 807F, request of Mauze Construction Corp. applicant, representing RJS & KGS Management ice Trust, owner, for the significance review of the existing main structure located at 125 Primrose in order to demolish 100% of the existing residence and accessory structures(s) under Demolition Review Ordinance No. 1860

Ms. Shealey made a PowerPoint presentation that included an existing site plans and streetscapes.

Ms. Shealey identified the project as a 100% demolition and new rebuild to follow at 125 Primrose. The existing site plan and streetscapes were presented.

On August 18, 2020, the ARB reviewed and approved the applicant's request regarding demolition. The compatibility review is scheduled for tomorrow's ARB meeting, September 15, 2020.

Public notifications were mailed to property owners within a 200-foot radius. Notices were posted on the City's website and a publication was published in the *San Antonio Express-News*. Staff received one postcard in support and none in opposition.

A motion of approval for the demolition was made by Councilmember Lawson Jessee. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wes Sharples and passed by unanimous vote.

Item # 8 Mayor Rosenthal read the following caption.

Architectural Review Board Case No. 808F, request of Jack Dabney of Dabney Homes, owner, for the significance review of the existing main structure located at 301 Cloverleaf and compatibility review of the proposed design in order to demolish 100% of the existing residence and construct a new single-family residence with attached garage under Demolition Review Ordinance No. 1860

Ms. Shealey made a PowerPoint presentation that included a proposed site plans, elevations, roof plan, and existing/proposed streetscapes.

Ms. Shealey identified the project as a 100% demolition and new rebuild at 301 Cloverleaf. She presented the proposed site plan and elevations. Exterior materials include stucco and clay tile roof. Ms. Shealey reviewed the RDS, roof plan, and proposed/existing streetscapes.

On August 18, 2020, the ARB reviewed and approved the applicant's request.

Public notifications were mailed to property owners within a 200-foot radius. Notices were posted on the City's website and a publication was published in the *San Antonio Express-News*. Staff received four postcards in support and none in opposition.

A motion of approval was made by Mayor Pro Tem John Savage. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Blake Bonner and passed by unanimous vote.

Item # 9 Mayor Rosenthal read the following caption.

Discussion and possible action to amend Chapter 4 within the Code of Ordinances in regards to chickens

Mayor Rosenthal announced this item was pulled from the agenda. There was no discussion or presentation.

Item # 10 Mayor Rosenthal read the following caption.

Discussion and possible action to amend Chapter 18, article VI, Section 18-147, Schedule B(1) by creating a new stop intersection at Patterson Avenue and Westover Road

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

Police Chief Pruitt described Patterson Avenue and Westover Road. Patterson Avenue is a 30' width, 100% residential street that contains front driveways and some area sidewalks. He reported there are elevated traffic control volume during three typical traffic periods. Patterson Avenue has low volume of pedestrian and bicycle traffic with no accident history for the past five years. Police Chief Pruitt described Westover Road as a non-typical intersection, from the west it begins at 38' narrowing to 29' and from the east, it begins at 41' narrowing to 21'. Westover Road is a 100% residential street with front driveways and some area sidewalk. He noted Westover Road is a limited vision of oncoming traffic with a low volume of vehicle, pedestrian and bicycle traffic with no accident history for the past five years. The Westover Road intersection is the only four-way traffic intersection with Patterson Avenue not controlled by a stop sign.

Police Chief Pruitt highlighted the absence of a traffic control device at Patterson and Westover Road. Police Chief Pruitt presented photos of Westover Road and Patterson Road at different directional intersecting points.

Texas Transportation Code 545.151(d) defines intersections not having traffic control devices and the Texas Manual on traffic control devices justified the need for a new stop intersection at Patterson Avenue and Westover Road.

Police Chief Pruitt reviewed the fiscal impact for the proposed new stop sign for an estimate of \$300.00 to include one pole, materials and labor.

Letters were mailed to all addresses in the 100 and 200 blocks of Westover Road and Patterson Avenue within 300 feet of the intersection. The ordinance would be published in the *San Antonio Express-News* and available on the City's website.

The following citizen spoke on this matter:

Joe Disabato, resident, stated he requested a stop sign at this intersection as he had observed many vehicles that speed by the intersection on Patterson and Westover Road.

Mayor Rosenthal asked the opposition and recommendation for this situation such as a yield sign versus a stop sign. He asked Police Chief Pruitt to explore the City and identify any intersections that do not have a stop sign that may be dangerous.

Mr. Kuhn commented it may be the additional signage and long-term residents that are aware of the area but it is the drivers passing through that are not aware of the area that surfaces a concern.

Police Chief Pruitt stated per Transportation Code, the municipality does not have to do anything; however, a yield sign may work.

Councilmember Billa Burke commented this new stop intersection is beneficial and stated outside traffic are from contractors which will protect the community.

Councilmember Bonner shared his personal experience when he lived on Westover Road and noted he never observed an accident at the intersection. He shared a friend that is against this proposed action because the area is heavily vegetation which will affect the landscaping. Councilmember Bonner recommended to do with the least impact to vegetation.

Police Chief Pruitt that may be other considerations that may be done to have the least impact to vegetation.

A motion of approval was made by Councilmember Sharples to include minimal disruption to vegetation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Billa Burke and passed by unanimous vote.

Staff Report

Item # 11 Mayor Rosenthal read the following caption.

Presentation and discussion regarding the implementation of a City area Emergency Warning Siren(s)

Fire Chief Michael Gdovin made a PowerPoint presentation that included background information, map and photos.

Fire Chief Gdovin presented information on the Civil Defense weather/tornado siren. The primary purpose of the siren is to inform the public of dangerous weather conditions and other emergencies. Fire Chief Gdovin stated the process will involve community input once a definite plan is established after the onsite assessment by the vendor. Based on an onsite inspection and topographic evaluation, the vendor recommended either one Sentry Model 16V1T-B Stationary Warning Siren or two Sentry Model 14V-B Stationary Warning Sirens. Protocols were reviewed.

Fire Chief Gdovin described each Sentry Model weather/tornado siren that are being considered. A map identified the area in which the siren would be heard. A brief video highlighted the sound of a warning siren. There are no conflicting policies for the implementation of an outdoor audible warning siren system.

The costs of the different Emergency warning sirens were presented. Fire Chief Gdovin noted the following were not included in the vendor's quote: 1) siren site(s); 2) electrical service to the siren pole(s); 3) appropriate telephone connection; and 4) the necessary radio to program a radio decoder.

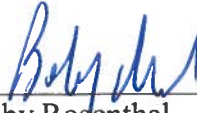
Council asked questions regarding the consideration of an Emergency Warning Area siren. Questions included the radar on distance, method in informing residents and which designated personnel makes that decision to activate the emergency warning siren.

Fire Chief Gdovin answered their questions. He reminded Council the vendor is scheduled for an onsite visitor, tomorrow.

City Manager Buddy Kuhn added community input is part of the process. He stated everything must be considered and all facts must be gathered prior to proceeding further.

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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 Mayor Pro Tem Savage and passed by unanimous vote. Mayor Rosenthal adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.



Bobby Rosenthal
Mayor



Jennifer Reyna
City Secretary