

CITY OF ALAMO HEIGHTS
CITY COUNCIL
September 25, 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 25, 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
Councilmember John Savage

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 Brennan
Finance Director Robert Galindo
Community Development Services Department Director Jason Lutz
Human Resources Manager Lori Harris
City Secretary Jennifer Reyna
Police Chief Rick Pruitt
Public Works Director Pat Sullivan

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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 Boy Scouts of America, Troop # 809 in the audience. He explained they were 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 September 25, 2017, Council Meeting. A motion was made by Councilmember Wes Sharples to approve the minutes of September 25, 2017. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fred Prassel and passed by unanimous vote.

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Item # 2 Announcements

a. 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.

b. 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.

c. 8th Annual 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.

d. Cancellation of November 27, 2017 and December 25, 2017 Council Meetings due to holidays

City Secretary Jennifer Reyna announced the cancellation of the November 27, 2017 and December 25, 2017 Council meetings due to the upcoming holidays. She stated a meeting may be held if necessary to conduct business. Council agreed to cancel respective meetings.

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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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Items for Individual Consideration

Item # 4 Mayor Rosenthal read the following caption.

ORDINANCE NO. 2086

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2016-17 ADOPTED ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROVING THE TRANSFERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$550,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO STREET MAINTENANCE FUND AND CAPITAL REPLACEMENT FUND TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY BUDGET DOCUMENTS AND ACCOUNTS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE BUDGET AMENDMENT

Finance Director Robert Galindo made a PowerPoint presentation that included background information on the proposed budget amendment for FY 2016-2017.

Mr. Galindo reviewed the total revenue projections and projected total expenses for the current fiscal year and adopted budget. The budget amendment includes two transfers from the General Fund to the Street Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$350,000 and to the Capital Replacement Fund in the amount of \$200,000 for a total of \$550,000; a chart presented the adopted budget, budget amendment and totals. He explained the proposed transfers and how each fund is funded. The Street Maintenance Fund is funded through a ¼ cent sales tax and transfers from the General Fund. He stated beginning October 1, 2017, the street maintenance sales tax will be ½ cent due to the special election conducted in May 2017. The Capital Replacement Fund is funded through transfers from the General Fund.

Mayor Rosenthal asked the reason for a healthy surplus in budget.

City Manager Mark Browne responded to Mayor Rosenthal that revenues had met the budget and department heads were fiscally responsible for their budgets.

A motion for approval of a budget transfer in the amount of \$550,000 to the Street Maintenance Fund and Capital Replacement Fund was made by Mayor Pro Tem Jessee. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Billa Burke and passed by unanimous vote.

Item # 5 Mayor Rosenthal read the following caption.

Budget and Tax Ordinances to be considered in the following order:

ORDINANCE NO. 2087

- a. **FY 2017-2018 Operating Budget**

ORDINANCE NO. 2088

- b. **2017 Ad Valorem Tax Rate**

ORDINANCE NO. 2089

c. Ratifying the increase in property tax revenue reflected in the FY 2017-2018 Budget

Finance Director Robert Galindo made a PowerPoint presentation that included background information.

Mr. Galindo reviewed the proposed FY 2017 tax rate information. He informed Council the proposed 2017 rate is \$0.386439 per \$100 valuation, which is lower than last year by \$0.003461. The proposed Maintenance and Operation (M&O) rate is \$0.333439 to pay for operations. The proposed Interest and Sinking (I&S) rate is \$0.053000 to pay for debt service.

Mr. Galindo summarized the financial health of the City. He reviewed the General Fund budget that included revenues, allocations, working capital, transfers, and an operating reserve. He briefly reviewed other governmental funds such as the Comprehensive Plan, Street Maintenance, Capital Projects and Capital Replacement. Mr. Galindo highlighted the expenses earmarked in the governmental funds. Mr. Galindo reviewed the proposed Utility Fund revenues/allocations and projected Capital Projects Fund which includes the Community Infrastructure Economic Development (CIED) monies.

A motion for approval of the FY 2017-2018 operating budget was made by Councilmember John Savage. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wes Sharples. A roll call was conducted: Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Lawson Jessee and Councilmembers Wes Sharples, Fred Prassel, Lynda Billa Burke and John Savage; Nays: none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion for approval of the 2017 property tax rate of \$0.386439, which is effectively a decrease of 0.9% in the tax rate, was made by Councilmember Sharples. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Billa Burke and passed by unanimous vote.

A motion for approval to ratify the increase of the property tax revenue in the amount of \$201,223, reflected in the FY 2017-2018 budget, was made by Mayor Pro Tem Jessee. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Billa Burke and passed by unanimous vote.

Executive Session

At 5:49 p.m., Mayor Rosenthal adjourned the regular City Council meeting to conduct a closed meeting as authorized by Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code to deliberate the evaluation and terms of employment of the City Manager, Fire Chief, Public Works Director and Utilities Superintendent.

Mayor Rosenthal reconvened the regular meeting at 6:21 p.m. There was no action taken during the closed session.

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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 Billa Burke and passed by unanimous vote. Mayor Rosenthal adjourned the meeting at 6:22 p.m.


Jennifer Reyna
City Secretary


Bobby Rosenthal
Mayor