

City Council

520 E Ocean Blvd.

Regular Meeting

Los Fresnos, TX 78566

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Tuesday, October 8, 2024

6:00 PM

City Hall

Agenda

- A. Call meeting to order

Mayor Flores called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

- B. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Mark Milum gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitors remarks-To speak you must sign in with the City Secretary prior to the meeting you have a limit of 5 minutes to speak.

There was a citizen that choose to speak during action item #6.

Consent Agenda (All matters listed are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless requested by a member of the City Council. The item may subsequently be removed from the Consent Agenda to be considered separately.)

Mayor Flores asked the council if there were any consent agenda items they would like to set aside for further discussion. Council member Juan Munoz requested item #5 be pulled.

Consideration and ACTION to approve the minutes from September 3 & 10 2024.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from September 3 & 10 2024.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Luis Gonzalez, Councilman
SECONDER:	Juan Munoz, Councilman
AYES:	Alejandro Flores, Juan Munoz, Luis Gonzalez, Terry Vinson
ABSENT:	Alberto Escobedo, Gabriela Fernandez

Consideration and ACTION to approve Resolution 14-2024 adopting the Investment Policy and Strategies for fiscal year 2024/2025.

Motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution 14-2024 adopting the Investment Policy and Strategies for fiscal year 2024/2025.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Luis Gonzalez, Councilman
SECONDER: Juan Munoz, Councilman
AYES: Alejandro Flores, Juan Munoz, Luis Gonzalez, Terry Vinson
ABSENT: Alberto Escobedo, Gabriela Fernandez

Consideration and ACTION to approve a Proclamation declaring November 6-10, 2023 as Municipal Court Week.

Motion was made and seconded to approve Proclamation declaring November 6-10, 2024 as Municipal Court Week.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Luis Gonzalez, Councilman
SECONDER: Juan Munoz, Councilman
AYES: Alejandro Flores, Juan Munoz, Luis Gonzalez, Terry Vinson
ABSENT: Alberto Escobedo, Gabriela Fernandez

Consideration and ACTION to approve the final plat for Valle Alto East Subdivision Phase 6.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the final plat for Valle Alto East Subdivision Phase 6.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Luis Gonzalez, Councilman
SECONDER: Juan Munoz, Councilman
AYES: Alejandro Flores, Juan Munoz, Luis Gonzalez, Terry Vinson
ABSENT: Alberto Escobedo, Gabriela Fernandez

Consideration and ACTION to approve the second reading of Ordinance 562 amending the code of ordinance of the City of Los Fresnos, said code is hereby amended by changing the speed limits; providing for a penalty not to exceed \$500.00 for any violation thereof; providing for an effective date; providing for publication; providing for severability and ordaining other provisions related to the subject matter thereof.

Council member Juan Munoz asked Mr. Milum if the police could be lean on citizens when the speed change first comes into effect. Mr. Milum explained the speed limit would be increased not decrease from 30 mph to 35 mph.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the second reading of Ordinance 562 amending the code of ordinance of the City of Los Fresnos, said code is hereby amended by changing the speed limits; providing for a penalty not to exceed \$500.00 for any violation thereof; providing for an effective date; providing for publication; providing for severability and ordaining other provisions related to the subject matter thereof.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Juan Munoz, Councilman
SECONDER: Terry Vinson, Councilman
AYES: Alejandro Flores, Juan Munoz, Luis Gonzalez, Terry Vinson
ABSENT: Alberto Escobedo, Gabriela Fernandez

Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Javier Rodriguez Jr. from the September 16 2024 Planning and Zoning meeting.

Motion was made and seconded to excuse the absence of Javier Rodriguez Jr. from the September 16, 2024 Planning and Zoning meeting.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Luis Gonzalez, Councilman
SECONDER: Juan Munoz, Councilman
AYES: Alejandro Flores, Juan Munoz, Luis Gonzalez, Terry Vinson
ABSENT: Alberto Escobedo, Gabriela Fernandez

Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Henry Bebon Jr. from the September 16, 2024 Planning and Zoning meeting.

Motion was made and seconded to excuse the absence of Henry Bebon Jr. from the September 16, 2024 Planning and Zoning meeting.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Luis Gonzalez, Councilman
SECONDER: Juan Munoz, Councilman
AYES: Alejandro Flores, Juan Munoz, Luis Gonzalez, Terry Vinson
ABSENT: Alberto Escobedo, Gabriela Fernandez

Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Terry Vinson from September 3, 2024 City Council meeting.

Motion was made and seconded to excuse the absence of Terry Vinson from September 3, 2024 City Council meeting.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Luis Gonzalez, Councilman
SECONDER: Juan Munoz, Councilman
AYES: Alejandro Flores, Juan Munoz, Luis Gonzalez, Terry Vinson
ABSENT: Alberto Escobedo, Gabriela Fernandez

Action Items

Consideration and ACTION to approve or reject any or all proposals received for group health insurance.

Mr. Milum reviewed the bids submitted and recommended approving, United Health care, option 2 with Greer and Associates.

Mr. Milum answered questions from the council and discussed the recommended plan.

Motion was made and seconded to approve United Health Care Option 2 with Greer and Associates for group health insurance.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Luis Gonzalez, Councilman
SECONDER:	Juan Munoz, Councilman
AYES:	Alejandro Flores, Juan Munoz, Luis Gonzalez, Terry Vinson
ABSENT:	Alberto Escobedo, Gabriela Fernandez

Consideration and ACTION to approve or reject any or all proposals received for group life insurance.

Mr. Milum reviewed the submitted bid and recommended approval of the Mutual of Omaha renewal rate with Greer and Associates.

Motion was made and seconded to approve Mutual of Omaha renewal with Greer and Associates for group life insurance.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Luis Gonzalez, Councilman
SECONDER:	Terry Vinson, Councilman
AYES:	Alejandro Flores, Juan Munoz, Luis Gonzalez, Terry Vinson
ABSENT:	Alberto Escobedo, Gabriela Fernandez

Consideration and ACTION to approve or reject any or all proposals received for supplemental insurance.

Mr. Milum reviewed the submitted bids and recommended approving United Health Care with Greer and Associates for dental insurance and Mutual of Omaha with Greer and Associates for vision.

Mr. Milum answered questions from the council.

Motion was made and seconded to approve United Health Care option 3 with Greer and Associates for dental insurance and Mutual of Omaha Option 1, renewal with Greer and Associates.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Luis Gonzalez, Councilman
SECONDER:	Juan Munoz, Councilman
AYES:	Alejandro Flores, Juan Munoz, Luis Gonzalez, Terry Vinson
ABSENT:	Alberto Escobedo, Gabriela Fernandez

Consideration and ACTION to increase dumpster garbage rates and update the fee schedule with approved fees.

Mr. Milum explained the terms of the contract with Republic Services and reviewed the proposed rate increase cost for customer.

Mr. Milum recommended approving the increase and answered questions from the council.

Motion was made and seconded to increase the dumpster garbage rates and update the fee schedule with approved fees as presented.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Juan Munoz, Councilman
SECONDER:	Terry Vinson, Councilman
AYES:	Alejandro Flores, Juan Munoz, Luis Gonzalez, Terry Vinson
ABSENT:	Alberto Escobedo, Gabriela Fernandez

Consideration and ACTION to approve Resolution 13-2024 approving the agreement between the State of Texas and the City of Los Fresnos for the maintenance, control, supervision and regulation of certain state highways and/or portions of the state highways in the City of Los Fresnos and providing for the execution of said agreement.

Mr. Milum explained the resolution would approve the updated agreement between the city and TXDOT for the maintenance of roads.

Mr. Milum answered questions from the council and discussed the agreement.

Motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution 13-2024 approving the agreement between the State of Texas and the City of Los Fresnos for the maintenance, control, supervision and regulation of certain State Highways and/or portions of State Highways in the City of Los Fresnos and providing for the execution of said agreement.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Juan Munoz, Councilman
SECONDER:	Luis Gonzalez, Councilman
AYES:	Alejandro Flores, Juan Munoz, Luis Gonzalez, Terry Vinson
ABSENT:	Alberto Escobedo, Gabriela Fernandez

Consideration and ACTION to approve the bids received for the following: Pest Control

Mayor Flores advised the council Ricardo Trevino signed in to speak during the action item. Mr. Trevino explained his business Massey Services was awarded the pest control agreement and was later notified a mistake was made and the award should have been awarded to the lowest bidder Big M Pest Control. He advised the council they were willing to price match and were local. The council asked questions and thanked Mr. Trevino.

Mr. Milum explained to the council the same bid tabulation was presented at the last meeting but made the incorrect recommendation. Mr. Milum answered questions from the council and recommended the lowest bidder Big M Pest Control for a 3 year contract.

Motion was made and seconded to approve bids received for pest control to Big M Pest Control for 3 year agreement.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [3 TO 1]
MOVER:	Luis Gonzalez, Councilman
SECONDER:	Terry Vinson, Councilman
AYES:	Alejandro Flores, Luis Gonzalez, Terry Vinson
NAYS:	Juan Munoz
ABSENT:	Alberto Escobedo, Gabriela Fernandez

Consideration and ACTION to approve the bids received for the following: Vehicle Washing

Mr. Milum explained the lowest bid submitted was from Under Construction and recommended approval.

Mr. Milum answered questions for the council.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the bids received for vehicle washing to Under Construction for a 1 year contract.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Luis Gonzalez, Councilman
SECONDER:	Juan Munoz, Councilman
AYES:	Alejandro Flores, Juan Munoz, Luis Gonzalez, Terry Vinson
ABSENT:	Alberto Escobedo, Gabriela Fernandez

Consideration and ACTION to re-appoint or appoint of members to the Los Fresnos Housing Authority.

Mr. Milum advised the board there were no applications submitted for the position at the time and answered questions from the council.

No action was taken.

RESULT:	NO ACTION
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Consideration and ACTION to approve Resolution 15-2024 for the City Council for the City of Los Fresnos expressing its nomination for Appraisal District Directors for the Cameron Appraisal District Board of Directors.

Mr. Milum explained new process for the nomination of the Appraisal District Board of Directors and advised it was up to the council to decide. Mayor Flores asked if they had to submit a nomination at this time, Mr. Milum answered no. Mayor Flores suggested to take no action, the council agreed.

No action was taken.

RESULT:	NO ACTION
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Discuss and approve award to selected grant management firm for grant pre-application, application, and implementation services for Los Fresnos' 2025-2026 Texas Community Development Grant Fund Program administered by Texas Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Milum explained this would be for the 2025-2026 grant cycle and would initiate the process to apply for the 2025-2026 CDBG grant. He reviewed the rating sheet with the council and answered questions.

Nelda Barrera with GrantWorks was present and answered questions from the council.

Motion was made and seconded to award GrantWorks for grant management firm for grant pre-application, application, and implementation services for Los Fresnos' 2025-2026 Texas Community Development Grant Fund Program administered by Texas Department of Agriculture.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Luis Gonzalez, Councilman
SECONDER:	Juan Munoz, Councilman
AYES:	Alejandro Flores, Juan Munoz, Luis Gonzalez, Terry Vinson
ABSENT:	Alberto Escobedo, Gabriela Fernandez

Discuss and approve award to selected engineering/architectural/surveying service provider(s) for grant pre-application, application, and implementation services for Los Fresnos' 2025-2026 Texas Community Development Grant Fund Program administered by Texas Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Milum explained this action was for the 2025-2026 CDBG cycle as well and recommended approving the rating committees recommendation to award Hanson Professional Services.

Mr. Milum answered questions from the council.

Motion was made and seconded to award Hanson Professional Services as the for the engineering/architectural/surveying service provider(s) for grant pre-application , application, and implementation services for Los Fresnos' 2025-2026 Texas Community Development Grant Fund Program administered by Texas Department of Agriculture.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Luis Gonzalez, Councilman
SECONDER:	Terry Vinson, Councilman
AYES:	Alejandro Flores, Juan Munoz, Luis Gonzalez, Terry Vinson
ABSENT:	Alberto Escobedo, Gabriela Fernandez

Consideration and ACTION to close at 12:00 pm on December 31, 2024 for an employee End of the Year Celebration.

Mr. Milum explained the city would like to host an end of year celebration for employees to include a meal and include the council to engage with the employees in games.

Mr. Milum asked City Secretary Jacqueline Moya to provided details on the event. Ms. Moya explained the event and answered questions for the council.

Motion was made and seconded to close at 12:00 pm on December 31, 2024 for an employee End of Year Celebration.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Juan Munoz, Councilman
SECONDER:	Terry Vinson, Councilman
AYES:	Alejandro Flores, Juan Munoz, Luis Gonzalez, Terry Vinson
ABSENT:	Alberto Escobedo, Gabriela Fernandez

Acknowledgement of City Manager's Report

City Manager Report A. Waste Water Collection System & Upgrade B. Water Treatment Plant Expansion C. Street Project D. Drainage E. Whipple Road F. COVID-19 G. Veteran's Memorial H. Water Funding I. Wastewater Funding

Mr. Milum gave the council an update on the Veterans Memorial ribbon cutting and street repair project on Coma Street. Mr. Milum answered questions from the council.

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge the City Manger Report.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Juan Munoz, Councilman
SECONDER:	Alejandro Flores, Mayor
AYES:	Alejandro Flores, Juan Munoz, Luis Gonzalez, Terry Vinson
ABSENT:	Alberto Escobedo, Gabriela Fernandez

Acknowledgement of Department Head Reports

Mayor Flores asked the council if they had any questions on the Department Head reports. There were none.

Financial Report 1. Monthly 2. Year to Date 3. Sales Tax

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge the Financial Report.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Terry Vinson, Councilman
SECONDER:	Juan Munoz, Councilman
AYES:	Alejandro Flores, Juan Munoz, Luis Gonzalez, Terry Vinson
ABSENT:	Alberto Escobedo, Gabriela Fernandez

Public Works Report 1. Water and Wastewater Activity 2. Calls for Service 3. Building Permits 4. Recycling 5. Waste Water Treatment Plant Discharge Monitoring Report

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge the Public Works Report.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Terry Vinson, Councilman
SECONDER: Juan Munoz, Councilman
AYES: Alejandro Flores, Juan Munoz, Luis Gonzalez, Terry Vinson
ABSENT: Alberto Escobedo, Gabriela Fernandez

Police Department September 2024 1. Calls-By Type 2. Calls-By Date & Time 3. Incidents-By Violation 4. Arrests-By Type 5. Accidents-By Streets & Intersection August 2024 1. Magistrates 2. Index Crimes by Zone

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge the Police Department Report.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Terry Vinson, Councilman
SECONDER: Juan Munoz, Councilman
AYES: Alejandro Flores, Juan Munoz, Luis Gonzalez, Terry Vinson
ABSENT: Alberto Escobedo, Gabriela Fernandez

Municipal Court 1. City Monthly Report- August 2. Linebarger Monthly Report - August

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge the Municipal Court report.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Terry Vinson, Councilman
SECONDER: Juan Munoz, Councilman
AYES: Alejandro Flores, Juan Munoz, Luis Gonzalez, Terry Vinson
ABSENT: Alberto Escobedo, Gabriela Fernandez

Library Report 1. Monthly Report

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge the Library Report.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Terry Vinson, Councilman
SECONDER: Juan Munoz, Councilman
AYES: Alejandro Flores, Juan Munoz, Luis Gonzalez, Terry Vinson
ABSENT: Alberto Escobedo, Gabriela Fernandez

Fire Marshal's Report 1. Monthly Report

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge the Fire Marshal's Report.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Terry Vinson, Councilman
SECONDER: Juan Munoz, Councilman
AYES: Alejandro Flores, Juan Munoz, Luis Gonzalez, Terry Vinson
ABSENT: Alberto Escobedo, Gabriela Fernandez

EMS Report 1. Quarterly report

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge the LFEMS 4th Quarter Report 2024.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Terry Vinson, Councilman
SECONDER:	Juan Munoz, Councilman
AYES:	Alejandro Flores, Juan Munoz, Luis Gonzalez, Terry Vinson
ABSENT:	Alberto Escobedo, Gabriela Fernandez

H. Adjournment

Mayor Flores adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Presiding Officer of the Council

Recorder