

# City Council

520 E Ocean Blvd.

## Regular Meeting

Los Fresnos, TX 78566

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Tuesday, June 11, 2024

6:00 PM

City Hall

### Agenda

- A. Call meeting to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 PM by Mayor Alejandro Flores.

- B. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Mark Milum gave 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 were none.

### Public Hearing

**Public hearing to discuss changes to TXCDBG project no. CDV21-0095 as part of an amendment to remove the sewer improvement work along 2nd Street between North Alamo Street and Arroyo Boulevard.No Action**

Public hearing opened at 6:08 PM.

Mr. Milum gave a summary of the requested changes.

There were no comments from the public.

Public hearing closed at 6:10 PM.

made a motion to approve Public hearing to discuss changes to TXCDBG project no. CDV21-0095 as part of an amendment to remove the sewer improvement work along 2nd Street between North Alamo Street and Arroyo Boulevard., seconded by the vote was .

**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 they had any questions or items they would like to set aside for further discussion. There were none.

**Consideration and ACTION to approve the minutes from May 14, 2024.Adopted**

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from May 14, 2024.

Alberto Escobedo made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve the minutes from May 14, 2024., seconded by Gabriela Fernandez the vote was [Unanimous].

**Consideration and ACTION to approve an updated preliminary plat for Los Fresnos Oaks Subdivision.**Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve an updated preliminary plat for Los Fresnos Oaks Subdivision.

Alberto Escobedo made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve an updated preliminary plat for Los Fresnos Oaks Subdivision., seconded by Gabriela Fernandez the vote was [Unanimous].

**Consideration and ACTION to approve the preliminary plat for Los Laureles Subdivision.**Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve the preliminary plat for Los Laureles Subdivision.

Alberto Escobedo made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve the preliminary plat for Los Laureles Subdivision., seconded by Gabriela Fernandez the vote was [Unanimous].

**Consideration and ACTION to approve the second reading of an ordinance amending the Los Fresnos Code of Ordinances, Chapter 48-Zoning, Article II-District Regulations, Division 7-Additional Standards, Subdivision IV-Signs, Section 48-273 Signs exempted from certain regulations and repealing all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict therewith.**Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve the second reading of an ordinance amending the Los Fresnos Code of Ordinances, Chapter 48-Zoning, Article II-District Regulations, Division 7-Additional Standards, Subdivision IV-Signs, Section 48-273 Signs exempted from certain regulations and repealing all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict therewith.

Alberto Escobedo made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve the second reading of an ordinance amending the Los Fresnos Code of Ordinances, Chapter 48-Zoning, Article II-District Regulations, Division 7-Additional Standards, Subdivision IV-Signs, Section 48-273 Signs exempted from certain regulations and repealing all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict therewith., seconded by Gabriela Fernandez the vote was [Unanimous].

**Consideration and ACTION to approve the second reading of an ordinance approving the Economic Development Agreement between the City of Los Fresnos, the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #2, City of Los Fresnos, and GF Development of Los Fresnos, LLC; authorizing execution of the agreement, and various provisions related to the foregoing subject.**Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve the second reading of an ordinance approving the Economic Development Agreement between the City of Los Fresnos, the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #2, City of Los Fresnos, and GF Development of Los

Fresnos, LLC; authorizing execution of the agreement, and various provisions related to the foregoing subject.

Alberto Escobedo made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve the second reading of an ordinance approving the Economic Development Agreement between the City of Los Fresnos, the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #2, City of Los Fresnos, and GF Development of Los Fresnos, LLC; authorizing execution of the agreement, and various provisions related to the foregoing subject., seconded by Gabriela Fernandez the vote was [Unanimous].

**Consideration and ACTION to approve a resolution of the City of Los Fresnos, Texas finding that AEP Texas INC.'s requested increase to its electric transmission and distribution rates and charges within the city should be denied; finding that the city's reasonable rate case expenses shall be reimbursed by the company; finding that the meeting at which this resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law; requiring notice of this resolution to the company and legal counsel.**Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve a resolution of the City of Los Fresnos, Texas finding that AEP Texas INC.'s requested increase to its electric transmission and distribution rates and charges within the city should be denied; finding that the city's reasonable rate case expenses shall be reimbursed by the company; finding that the meeting at which this resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law; requiring notice of this resolution to the company and legal counsel.

Alberto Escobedo made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve a resolution of the City of Los Fresnos, Texas finding that AEP Texas INC.'s requested increase to its electric transmission and distribution rates and charges within the city should be denied; finding that the city's reasonable rate case expenses shall be reimbursed by the company; finding that the meeting at which this resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law; requiring notice of this resolution to the company and legal counsel., seconded by Gabriela Fernandez the vote was [Unanimous].

**Consideration and ACTION to approve a resolution for the submission of a grant application for the City of Los Fresnos to the office of the Governor.**Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve a resolution for the submission of a grant application for the City of Los Fresnos to the office of the Governor.

Alberto Escobedo made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve a resolution for the submission of a grant application for the City of Los Fresnos to the office of the Governor., seconded by Gabriela Fernandez the vote was [Unanimous].

**Consideration and ACTION to approve a resolution requesting U.S. Congressman Vicente Gonzalez, District 34, and U.S Senators John Cornyn and Ted Cruz, along with appropriate state officials, to submit a rider to the farm bill or any related bill, federal or**

**state, to include the City of Los Fresnos, Cameron county, Texas, to be eligible for all rural programs based on its rural character.**Adopted

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**Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Mayor Alejandro Flores from the May 14, 2024 City Council meeting.**Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to excuse the absence of Mayor Alejandro Flores from the May 14, 2024 City Council meeting.

Alberto Escobedo made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Mayor Alejandro Flores from the May 14, 2024 City Council meeting., seconded by Gabriela Fernandez the vote was [Unanimous].

**Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Larry Meade from the May 20, 2024 Planning and Zoning meeting.**Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to excuse the absence of Larry Meade from the May 20, 2024 Planning and Zoning meeting.

Alberto Escobedo made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Larry Meade from the May 20, 2024 Planning and Zoning meeting., seconded by Gabriela Fernandez the vote was [Unanimous].

**Action Items**

**Discussion and action to pass Resolution 7-2024 authorizing the submission of an amendment for TxCDBG project no. CDV21-0095 to remove the sewer improvement work along 2nd Street between North Alamo Street and Arroyo Boulevard.**Adopted

Mr. Milum explained it was the same location discussed in the public hearing.

Motion was made and seconded to pass Resolution 7-2024 authorizing the submission of an amendment for TxCDBG project no. CDV21-0095 to remove the sewer improvement work along 2nd Street between North Alamo Street and Arroyo Boulevard.

Gabriela Fernandez made a motion to approve Discussion and action to pass Resolution 7-2024 authorizing the submission of an amendment for TxCDBG project no. CDV21-0095 to remove the sewer improvement work along 2nd Street between North Alamo Street and Arroyo Boulevard., seconded by Terry Vinson the vote was [Unanimous].

**Discussion and action to approve Change Order No. 1 for TxCDBG project no. CDV21-0095.**Adopted

Mr. Milum explained the change order to the council and recommended approval.

Motion was made and seconded to approve Change Order No. 1 for TxCDBG project no. CDV21-0095.

Alberto Escobedo made a motion to approve Discussion and action to approve Change Order No. 1 for TxCDBG project no. CDV21-0095., seconded by Gabriela Fernandez the vote was [Unanimous].

**Consideration and ACTION to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Los Fresnos and The Lower Rio Grande Valley TPDES Stormwater Task Force Partnership, INC for representative appointment to the regional Lower Rio Grande Valley TPDES Stormwater Task Force.**Adopted

Mr. Milum explained this was a consortium the city has been a part of for over 10 years. He gave examples of benefits for the city to be part of the consortium and recommended approval.

Motion was made and seconded to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Los Fresnos and The Lower Rio Grande Valley TPDES Stormwater Task Force Partnership, INC

for representative appointment to the regional Lower Rio Grande Valley TPDES Stormwater Task Force.

Alberto Escobedo made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Los Fresnos and The Lower Rio Grande Valley TPDES Stormwater Task Force Partnership, INC for representative appointment to the regional Lower Rio Grande Valley TPDES Stormwater Task Force., seconded by Gabriela Fernandez the vote was [Unanimous].

**Consideration and ACTION to accept bids submitted to replace Water Ground Storage Tank #3, authorize the City Manager to issue a contract, and approve the budget amendment.**Adopted

Mr. Milum gave a brief summary on the project. He explained the lowest bid was Ferguson System Services, who had previously replaced the other ground storage tank for the city.

Mr. Milum answered questions from the council and recommended the approval of Ferguson System Services.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the lowest bid by Ferguson System Services to replace Water Ground Storage Tank #3, authorize the City Manager to issue a contract, and approve the budget amendment.

Gabriela Fernandez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to accept bids submitted to replace Water Ground Storage Tank #3, authorize the City Manager to issue a contract, and approve the budget amendment., seconded by Alberto Escobedo the vote was [Unanimous].

**Consideration and ACTION to upgrade Los Fresnos Police Department Patrol Vehicle Cameras & Officer Body Cameras.**Adopted

Mr. Milum gave a brief explanation on the proposed upgrade. Commander Banda with the Police Department presented the proposal to the council and explained the benefits of the upgrade.

Commander Banda answered questions from the council.

Motion was made and seconded to upgrade Los Fresnos Police Department Patrol Vehicle Cameras & Officer Body Cameras.

Gabriela Fernandez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to upgrade Los Fresnos Police Department Patrol Vehicle Cameras & Officer Body Cameras., seconded by Terry Vinson the vote was [Unanimous].

**Consideration and ACTION to approve fleet management services with Enterprise Fleet Management.**Adopted

Mr. Milum explained the proposed fleet management program and introduced Paul \*\*\* with Enterprise Fleet Management.

Mr.\*\* explained the benefits, savings and how the fleet management services would work.

Mr. Milum and Mr. \*\* answered questions from the council.

Motion was made and seconded to approve fleet management services with Enterprise Fleet Management.

Alberto Escobedo made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve fleet management services with Enterprise Fleet Management., seconded by Alejandro Flores the vote was [Unanimous].

**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**Adopted

Mayor Flores asked Mr. Milum if he hasd any updates on project.

Mr. Milum gave an update on the completion of the Veterans Memorial, street project and answered questions from the council.

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge the City Manager's Report.

Gabriela Fernandez made a motion to approve 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, seconded by Alberto Escobedo the vote was [Unanimous].

**Acknowledgement of Department Head Reports**

Mayor Flores asked the council if they had any questions or comments on the department head reports. Mr. Milum provided information on water capacity of the Water Treatment Plant.

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

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge the Financial Report.

Alberto Escobedo made a motion to approve Financial Report 1. Monthly 2. Year to Date 3. Sales Tax, seconded by Terry Vinson the vote was [Unanimous].

**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 Adopted**

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

Alberto Escobedo made a motion to approve 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, seconded by Terry Vinson the vote was [Unanimous].

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

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

Alberto Escobedo made a motion to approve Police Department May 2024 1. Calls-By Type 2. Calls-By Date & Time 3. Incidents-By Violation 4. Arrests-By Type 5. Accidents-By Streets & Intersection April 2024 1. Magistrates 2. Index Crimes by Zone, seconded by Terry Vinson the vote was [Unanimous].

**Municipal Court 1. City Monthly Report- April 2. Linebarger Monthly Report - April Adopted**

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

Alberto Escobedo made a motion to approve Municipal Court 1. City Monthly Report- April 2. Linebarger Monthly Report - April, seconded by Terry Vinson the vote was [Unanimous].

**Library Report 1. Monthly Report**Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge the Library Report.

Alberto Escobedo made a motion to approve Library Report 1. Monthly Report, seconded by Terry Vinson the vote was [Unanimous].

**Fire Marshal's Report 1. Monthly Report**Adopted

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

Alberto Escobedo made a motion to approve Fire Marshal's Report 1. Monthly Report, seconded by Terry Vinson the vote was [Unanimous].

I. Adjournment

The meeting was closed at 7:04 PM.

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Presiding Officer of the Council

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Recorder