



City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 08, 2025 at 6:00 PM

City Hall – 520 East Ocean Blvd. Los Fresnos, TX 78566

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NOTICE OF SAID MEETING IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE CITY OF LOS FRESNOS PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 551, TITLE 5 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT.

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Flores called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Alejandro Flores

Place 1 Alberto Escobedo

Place 3 Gabriela Fernandez

Place 4 Luis Gonzalez

Place 5 Terry Vinson

ABSENT

Place 2 Juan Munoz

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Flores gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. 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.

D. PRESENTATION

1. Presentation-RGV Desalination, L.L.C.

Doug Allison with RGV Desalination, LLC introduced himself and thanked the council for the opportunity to present. Mr. Allison presented information to the council about the proposed desalination plant in the area.

Council member Luis Gonzalez arrived at 6:03 p.m.

E. 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 advised the council there was a total of nine consent agenda item and asked if there was any the council would like to pull for further discussion. There were none.

1. Consideration and ACTION to approve the minutes from June 10, 2025.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from June 10, 2025.

Motion made by Place 1 Escobedo, Seconded by Place 3 Fernandez.

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 3 Fernandez, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Vinson

2. Consideration and ACTION to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Los Fresnos and South Texas ISD regarding the use of the parking lot at Memorial Park.

Motion was made and seconded to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Los Fresnos and South Texas ISD regarding the use of the parking lot at Memorial Park.

Motion made by Place 1 Escobedo, Seconded by Place 3 Fernandez.

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 3 Fernandez, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Vinson

3. Consideration and ACTION to approve an resolution of the City of Los Fresnos, Texas suspending the august 19, 2025 effective date of Texas Gas Service Company's requested increase to permit the city time to study the request and to establish reasonable rates; approving cooperation with other cities in the Texas Gas Service Company's service area; hiring legal and consulting services to negotiate with the company and direct any necessary litigation and appeals; authorizing intervention in Texas gas service's statement of intent to change gas utility rates at the railroad commission; requiring reimbursement of cities' rate case expenses; 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.

Motion was made and seconded to approve an resolution of the City of Los Fresnos, Texas suspending the august 19, 2025 effective date of Texas Gas Service Company's requested increase to permit the city time to study the request and to establish reasonable rates; approving cooperation with other cities in the Texas Gas Service Company's service area; hiring legal and consulting services to negotiate with the company and direct any necessary litigation and appeals; authorizing intervention in Texas gas service's statement of intent to change gas utility rates at the railroad commission; requiring reimbursement of cities' rate case expenses; 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.

Motion made by Place 1 Escobedo, Seconded by Place 3 Fernandez.

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 3 Fernandez, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Vinson

4. Consideration and ACTION to approve the Order of Election and Notice of Election for the November 4, 2025 City Election and authorize the City Secretary to make any necessary changes in locations, days, dates, and times that may be ordered by the Governor or the Cameron County Elections Office.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Order of Election and Notice of Election for the November 4, 2025 City Election and authorize the City Secretary to make any necessary changes in locations, days, dates, and times that may be ordered by the Governor or the Cameron County Elections Office.

Motion made by Place 1 Escobedo, Seconded by Place 3 Fernandez.

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 3 Fernandez, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Vinson

5. Consideration and ACTION to approve a contract with Cameron County Election Administration to conduct the early voting and election day voting for November 4, 2025 City Election.

Motion was made and seconded to approve a contract with Cameron County Election Administration to conduct the early voting and election day voting for November 4, 2025 City Election.

Motion made by Place 1 Escobedo, Seconded by Place 3 Fernandez.

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 3 Fernandez, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Vinson

6. Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Luis Gonzalez from the June 10, 2025 City Council meeting.

Motion was made and seconded to excuse the absence of Luis Gonzalez from the June 10, 2025 City Council meeting.

Motion made by Place 1 Escobedo, Seconded by Place 3 Fernandez.

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 3 Fernandez, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Vinson

7. Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Robert Walsdorf from the June 16, 2025 Planning & Zoning meeting.

Motion was made and seconded to excuse the absence of Robert Walsdorf from the June 16, 2025 Planning & Zoning meeting.

Motion made by Place 1 Escobedo, Seconded by Place 3 Fernandez.

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 3 Fernandez, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Vinson

8. Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Henry Bebon from the June 16, 2025 Planning & Zoning meeting.

Motion was made and seconded to excuse the absence of Henry Bebon from the June 16, 2025 Planning & Zoning meeting.

Motion made by Place 1 Escobedo, Seconded by Place 3 Fernandez.

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 3 Fernandez, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Vinson

9. Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Javier Rodriguez from the June 16, 2025 Planning & Zoning meeting.

Motion was made and seconded to excuse the absence of Javier Rodriguez from the June 16, 2025 Planning & Zoning meeting.

Motion made by Place 1 Escobedo, Seconded by Place 3 Fernandez.

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 3 Fernandez, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Vinson

F. ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration and ACTION to approve a resolution by the city council of the City of Los Fresnos to express support to the RGV Desalination LLC., Regional Water Supply Project.

Mr. Milum answered questions from the council and explained the resolution was only for support of the project.

Mr. Allison answered questions from the council and discussed the project.

Motion was made and seconded to approve a resolution by the city council of the City of Los Fresnos to express support to the RGV Desalination LLC., Regional Water Supply Project.

Motion made by Place 3 Fernandez, Seconded by Place 5 Vinson.

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 3 Fernandez, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Vinson

Voting Abstaining: Place 1 Escobedo

2. Consideration and ACTION to approve rate structures for water and wastewater upgrades.

Mr. Milum explained the next two action items dealt with the CWSRF funding the city will be receiving that would be used to complete upgrades to the water and wastewater system that began in 2017.

He explained the last rate increase was in 2019. He presented the proposed rate structures provided by a Waterworth, a planning tool that assisted the city plan for future rate increases and how it would impact revenue and expenditures.

Mr. Milum answered questions from the council and discussed the proposed rate structures.

Motion was made and seconded to approve rate structures for water and wastewater upgrades effective October 1, 2025.

Motion made by Place 1 Escobedo, Seconded by Place 3 Fernandez.

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 3 Fernandez, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Vinson

3. Presentation of a plan of finance and consideration and approval of a resolution by the City Council of the City of Los Fresnos, Texas authorizing and approving publication of notice of intention to issue Certificates of Obligation; complying with the requirements contained in securities and exchange commission rule 15c2-12; and providing an effective date.

Mr. Milum advised the council the city financial advisors would be presenting the information. Don Gonzales with Estrada Hinojosa introduced himself and gave a brief introduction on the loan process. Matt Lujan presented in detail the financial plan, notice of intent and certificate of obligation. Mr. Milum along with the financial advisors answered questions for the council.

Motion was made and seconded for the Presentation of a plan of finance and consideration and approval of a resolution by the City Council of the City of Los Fresnos, Texas authorizing and approving publication of notice of intention to issue Certificates of Obligation; complying with the requirements contained in securities and exchange commission rule 15c2-12; and providing an effective date.

Motion made by Place 1 Escobedo, Seconded by Place 4 Gonzalez.

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 3 Fernandez, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Vinson

G. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. City Manager Report
 - A. Wastewater Collection System & Upgrade
 - B. Water Treatment Plant Expansion
 - C. CDBG Street Project
 - D. Drainage
 - E. Whipple Road
 - F. COVID-19
 - G. Veteran's Memorial
 - H. Water Funding
 - I. Wastewater Funding
 - J. Senior Citizens Program
 - K. Boys & Girls Club Report

Mayor Flores asked Mr. Milum if he had anything in particular to report on the City Manager Report. Mr. Milum responded with an update on the Veterans Memorial. There were no other updates.

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

Motion made by Place 3 Fernandez.

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 3 Fernandez, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Vinson

H. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mayor Flores asked Mr. Milum if he had anything he would like to add on the reports or if the council had any questions. There were none.

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

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge the Financial Report.

Motion made by Place 5 Vinson, Seconded by Place 3 Fernandez.

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 3 Fernandez, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Vinson

2. 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.

Motion made by Place 5 Vinson, Seconded by Place 3 Fernandez.

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 3 Fernandez, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Vinson

3. Police Department 1. Calls-By Type 2. Calls-By Date & Time 3. Incidents-By Violation 4. Arrests-By Type 5. Accidents-By Streets & Intersection May 2025 1. Magistrates 2. Index Crimes by Zone

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

Motion made by Place 5 Vinson, Seconded by Place 3 Fernandez.

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 3 Fernandez, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Vinson

4. Municipal Court 1. City Monthly Report- May 2025. Linebarger Monthly Report - May

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

Motion made by Place 5 Vinson, Seconded by Place 3 Fernandez.

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 3 Fernandez, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Vinson

5. Library Report 1. Monthly Report

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge the Library Report.

Motion made by Place 5 Vinson, Seconded by Place 3 Fernandez.

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 3 Fernandez, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Vinson

6. Fire Marshal's Report 1. Monthly Report

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

Motion made by Place 5 Vinson, Seconded by Place 3 Fernandez.

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 3 Fernandez, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Vinson

7. Fire Department Report

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

Motion made by Place 5 Vinson, Seconded by Place 3 Fernandez.

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 3 Fernandez, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Vinson

8. Community Development Corporation 1. Minutes 2. Economic Development Coordinator Report.

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge the Community Development Corporation Report.

Motion made by Place 5 Vinson, Seconded by Place 3 Fernandez.

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 3 Fernandez, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Vinson

9. Planning & Zoning Commission Report 1. Minutes

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge the Planning & Zoning Commission Report.

Motion made by Place 5 Vinson, Seconded by Place 3 Fernandez.

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 3 Fernandez, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Vinson

10. Los Fresnos Emergency Medical Services 3rd Quarter Report

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge the Los Fresnos Emergency Medical Services Report.

Motion made by Place 5 Vinson, Seconded by Place 3 Fernandez.

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 3 Fernandez, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Vinson

I. CLOSED SESSION

1. Closed Session - Deliberation pursuant to Section 551.071 Title 5 of the Texas Government code, the Texas Open Meetings Act regarding the following: consultation with attorney on pending or contemplated litigation regarding the annexation of the City's ETJ.

There was no closed session needed.

J. OPEN SESSION

1. Open Session Pursuant to Sections 551.087, Title 5 of the Texas Government code, the Texas Open Meetings Act deliberation and possible action regarding the following:

Consultation with attorney on pending or contemplated litigation regarding the annexation of the City's ETJ.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Flores adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Alejandro Flores, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jacqueline Moya, City Secretary

