



## City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 10, 2025 at 6:00 PM

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

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### A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Flores called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

#### PRESENT

Mayor Alejandro Flores

Place 1 Alberto Escobedo

Place 2 Juan Munoz

Place 3 Gabriela Fernandez

Place 4 Luis Gonzalez

Place 5 Terry Vinson

### 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. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public hearing to disseminate information concerning the Stormwater Program and receive input from the public.

Public hearing opened at 6:01 p.m.

Mr. Milum presented the information on the Stormwater Program and answered questions from the council.

Public hearing closed at 6:05 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 asked the board if they had any questions on any of the consent agenda items. There were none.

1. Consideration and ACTION to approve the minutes for October 14, 2025.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes for October 14, 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 the Quarterly Investment Portfolio Report ended as of September 20, 2025.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Quarterly Investment Portfolio Report ended as of September 20, 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. Consideration and ACTION to approve a resolution for the submission of a grant application by the City of Los Fresnos for the Operation Lone Star Grant Program to the Office of the Governor.

Motion was made and seconded to approve a resolution for the submission of a grant application by the City of Los Fresnos for the Operation Lone Star Grant Program to the Office of the Governor.

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 a resolution of the City of Los Fresnos, Texas finding that Texas Gas Service Company's, a division of One Gas, INC., statement of intent to increase rates filing 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.

Motion was made and seconded to approve a resolution of the City of Los Fresnos, Texas finding that Texas Gas Service Company's, a division of One Gas, INC., statement of intent to increase rates filing 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.

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 the Los Fresnos Community Developments action to approve a website for the Community Development Corporation.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Los Fresnos Community Developments action to approve a website for the Community Development Corporation.

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 approve the Los Fresnos Community Development Corporations action to approve social media video production.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Los Fresnos Community Development Corporations action to approve social media video production.

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 approve the Los Fresnos Community Development Corporations action to partner with Workforce Solutions Cameron for a High-Demand Job Training Grant program delivered through Texas Southmost College.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Los Fresnos Community Development Corporations action to partner with Workforce Solutions Cameron for a High-Demand Job Training Grant program delivered through Texas Southmost College.

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 Pedro Maldonado from October 6, 2025 CDC meeting.

Motion was made and seconded to excuse the absence of Pedro Maldonado from October 6, 2025 CDC 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 approve a resolution of the City of Los Fresnos, Texas, authorizing the submission of a contract amendment request for Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TXCDBG) contract number CDV23-0338 between the City of Los Fresnos and the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Motion was made and seconded to approve a resolution of the City of Los Fresnos, Texas, authorizing the submission of a contract amendment request for Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TXCDBG) contract number CDV23-0338 between the City of Los Fresnos and the Texas Department of Agriculture.

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 petition to be released from the Los Fresnos Extraterritorial Jurisdiction by a landowner with property located on Bingley Rd. (FM 2893) & Kendall Lane.

Mr. Milum explained the city received a petition from a property owner to be released from the City's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) under a new state law that allows landowners to opt out. The property is located north of County Park. The owner's representative explained the request was to simplify development by dealing only with the county, given the distance from city limits and lack of immediate city services.

Juan Munoz arrived at 6:07 p.m.

Concerns from the council were raised about losing future influence over development. Mr. Milum clarified that the City has no discretion the law mandates approval if requirements are met and failure to act results in automatic release.

Motion was made and seconded to approve a petition to be released from the Los Fresnos Extraterritorial Jurisdiction by a landowner with property located on Bingley Rd. (FM 2893) & Kendall Lane.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 2 Munoz, Place 3 Fernandez, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Vinson

2. Consideration and ACTION to approve the first and second reading of an ordinance releasing property from the city's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction.

Mr. Milum explained this part of the previous action item.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the first and second reading of an ordinance releasing property from the city's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction.

Motion made by Place 2 Munoz, Seconded by Place 5 Vinson.

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 2 Munoz, Place 3 Fernandez, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Vinson

3. Consideration and ACTION to enter into an Estoppel Agreement for TIRZ #2.

Mr. Milum asked the council take no action during this meeting because the matter must first be addressed at a TIRZ board meeting before returning for consideration. This item will be revisited at a future meeting following the TIRZ board's review.

No action was taken.

4. Consideration and ACTION to approve payment for emergency repairs for a collapsed sewer line and manhole.

Mr. Milum explained the collapse occurred at a depth of approximately 21–22 feet, requiring extensive water pumping for six weeks and specialized safety measures due to unstable soil conditions. No local contractors were available for the job, so RM Waldorf Company completed the work on a time-and-materials basis.

Motion was made and seconded to approve payment for emergency repairs for a collapsed sewer line and manhole.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 2 Munoz, Place 3 Fernandez, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Vinson

5. Consideration and ACTION to approve funding the grant preparation for the Irrigation Canal Project.

Mr. Milum explained the funding was for grant preparation related to the irrigation canal project. The city previously contributed \$10,000 toward an initial application, which was not funded but ranked close to the cutoff. The plan is to reapply using updated information from the Texas Water Development Board to strengthen the proposal. Each participating district will share the cost.

Motion was made and seconded to approve funding the grant preparation for the Irrigation Canal Project.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 2 Munoz, Place 3 Fernandez, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Vinson

6. Consideration and ACTION to approve a resolution casting votes for candidate(s) to serve on Cameron Appraisal District Board of Directors.

Mr. Milum explained the council would be approving a resolution to cast votes for candidates to serve on the Cameron Appraisal District Board of Directors. With 12 votes out of approximately 2,000, the council discussed the importance of supporting candidates who

represent local interests. After reviewing the list of eight nominees, members agreed to allocate votes to two individuals: Alejandra Aldrete, who currently represents Brownsville ISD/TSC, and Commissioner David Garza, who represents the Los Fresnos area. A motion was made and seconded to split the votes evenly, giving six votes to each candidate. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made and seconded to approve a resolution casting vote 6 votes for Alejandra Aldrete and 6 votes for David Garza to serve on Cameron Appraisal District Board of Directors.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 2 Munoz, Place 3 Fernandez, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Vinson

7. Discussion and possible ACTION to choose an individual for 2025 Citizen of the Year Program.

The council discussed the 2025 Citizen of the Year program, focusing on whether to honor individuals for recent contributions or maintain the tradition of recognizing lifelong service to Los Fresnos. Names suggested included Daniel Avila of Herm's Barbecue for his strong community involvement, Julia Castillo of Julia's Restaurant, and others mentioned informally. Members agreed to gather recommendations this month, make a decision in December, and hold the recognition in January. The discussion emphasized the need for clear guidelines and consistency in the selection process, with some proposing earlier planning and consideration of separate recognition for businesses.

No action was taken.

#### **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. Water Funding
  - H. Wastewater Funding
  - I. Hike & Bike Trail
  - J. Los Fresnos Education & Recreation Club

Mr. Milum gave a brief update on the drainage within the city.

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

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 2 Munoz, Place 3 Fernandez, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Vinson

#### **H. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Mayor Flores asked the council if they had any questions on the Department Reports, there were none.

1. Financial Report September 2025 1. Monthly 2. Year to Date 3. Sales Tax

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge Financial Report.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 2 Munoz, 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 Public Works Report.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 2 Munoz, Place 3 Fernandez, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Vinson

3. Police Department September 2025 1. Calls-By Type 2. Calls-By Date & Time 3. Incidents-By Violation 4. Arrests-By Type 5. Accidents-By Streets & Intersection 6. Magistrates 7. Index Crimes by Zone

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge Police Department Report.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 2 Munoz, Place 3 Fernandez, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Vinson

4. Municipal Court September 2025 1. City Monthly Report 2. Linebarger Monthly Report September

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge Municipal Court Report.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 2 Munoz, Place 3 Fernandez, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Vinson

5. Library Report September 2025 1. Monthly Report

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge Library Report.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 2 Munoz, Place 3 Fernandez, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Vinson

6. Fire Marshal's Report September 2025 1. Monthly Report

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

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 2 Munoz, Place 3 Fernandez, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Vinson

7. Fire Department Report September 2025 1. Monthly Report

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge Fire Department Report.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 2 Munoz, Place 3 Fernandez, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Vinson

8. Community Development Corporation September 2025 1. Minutes 2. CDC Consultant Report

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

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 2 Munoz, Place 3 Fernandez, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Vinson

9. Planning & Zoning Commission Report September 2025 1. Minutes

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

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 2 Munoz, Place 3 Fernandez, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Vinson

10. Los Fresnos Emergency Medical Services 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge Los Fresnos Emergency Medical Services 4th Quarter Report.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 2 Munoz, 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.

The council did not meet in closed session.

**J. OPEN SESSION**

1. Open Session Pursuant to Sections 551.071, 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 6:37 p.m.

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Alejandro Flores, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jacqueline Moya, City Secretary