



City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 10, 2026 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 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Alejandro Flores
Place 1 Alberto Escobedo
Place 2 Andrew Gonzales
Place 3 Juan Munoz
Place 4 Luis Gonzalez
Place 5 Leonel Casanova Jr.

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.

D. 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.

1. Consideration and ACTION to approve minutes from February 3, 2026 and special meeting on February 10, 2026.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from February 3, 2026 and special meeting February 10, 2026.

Motion made by Place 4 Gonzalez, Seconded by Place 5 Casanova Jr..

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 2 Gonzales, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Casanova Jr.

2. Consideration and ACTION to approve a resolution for the submission of the 2025 Operation Stonegarden grant application for the City of Los Fresnos to the Office of the Governor.

Motion was made and seconded to approve a resolution for the submission of the 2025 Operation Stonegarden grant application for the City of Los Fresnos to the Office of the Governor.

Motion made by Place 4 Gonzalez, Seconded by Place 5 Casanova Jr..

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 2 Gonzales, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Casanova Jr.

3. Consideration and ACTION to approve a resolution and order appointing a representative to the Board of Directors of Southmost Regional Water Authority.

Motion was made and seconded to to approve a resolution and order appointing a representative to the Board of Directors of Southmost Regional Water Authority.

Motion made by Place 4 Gonzalez, Seconded by Place 5 Casanova Jr..

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 2 Gonzales, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Casanova Jr.

4. Consideration and ACTON to approve Coastal King-Los Fresnos Subdivision preliminary plat.

Motion was made and seconded to approve Coastal King-Los Fresnos Subdivision preliminary plat.

Motion made by Place 4 Gonzalez, Seconded by Place 5 Casanova Jr..

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 2 Gonzales, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Casanova Jr.

5. Consideration and ACTON to approve Change Order No. 9 for the Water Treatment Plant Expansion Project.

Motion was made and seconded to approve Change Order No. 9 for the Water Treatment Plant Expansion Project.

Motion made by Place 4 Gonzalez, Seconded by Place 5 Casanova Jr..

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 2 Gonzales, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Casanova Jr.

6. Consideration and ACTION to approve a Proclamation declaring April as Fair Housing Month in the City of Los Fresnos.

Motion was made and seconded to approve a Proclamation declaring April as Fair Housing Month in the City of Los Fresnos.

Motion made by Place 4 Gonzalez, Seconded by Place 5 Casanova Jr..

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 2 Gonzales, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Casanova Jr.

7. Consideration and ACTION to approve a Proclamation declaring April 19-25, 2026 as National Library Week in the City of Los Fresnos.

Motion was made and seconded to approve a Proclamation declaring April 19-25, 2026 as National Library Week in the City of Los Fresnos.

Motion made by Place 4 Gonzalez, Seconded by Place 5 Casanova Jr..

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 2 Gonzales, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Casanova Jr.

8. Consideration and ACTION to approve a Proclamation declaring April 12-18, 2026 as National Public Safety Telecommunicator's Week in the City of Los Fresnos.

Motion was made and seconded to approve a Proclamation declaring April 12-18, 2026 as National Public Safety Telecommunicator's Week in the City of Los Fresnos.

Motion made by Place 4 Gonzalez, Seconded by Place 5 Casanova Jr..

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 2 Gonzales, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Casanova Jr.

9. Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Henry Bebon from November 17, 2025 Planning & Zoning meeting.

Motion was made and seconded to excuse the absence of Henry Bebon from November 17, 2025 Planning & Zoning meeting.

Motion made by Place 4 Gonzalez, Seconded by Place 5 Casanova Jr..

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 2 Gonzales, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Casanova Jr.

E. ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration and ACTION to approve tasking city engineering firm, Hanson Professional Services to provide estimates on various street repairs utilizing TIRZ 1 funds.

Mr. Milum explained that a new group of streets is due for review and repair prioritization. Hanson Professional Services, the city's contracted engineering firm, will be tasked under their existing agreement and fee structure to walk the streets with staff, assess curb and pavement

conditions, and develop cost estimates. They will not conduct detailed surveys, they will use visual inspections, quantity assessments, and recent regional bid data to produce reliable estimates. These estimates will help the city determine which funding sources to use, including TIRZ 1 funds and Economic Development Corporation funds, especially within the business district.

Mr. Milum and the council discussed the proposal and the need to prioritize the most critical streets. Council member Juan Munoz arrived at 6:02 p.m.

Motion was made and seconded to approve tasking city engineering firm, Hanson Professional Services to provide estimates on various street repairs utilizing TIRZ 1 funds.

Motion made by Place 2 Gonzales, Seconded by Place 4 Gonzalez.

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 2 Gonzales, Place 3 Munoz, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Casanova Jr.

2. Consideration and ACTION to approve an exchange of water Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) with East Rio Hondo Water Supply Corporation authorizing the City Manager sign the necessary documents.

Mr. Milum explained that current CCN boundaries for water and sewer service do not align with city limits, causing overlapping service areas. A previous agreement between Los Fresnos and Olmito established FM 1575 as a future dividing line to avoid inefficient infrastructure development. Additional overlaps were identified with East Rio Hondo which creates unnecessary complexity and cost for developers.

Los Fresnos and East Rio Hondo have agreed in principle to exchange areas so each entity has clear, logical service boundaries. He stated the Texas Water Development Board had considered pulling funding until this issue progressed, but intervention from elected officials has paused that action. Mr. Milum emphasized that proceeding with the CCN exchange is necessary to keep the project moving.

Mr. Milum answered questions from the council. Councilmember Albert Escobedo arrived at 6:07 p.m.

Motion was made and seconded to approve an exchange of water Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) with East Rio Hondo Water Supply Corporation authorizing the City Manager sign the necessary documents.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 2 Gonzales, Place 3 Munoz, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Casanova Jr.

F. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. City Manager Report
 - A. Wastewater Treatment Plant & Wastewater Collection System
 - B. Water Treatment Plant & Water Distribution System
 - C. Street Projects
 - D. Drainage
 - E. Whipple Road
 - F. Hike & Bike Trail
 - G. COVID 19 Funds

Mayor Flores asked Mr. Milum if he had any updates. Mr. Milum reported no specific updates unless requested by the board. He noted upcoming meetings related to several ongoing projects, including Whipple Road project meeting and Hike and Bike Trail project meeting with CCRI and the railroad commission. He explained challenges with the railroad refusing to allow new trail crossings, stating they will not approve a pedestrian/bike crossing at the planned pathway location. Instead, they are requiring the trail to divert to Canal Street, use the existing crossing with arms, and then reconnect to the trail both at the north and south ends of town.

Mr. Milum and the council discussed the possibility of negotiating a crossing by giving up an existing street crossing. He emphasized that such an option would require public input and council direction before moving forward. Mayor Flores asked about potential community engagement if a street closure were considered. Mr. Milum confirmed that a public forum would be held if that scenario becomes necessary.

Councilmember Andrew Gonzales noted that any decisions should incorporate new traffic data from the city's recently acquired traffic analysis service. The Mr. Milum stated a full report on that program will be presented at the next meeting.

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

Motion made by Place 4 Gonzalez, Seconded by Place 5 Casanova Jr..

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 2 Gonzales, Place 3 Munoz, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Casanova Jr.

G. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. Financial Report January 2026 1. Monthly 2. Year to Date 3. Sales Tax

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge the Financial Report.

Motion made by Place 3 Munoz, Seconded by Place 4 Gonzalez.

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 2 Gonzales, Place 3 Munoz, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Casanova Jr.

2. Public Works Report January 2026 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 3 Munoz, Seconded by Place 4 Gonzalez.

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 2 Gonzales, Place 3 Munoz, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Casanova Jr.

3. Police Department January 2026 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 the Police Department Report.

Motion made by Place 3 Munoz, Seconded by Place 4 Gonzalez.

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 2 Gonzales, Place 3 Munoz, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Casanova Jr.

4. Municipal Court January 2026 1. City Monthly Report 2. Linebarger Monthly Report

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge Municipal Court Report.

Motion made by Place 3 Munoz, Seconded by Place 4 Gonzalez.

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 2 Gonzales, Place 3 Munoz, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Casanova Jr.

5. Library Report January 2026 1. Monthly Report

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge Library Report.

Motion made by Place 3 Munoz, Seconded by Place 4 Gonzalez.

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 2 Gonzales, Place 3 Munoz, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Casanova Jr.

6. Fire Marshal's Report January 2026 1. Monthly Report

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge Fire Marshal Report.

Motion made by Place 3 Munoz, Seconded by Place 4 Gonzalez.

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 2 Gonzales, Place 3 Munoz, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Casanova Jr.

7. Fire Department Report January 2026 1. Monthly Report

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge Fire Department Report.

Motion made by Place 3 Munoz, Seconded by Place 4 Gonzalez.

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 2 Gonzales, Place 3 Munoz, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Casanova Jr.

8. Community Development Corporation February 2026 1. Minutes 2. CDC Consultant Report

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

Motion made by Place 3 Munoz, Seconded by Place 4 Gonzalez.

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 2 Gonzales, Place 3 Munoz, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Casanova Jr.

9. Planning & Zoning Commission Report 1. Minutes

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

Motion made by Place 3 Munoz, Seconded by Place 4 Gonzalez.

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 2 Gonzales, Place 3 Munoz, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Casanova Jr.

10. Senior Citizen Program-January 2026

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge Senior Citizen Program Report.

Motion made by Place 3 Munoz, Seconded by Place 4 Gonzalez.

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 2 Gonzales, Place 3 Munoz, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Casanova Jr.

H. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Alejandro Flores, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jacqueline Moya, City Secretary