



City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 10, 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 6:05 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Alejandro Flores

Place 1 Alberto Escobedo

Place 2 Juan Munoz

Place 3 Gabriela Fernandez REMOTE

Place 5 Terry Vinson

ABSENT

Place 4 Luis Gonzalez

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Milum 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 by the UT Health Houston School of Public Health.

Lisa Mitchell Bennett with the UT Health Houston School of Public Health introduced herself and thanked the council for the opportunity to give the presentation. Ms. Bennett presented the annual report to the council. The council thanked Ms. Bennett, Community Health Supervisor, Christine Martinez, and City Manager Mark W. Milum for their hard work in the program.

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 council if there were any consent agenda items they would like to pull for further discussion. There were none.

1. Consideration and ACTION approve the minutes from May 13, 2025 regular Council Meeting and May 27, 2025 special Council Meeting.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from May 13, 2025 regular Council Meeting and May 27, 2025 special Council Meeting.

Motion made by Place 1 Escobedo, Seconded by Place 2 Munoz.

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

2. Consideration and ACTION to approve the second reading of an ordinance to the Los Fresnos Code of Ordinance Chapter 10-Businesses, to create Article IX, defining and regulating the sale of E-Cigarettes, hemp product and locations of smoke lounges, smoke/vape shops, CBD/Hemp/Cannabis Shops, Providing repealer, severability and effective date.

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Motion made by Place 1 Escobedo, Seconded by Place 2 Munoz.

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

3. Consideration and ACTION to approve the second reading of an ordinance providing an amendment to the Los Fresnos Code of Ordinance Chapter 10-Businesses, Article V. Sexual Oriented Businesses, Sec. 10-123. Definitions; providing repealer, severability and effective date.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the second reading of an ordinance providing an amendment to the Los Fresnos Code of Ordinance Chapter 10-Businesses, Article V. Sexual Oriented Businesses, Sec. 10-123. Definitions; providing repealer, severability and effective date.

Motion made by Place 1 Escobedo, Seconded by Place 2 Munoz.

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

4. Consideration and ACTION to approve the second reading of an ordinance to rezone the proposed Pederson Brothers Subdivision No. 5 located at 29.356 acre tract of land comprised of 22.761 acres out of Block 159 and 6.595 acres out of Block 160 the City of Los Fresnos, Texas from R3 Multi-Family to R-1 Single Family District for Block 1, Lots 2-24, Block 2, Lots 2-62, Block 3, Lots 1-24 and C-2 General Commercial District for Block 1, Lot 1, Block 2, Lot 1 of the proposed Pederson Brothers Subdivision No. 5 amending the official zoning map to reflect the new zoning; and providing an effective date for the implementation of this ordinance.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the second reading of an ordinance to rezone the proposed Pederson Brothers Subdivision No. 5 located at 29.356 acre tract of land comprised of 22.761 acres out of Block 159 and 6.595 acres out of Block 160 the City of Los Fresnos, Texas from R3 Multi-Family to R-1 Single Family District for Block 1, Lots 2-24, Block 2, Lots 2-62, Block 3, Lots 1-24 and C-2 General Commercial District for Block 1, Lot 1, Block 2, Lot 1 of the proposed Pederson Brothers Subdivision No. 5 amending the official zoning map to reflect the new zoning; and providing an effective date for the implementation of this ordinance.

Motion made by Place 1 Escobedo, Seconded by Place 2 Munoz.

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

5. Consideration and ACTION to approve the second reading of an ordinance providing an amendment to the Los Fresnos Code of Ordinance Chapter 44-Utilities, Article I. General, Sec. 44-13. Services Rates and Other Charges; Billing and Collection; providing repealer, severability, and effective date.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the second reading of an ordinance providing an amendment to the Los Fresnos Code of Ordinance Chapter 44-Utilities, Article I. General, Sec.

44-13. Services Rates and Other Charges; Billing and Collection; providing repealer, severability, and effective date.

Motion made by Place 1 Escobedo, Seconded by Place 2 Munoz.

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

6. Consideration and ACTION to approve the renewal of the contract between the City of Los Fresnos and Tropical Texas Behavioral Health.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the renewal of the contract between the City of Los Fresnos and Tropical Texas Behavioral Health.

Motion made by Place 1 Escobedo, Seconded by Place 2 Munoz.

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

7. Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Javier Rodriguez from the May 19, 2025 Planning & Zoning meeting.

Motion was made and seconded to excuse the absence of Javier Rodriguez from the May 19, 2025 Planning & Zoning meeting.

Motion made by Place 1 Escobedo, Seconded by Place 2 Munoz.

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

8. Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Claudia Villarreal from the April 5, 2025 Community Development Corporation meeting.

Motion was made and seconded to excuse the absence of Claudia Villarreal from the April 5, 2025 Community Development Corporation meeting.

Motion made by Place 1 Escobedo, Seconded by Place 2 Munoz.

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

9. Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Albert Escobedo from the May 27, 2025 Special Council meeting.

Motion was made and seconded to excuse the absence of Albert Escobedo from the May 27, 2025 Special Council meeting.

Motion made by Place 1 Escobedo, Seconded by Place 2 Munoz.

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

10. Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absences of Terry Vinson from the May 13, 2025 City Council & May 27, 2025 Special Council meeting.

Motion was made and seconded to excuse the absences of Terry Vinson from the May 13, 2025 City Council & May 27, 2025 Special Council meeting.

Motion made by Place 1 Escobedo, Seconded by Place 2 Munoz.

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

F. ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration and ACTION to update the Senior Citizen Program and take appropriate action.

Mr. Milum reviewed the daily scheduled and participation of members in the Senior Citizen Program. He reviewed the funding amounts for the current and next fiscal year.

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

Motion was made and seconded to continue the Senior Citizen Program as is.

Motion made by Place 1 Escobedo, Seconded by Place 5 Vinson.

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

2. Consideration and ACTION to consider utilizing the closed landfill property.

Mr. Milum explained Council Member Juan Munoz requested the action item be added to the council and asked Mr. Munoz if he would like to present.

Mr. Munoz advised the council the property had not been used for years. He suggested a master plan be created to find out if the land can be used for a baseball park or warehouses.

Mr. Milum explained to the council the property was used as a landfill in the past, he advised the board the property would need to be raised with dirt and would be costly to prepare the land for use.

Mr. Milum discussed the proposal, the Mayor explained the main use would be for Little League practice and suggested investing in installing lights at the rodeo grounds that is currently being used for practice. The council decided options would be presented at the next meeting for consideration.

No action was taken.

3. Consideration and ACTION to approve participation in funding of a grant administrator in participation with Bayview Irrigation District # 11 and Cameron County Irrigation District # 10 for the application of a grant for Phase 2 of the underground irrigation canal.

Motioned was made and seconded to approve participation in funding of a grant administrator in participation with Bayview Irrigation District # 11 and Cameron County Irrigation District # 10 for the application of a grant for Phase 2 of the underground irrigation canal.

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

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

4. Consideration and ACTION to appoint a member to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mayor Flores asked if there were applicants, there was one, Anita Matta. Mr. Flores read out the information Ms. Matta provided in her application.

Motion was made and seconded to appoint a Anita Matta to the Planning and Zoning Commission, Place 4.

Motion made by Mayor Flores, Seconded by Place 5 Vinson.

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 2 Munoz, Place 3 Fernandez, 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

Mr. Milum gave an update on the Veterans Memorial. Mr. Milum asked the council if they had any questions, Mr. Munoz voiced his concern on the completion of the memorial due to the length of time it has taken to complete it.

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

Motion made by Place 1 Escobedo, Seconded by Place 5 Vinson.

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

H. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mayor Flores asked if the council had any questions on the Department Reports. Council member Juan Munoz asked if the recycling picks up aluminum cans. Mr. Milum responded yes, they are taken to a recycling center.

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 1 Escobedo, Seconded by Place 2 Munoz.

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 2 Munoz, Place 3 Fernandez, 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 1 Escobedo, Seconded by Place 2 Munoz.

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 2 Munoz, Place 3 Fernandez, 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 April 2025 1. Magistrates 2. Index Crimes by Zone

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

Motion made by Place 1 Escobedo, Seconded by Place 2 Munoz.

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

4. Municipal Court 1. City Monthly Report- April 2025 Linebarger Monthly Report – April 2025

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

Motion made by Place 1 Escobedo, Seconded by Place 2 Munoz.

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

5. Library Report 1. Monthly Report

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge the Library Report.

Motion made by Place 1 Escobedo, Seconded by Place 2 Munoz.

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 2 Munoz, Place 3 Fernandez, 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 1 Escobedo, Seconded by Place 2 Munoz.

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

7. Fire Department Report

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

Motion made by Place 1 Escobedo, Seconded by Place 2 Munoz.

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

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

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

Motion made by Place 1 Escobedo, Seconded by Place 2 Munoz.

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 2 Munoz, Place 3 Fernandez, 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 1 Escobedo, Seconded by Place 2 Munoz.

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

I. CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Flores recessed the meeting for closed session at 6:45 p.m.

1. Closed Session - Deliberation pursuant to Section 551.072 Title 5 of the Texas Government code, the Texas Open Meetings Act regarding the following: purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property. Lot four-A (4A), Block Fifty-Two (52), Northwest Los Fresnos Subdivision No. 1
2. 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.

J. OPEN SESSION

Mayor Flores resumed the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

1. Open Session - Pursuant to Sections 551.072, Title 5 of the Texas Government code, the Texas Open Meetings Act deliberation and possible action regarding the following:

Purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property. Lot four-A (4A), Block Fifty-Two (52), Northwest Los Fresnos Subdivision No. 1

Motion was made and seconded to select the presented option 2 and set a minimum of \$25,000.

Motion made by Mayor Flores, Seconded by Place 1 Escobedo.

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

2. 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.

No action was taken.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Flores adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Alejandro Flores, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jacqueline Moya, City Secretary