



## City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 09, 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

#### ABSENT

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.

Manuel Abrego voiced his concern about the political sign ordinance. He felt it was outdated and needed to be simplified.

### D. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public hearing to discuss and obtain comments regarding a proposed performance statement amendment to its 2023 Texas CDBG Program Community Development Contract CDV23-0338.

Public hearing opened at 6:07 p.m.

Mr. Milum explained an amendment to the CDBG Program Community Development Contract the amendment would be adding First Street from Nogal to the cul-de-sac to a project plan, which had been previously discussed. Funding is available for the addition. The change also corrects some linear feet issues related to Ninth Street.

Manuel Abrego asked for clarification on which street was being discussed. Mr. Milum repeated the street name. Mr. Abrego then inquired about the planned work, and Mr. Milum explained that the entire street, including the curb and gutter, would be redone. Mr. Abrego asked whether the street would be opened up to the elementary school, to which Mr. Milum responded no. Mr. Abrego then stated that the city should address the parking situation, as parking near the elementary school was inadequate.

Public hearing closed at 6:10 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 council if they had any items from the consent agenda they would like to pull. Council member Juan Munoz requested item 5 be pulled for further discussion.

1. Consideration and ACTION to approve the minutes from regular meeting August 12, 2025 and special meeting on August 19, 2025.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from regular meeting August 12, 2025 and special meeting on August 19, 2025.

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

2. Consideration and ACTION to approve the second reading of Ordinance 572 adopting the budgets for fiscal year 2025-2026

Motion was made and seconded to approve the second reading of Ordinance 572 adopting the budgets for fiscal year 2025-2026.

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

3. Consideration and ACTION to approve the second reading of Ordinance 573 approving the 2025 tax roll and levying municipal ad valorem taxes for the use, benefit and support of the City and directing the assessment and collection thereof.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the second reading of Ordinance 573 approving the 2025 tax roll and levying municipal ad valorem taxes for the use, benefit and support of the City and directing the assessment and collection thereof.

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

4. Consideration and ACTION to approve a service agreement with the Los Fresnos Chamber of Commerce.

Motion was made and seconded to approve a service agreement with the Los Fresnos Chamber of Commerce.

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

5. Approval or rejection to approve the following Service Agreements:

A. Los Fresnos Volunteer Fire Department

B. Los Fresnos Ambulance Service

C. Los Fresnos Educational & Recreation Club

Council Member Muñoz shared his concern that this was the first time the City was entering into a three-year agreement with the fire department. He noted that residents had contacted him, questioning why the City was committing to such a high expenditure. He went on to outline several specific concerns, including the length of the three-year agreement, the provision of water, sewer, and lawn services provided by the city and a clause allocating \$12,000 for emergency management operations

Motion was made and seconded to approve the following Service Agreements: Los Fresnos Volunteer Fire Department, Los Fresnos Ambulance Service, Los Fresnos Educational & Recreation Club.

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

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

Voting Nay: Place 2 Munoz

6. Consideration and ACTION to approve a Proclamation designating October 5-11, 2025 as Fire Prevention Week and Firefighters Appreciation Week.

Motion was made and seconded to approve a Proclamation designating October 5-11, 2025 as Fire Prevention Week and Firefighters Appreciation Week.

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

## **F. ACTION ITEMS**

1. Consideration and ACTION to approve the first and second reading of an ordinance authorizing the issuance of "City of Los Fresnos, Texas Combination Tax and Subordinate Lien Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2025 (Clean Water State Revolving fund)"; providing for the payment of said certificates by the levy of an ad valorem tax upon all taxable property within the city and further securing said certificates by a subordinate and inferior lien on and pledge of the net revenues of the system on a parity with certain currently outstanding subordinate lien obligations; and providing an effective date.

Don Gonzalez from Estrada Hinojosa gave a brief update to the council, where they serve as financial advisors. He reminded the council that about two months ago they began the process to secure funding through the Texas Water Development Board, which included publishing a notice of intent in the newspaper and on the city's website. Interest rates were locked in last week with the city manager's approval, and formal action is being presented for the council's consideration during this meeting.

Mr. Lujan advised the council the information he would present addressed to the current action item and the following resolution. He reviewed the information he provided, an overview of financing for a \$1.705 million loan and a \$4.082 million grant (principal forgiveness) from the Texas Water Development Board. He answered questions from the board

Motion was made and seconded to approve the first and second reading of an ordinance authorizing the issuance of "City of Los Fresnos, Texas Combination Tax and Subordinate Lien Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2025 (Clean Water State Revolving fund)"; providing for the payment of said certificates by the levy of an ad valorem tax upon all taxable property within the city and further securing said certificates by a subordinate and inferior lien on and pledge of the net revenues of the system on a parity with certain currently outstanding subordinate lien obligations; and providing an effective date.

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

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

2. Consideration and approval of a resolution approving the principal forgiveness agreement Clean Water State Revolving Fund in the amount of \$4,082,618 and an escrow agreement relating thereto; authorizing the Mayor, City Manager, and City Secretary, or their designees, to execute any and all documents related thereto; and other matters in connection therewith.

Mr. Milum explained funding would be used to replace old sewer lines and deteriorating manholes throughout the city. This includes work along Canal Street, which hasn't been repaved because the sewer line and manholes underneath it needed to be replaced first. Now

that funding is secured, those underground repairs can be made, and the city will use local funds to fully repave the street afterward.

Mr. Milum answered questions from the council.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the principal forgiveness agreement Clean Water State Revolving Fund in the amount of \$4,082,618 and an escrow agreement relating thereto; authorizing the Mayor, City Manager, and City Secretary, or their designees, to execute any and all documents related thereto; and other matters in connection therewith.

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

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

3. Consideration and ACTION to approve the bids received for the following:

A. Official Newspaper

B. Vehicle Tire Maintenance

C. Vehicle Washing

D. Chemicals

There was no discussion.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the bids received for the following: Official Newspaper, Vehicle Tire Maintenance, Vehicle Washing and Chemicals

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

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

4. Consideration and ACTION to participate in the extension of water services.

Mr. Milum provided an update on increasing development activity occurring outside the city limits and within the ETJ, noting that while these areas may use city water and sewer services, they do not generate property tax revenue. He provided examples where developers requested city participation in costly infrastructure extensions, but are not located within city boundaries. Mr. Milum explained that the city should not financially support such developments unless the areas are annexed. Council members agreed, citing a previous decision to restrict new utility connections outside city limits to avoid straining existing infrastructure.

The council and City Manager agreed that developers should fully fund infrastructure needs and consider annexation if they want city services.

No action was taken; the discussion was held for transparency and to ensure council is on the same page moving forward.

5. Consideration and ACTION to appoint or re-appoint members to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Mr. Milum advised the council his comments included the list of members and they were all willing to continue to serve.

Motion was made and seconded to re-appoint Place 5, Henry Bebon, Place 6, Larry Meade, and Place 7 Javier Rodriguez to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

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

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

6. Consideration and ACTION to re-appoint or appoint members to the Park Advisory Board.

Mr. Milum explained Place 4 was Norma Cruz and she was willing to continue to serve, Place 5 was Robert Garza and he does not wish to continue on the board.

The council agreed to reappoint Norma Cruz and continue to search for a replacement for Place 5.

Motion was made and seconded to re-appoint Place 4 Norma Cruz to the Park Advisory Board.

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

7. Consideration and ACTION to re-appoint or appoint of members to the Los Fresnos Housing Authority.

Mayor Flores listed the two individuals Eva Abrego Garcia and Jose Luis Amaya who applied for the position stating he was familiar with Eva Abrego Garcia who was present at the meeting.

Motion was made and seconded to appoint Place 3, Eva Abrego Garcia to the Los Fresnos Housing Authority.

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

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

Mr. Milum advised the board Place 1 Belinda Garza and Place 2 Claudia Rocha were up for reappointment and they both are willing to continue to serve.

Motion was made and seconded to reappoint Place 1 Belinda Garza and Place 2 Claudia Rocha to the Los Fresnos Housing Authority.

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

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

## **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. Hike & Bike Trail
  - L. Los Fresnos Educational and Recreation Club

Mr. Milum reviewed the proposed itinerary for the dedication ceremony of the Veterans Memorial scheduled for November 8, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge Financial Report.

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

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

2. Public Works Report July 2025 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 4 Gonzalez, Seconded by Place 3 Fernandez.

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

3. Police Department July 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 4 Gonzalez, Seconded by Place 3 Fernandez.

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

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

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge Municipal Court Report.

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

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

5. Library Report July 2025 1. Monthly Report

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge Library Report.

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

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

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

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

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

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

7. Fire Department Report July 2025 1. Monthly Report

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge Fire Department Report.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **I. CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Flores recessed the meeting for closed session at 7:13 p.m.

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.
2. Closed Session - Deliberation pursuant to Section 551.074, Title 5 of the Texas Government code, the Texas Open Meetings Act regarding the following: Evaluation of the City Manager.

## **J. OPEN SESSION**

Mayor Flores resumed the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

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.

No action was taken.

2. Open Session Pursuant to Sections 551.074, Title 5 of the Texas Government code, the Texas Open Meetings Act deliberation and possible action regarding the following:

Evaluation of the City Manager.

Motion was made and seconded to proceed with developing the contract details for the City Manager.

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 4 Gonzalez

## **K. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Flores adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Jacqueline Moya, City Secretary