



City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 12, 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 Pro-tem, Albert Escobedo called meeting to order at 6:00 pm..

PRESENT

Place 1 Alberto Escobedo

Place 2 Andrew Gonzales

Place 3 Juan Munoz

Place 4 Luis Gonzalez

Place 5 Leonel Casanova Jr.

ABSENT

Mayor Alejandro Flores

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City Manager Mark 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.

Lisa Michelle Bennett, representing the UT Health Houston School of Public Health in Brownsville, addressed the Council to honor City Manager, Mark Milum for his years of service and collaboration. She highlighted the longstanding partnership between UT Health and the City of Los Fresnos, noting Mr. Milum's leadership in advancing public health initiatives, including the "Tu Salud ¡Sí Cuenta!" program and regional collaboration efforts. She recognized his commitment to improving community health outcomes, his support of innovative projects such as the hike and bike trail system, and his role in enhancing quality of life for residents. On behalf of UT Health, she expressed gratitude for his dedication and congratulated him on his retirement, presenting a token of appreciation.

Anely Mendiola, representing Healthier Texas, recognized the City of Los Fresnos for its outstanding participation in the 2026 Community Challenge. She reported that the community earned over 2.5 million points and logged more than 4 million steps, achieving first place in the extra small division. She commended the community's consistency, dedication, and collective commitment to promoting health and wellness.

Following the presentation, Mr. Milum noted that Los Fresnos has consistently performed well in the challenge, including multiple first-place finishes since 2019 and a third-place finish in the prior year. The success of the program was attributed to the longstanding partnership with UT Health and the expansion of local health and wellness offerings, which have grown significantly over time. He expressed his appreciation to UT Health and all participants for their continued support.

Manuel Abrego congratulated Mr. Milum on his retirement, recognizing his more than 20 years of service and his role in improving the City's financial condition and supporting its growth. He expressed concerns regarding the process for hiring a replacement, including opposition to the use of an external firm and the consideration of an employment contract.

D. PRESENTATION

1. Presentation by Hanson Professional Services regarding the Los Fresnos Master Drainage Plan.

Colton Phillip of Hanson Professional Services presented findings from the City's Drainage Master Plan. He provided an overview of the study area encompassing approximately 10,773 acres and outlined the evaluation of existing drainage conditions, infrastructure inventory, and hydrologic and hydraulic analyses. The plan includes recommendations for updated drainage design criteria aligned with county and regional standards, as well as a capital improvement program with preliminary cost estimates.

Mr. Phillip highlighted proposed requirements for future development, including stormwater design standards, detention requirements, roadway drainage criteria, and minimum construction specifications. He also noted that drainage designs must be certified by a licensed professional engineer to maintain consistency in the City's overall drainage model. Additionally, targeted investigations were conducted at eight priority locations identified by staff, with conceptual improvements and cost estimates provided. He concluded by stating that the plan offers a comprehensive and prioritized approach to addressing the City's drainage needs and expressed willingness to assist with implementation.

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 Pro-tem Escobedo asked if there was any consent agenda items the council would like to pull for further discussion, there were none.

1. Consideration and ACTION to approve the minutes from April 14, 2026, April 22, 2026 and April 28, 2026.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from April 14, 2026, April 22, 2026 and April 28, 2026.

Motion made by Place 3 Munoz, Seconded by Place 2 Gonzales.

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

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 3 Munoz, Seconded by Place 2 Gonzales.

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

3. Consideration and ACTION to approve the Los Fresnos Police Department to participate in the Law Enforcement Support Office program (1033 Program).

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Los Fresnos Police Department to participate in the Law Enforcement Support Office program (1033 Program).

Motion made by Place 3 Munoz, Seconded by Place 2 Gonzales.

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

4. Consideration and ACTION to approve the CDC action to approve funding for the Los Fresnos Falcon Little League.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the CDC action to approve funding for the Los Fresnos Falcon Little League.

Motion made by Place 3 Munoz, Seconded by Place 2 Gonzales.

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

5. Consideration and ACTION to approve a resolution of the City of Los Fresnos, Texas authorizing intervention in AEP Texas INC.'s application to amend its rider mobile temporary emergency electric energy facilities before the commission; approving cooperation with the cities served by AEP Texas; hiring Lloyd Gosselink attorneys and consulting services to negotiate with the company and direct any necessary litigation and appeals; 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.

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Motion made by Place 3 Munoz, Seconded by Place 2 Gonzales.

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

6. Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Leo Casanova from the April 6, 2026 CDC meeting.

Motion was made and seconded to excuse the absence of Leo Casanova from the April 6, 2026 CDC meeting.

Motion made by Place 3 Munoz, Seconded by Place 2 Gonzales.

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

7. Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Claudia M. Villarreal from the April 6, 2026 CDC meeting.

Motion was made and seconded to excuse the absence of Claudia M. Villarreal from the April 6, 2026 CDC meeting.

Motion made by Place 3 Munoz, Seconded by Place 2 Gonzales.

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

8. Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Robert Walsdorf from April 20, 2026 Planning & Zoning meeting.

Motion was made and seconded to excuse the absence of Robert Walsdorf from April 20, 2026 Planning & Zoning meeting.

Motion made by Place 3 Munoz, Seconded by Place 2 Gonzales.

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

9. Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Luis Gonzalez from the April 14, 2026 City Council meeting and the April 28, 2026 Special City Council meeting.

Motion was made and seconded to excuse the absence of Luis Gonzalez from the April 14, 2026 City Council meeting and the April 28, 2026 Special City Council meeting.

Motion made by Place 3 Munoz, Seconded by Place 2 Gonzales.

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

F. ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration and ACTION to adopt the City of Los Fresnos Drainage Master Plan.

Mr. Mark Milum provided an overview of the Drainage Master Plan, noting it as a comprehensive and unified document combining prior studies from various agencies, including the City, Drainage District No. 1, TxDOT, and Cameron County. He emphasized the plan's importance as a guiding tool for future development, improved drainage standards, and grant opportunities. The plan establishes updated criteria to address drainage concerns associated with growth and aims to reduce flooding impacts during major storm events. He recommended approval of the plan.

Motion was made and seconded to adopt the City of Los Fresnos Drainage Master Plan.

Motion made by Place 2 Gonzales, Seconded by Place 5 Casanova Jr..

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

2. Consideration and ACTION to accept a Petition Requesting Annexation by Land Owner for a 29.229 Acre Tract of land out of Tract 45, Subdivision "F" of Paredes Tract Subdivision in Share 19. Espiritu Santo Grant, Cameron County, Texas; Said 29.229 Acre Tract also being out of certain 747.21 Acre Tract of land described in Deed recorded in Volume 22333, Page 291 of the Official Records of Cameron County Texas located on the southeast side of the City of Los Fresnos and set at date and time for a public hearing.

Mr. Milum explained the city received a request for annexation of approximately 29.229 acres located on the southeast side of the City, near City Hall and the Fire Station, for future single-family residential development. Mr. Milum clarified that the request is to accept the petition to initiate the annexation process, with development plans to be submitted at a later stage following required approvals.

Discussion included setting a public hearing for June 9 to obtain public input prior to further consideration. It was noted that the annexation process would require additional readings and review by Planning and Zoning before final approval.

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

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

3. Consideration and ACTION to approve the second reading of an ordinance of the City of Los Fresnos, Texas, establishing regulations for special events, pop up markets, and farmers markets; providing definitions; requiring permits; establishing application procedures, location

and operational standards; authorizing markets in conjunction with other events; providing for fees, enforcement, penalties, severability; and providing an effective date.

Mr. Milum noted revisions made in response to prior discussion, including clarification on parking usage limits for events held on-site and flexibility to allow more than two events per weekend when appropriate, subject to staff discretion.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the second reading of an ordinance of the City of Los Fresnos, Texas, establishing regulations for special events, pop up markets, and farmers markets; providing definitions; requiring permits; establishing application procedures, location and operational standards; authorizing markets in conjunction with other events; providing for fees, enforcement, penalties, severability; and providing an effective date.

Motion made by Place 2 Gonzales, Seconded by Place 3 Munoz.

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

4. Consideration and ACTION to update the fee schedule to reflect the fees for a special event permit.

Mr. Milum clarified that the proposed fees remain unchanged from prior discussion and are being formally added for transparency. The fee structure includes \$300 for a special event permit and \$100 for recurring market events.

Motion was made and seconded to update the fee schedule to reflect the fees for a special event permit.

Motion made by Place 5 Casanova Jr., Seconded by Place 2 Gonzales.

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

5. Consideration and ACTION to appoint a member to Place 2 of the Planning & Zoning Commission for an unexpired term.

The Council considered the appointment of a member to fill an expired term on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Two applications were received from Yolanda Cruz and Abel Torres. Following brief discussion, a motion was made to appoint Abel Torres.

Motion was made and seconded to appoint a Abel Torres to Place 2 of the Planning & Zoning Commission for an unexpired term.

Motion made by Place 3 Munoz, Seconded by Place 5 Casanova Jr..

Voting Yea: Place 1 Escobedo, Place 3 Munoz, Place 5 Casanova Jr.

Voting Nay: Place 4 Gonzalez

Voting Abstaining: Place 2 Gonzales

G. 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

Mr. Milum reported on upcoming public hearing regarding street improvement projects, specifically in the Henderson Road area. A public meeting has been scheduled for May 19 at 6:00 p.m. to gather input from residents; no formal action will be taken at that meeting. He advised the council staff will distribute flyers to notify affected residents.

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

Motion made by Place 2 Gonzales, Seconded by Place 3 Munoz.

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

H. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge the Financial Report.

Motion made by Place 5 Casanova Jr., Seconded by Place 2 Gonzales.

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

2. Public Works Report March 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 Department.

Motion made by Place 5 Casanova Jr., Seconded by Place 2 Gonzales.

Voting Yea: Place 1 Escobedo, Place 3 Munoz, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Casanova Jr.

3. Police Department March 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 5 Casanova Jr., Seconded by Place 2 Gonzales.

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

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

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

Motion made by Place 5 Casanova Jr., Seconded by Place 2 Gonzales.

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

5. Library Report March 2026 1. Monthly Report

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge the Library Report.

Motion made by Place 5 Casanova Jr., Seconded by Place 2 Gonzales.

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

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

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

Motion made by Place 5 Casanova Jr., Seconded by Place 2 Gonzales.

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

7. Fire Department Report March 2026 1. Monthly Report

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

Motion made by Place 5 Casanova Jr., Seconded by Place 2 Gonzales.

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

8. Senior Citizen Program Report March 2026 1. Monthly Report

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

Motion made by Place 5 Casanova Jr., Seconded by Place 2 Gonzales.

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

9. Community Development Corporation March 2026 1. Minutes 2. CDC Consultant Report.

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

Motion made by Place 5 Casanova Jr., Seconded by Place 2 Gonzales.

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

10. Planning & Zoning Commission Report March 2026 1. Minutes

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

Motion made by Place 5 Casanova Jr., Seconded by Place 2 Gonzales.

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

11. Los Fresnos Education & Recreational Club-1. Quarterly Report

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge the Los Fresnos Education & Recreational Club.

Motion made by Place 5 Casanova Jr., Seconded by Place 2 Gonzales.

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

12. LFEMS 1. Quarterly report

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge the LFEMS Quarterly Report.

Motion made by Place 5 Casanova Jr., Seconded by Place 2 Gonzales.

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

I. CLOSED SESSION

1. Deliberation pursuant to Section 551.074, Title 5 of the Texas Government code, the Texas Open Meetings Act regarding the following: the appointment, employment, evaluation and duties of City Manager, Chief of Police, Public Works Director, Librarian, Finance Director, or City Secretary.

Mayor Pro-tem Escobedo recessed the meeting for closed session 6:35 p.m..

J. OPEN SESSION

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

The appointment, employment, evaluation and duties of City Manager, Chief of Police, Public Works Director, Librarian, Finance Director, or City Secretary.

The meeting was re-opened at 7:29 p.m.

No action was taken.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro-tem Albert Escobedo adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Albert Escobedo, Committee Member

ATTEST:

Jacqueline Moya, City Secretary