



City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 09, 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 meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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.

Gordon Cappon addressed the Council, congratulating City Manager Mark Milum on his retirement and expressing appreciation for his service and leadership, noting his positive experience working with him through Planning and Zoning and Community Development Corporation. Mr. Cappon also thanked the Council and staff for placing the Henderson Road project back on the agenda and emphasized the need for improvements due to safety concerns, particularly with school bus traffic and construction vehicles.

Rogelio Nunez, representing the Narciso Martinez Cultural Arts Center, provided an update on the upcoming festival scheduled for October 2–3, noting that planning is underway and a lineup of approximately 15 bands is being finalized. He also highlighted that the festival has been selected as one of the featured exhibits at the Bob Bullock Museum in Austin, showcasing its cultural significance.

Mr. Nunez shared preliminary promotional materials and emphasized continued collaboration with the City and community partners.

Ms. Blanca Davis, on behalf of the organization, provided an update on marketing efforts for the event, including the development of the annual magazine and strong advertiser response. She expressed appreciation to the City, Chamber, CDC, and staff for their ongoing support, and extended special thanks to City Manager Mark Milum for his leadership and longstanding support of the festival.

D. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public hearing to receive comments from the public on the annexation of 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.

Public hearing opened at 6:08 p.m.

Resident asked if the subdivision would have an independent lift station, Mr. Milum clarified that the property would be served by the existing lift station infrastructure designed for the current subdivision.

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 questions on the consent agenda, there were none.

1. Consideration and ACTION to approve the minutes from May 12, 2026 and May 19, 2026.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from May 12, 2026 and May 19, 2026.

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

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

2. Consideration and ACTION to approve the Quarterly Investment Portfolio Report ended as of March 31, 2026.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Quarterly Investment Portfolio Report ended as of March 31, 2026.

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

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

3. Consideration and action to approve revised Change Order No. 3 to the construction contract awarded to M.J.A. Construction, LLC under the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) CDBG Contract No. CDV23-0338.

Motion was made and seconded to approve revised Change Order No. 3 to the construction contract awarded to M.J.A. Construction, LLC under the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) CDBG Contract No. CDV23-0338.

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

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

4. Consideration and ACTION to authorize the City Manager to dispose of surplus items.

Motion was made and seconded to authorize the City Manager to dispose of surplus items.

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

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

5. Consideration and ACTION to approve the CDC approval of increasing in the assistance to infrastructure improvements at State Highway 100 and FM 1575.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the CDC approval of increasing in the assistance to infrastructure improvements at State Highway 100 and FM 1575.

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

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

6. Consideration and ACTION to approve the CDC action to provide funding for a new fence along the west side of Community Park.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the CDC action to provide funding for a new fence along the west side of Community Park.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, 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 Pedro Maldonado from the May 4, 2026 CDC meeting.

Motion was made and seconded to excuse the absence of Pedro Maldonado from the May 4, 2026 CDC meeting.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, 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 Alejandro Flores from the May 12, 2026 regular meeting.

Motion was made and seconded to excuse the absence of Alejandro Flores from the May 12, 2026 regular meeting.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, 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 May 19, 2026 special meeting.

Motion was made and seconded to excuse the absence of Luis Gonzalez from the May 19, 2026 special meeting.

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

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

F. ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration and action to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 577, annexing a 29.229-acre tract of land out of Tract 45, Subdivision "F" of the Paredes Tract Subdivision in Share 19, Espiritu Santo Grant, Cameron County, Texas. Said 29.229-acre tract is also part of a 747.21-acre tract described in a deed recorded in Volume 22333, Page 291 of the Official Records of Cameron County, Texas; said property being located on the southeast side of the City of Los Fresnos and extending the City's corporate limits.

Mr. Milum explained that the development would be completed by the developer, including installation of water, wastewater, streets, lighting, and utilities, which would be accepted by the City upon completion. The annexation is voluntary and will not incur costs to the City.

Councilmember Luis Gonzalez asked about the drainage design, Mr. Milum indicating a preference for directing runoff to the south to align with existing drainage patterns, subject to engineering review.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 577, annexing a 29.229-acre tract of land out of Tract 45, Subdivision "F" of the Paredes Tract Subdivision in Share 19, Espiritu Santo Grant, Cameron County, Texas. Said 29.229-acre tract is also part of a 747.21-acre tract described in a deed recorded in Volume 22333, Page 291 of the Official Records of Cameron County, Texas; said property being located on the southeast side of the City of Los Fresnos and extending the City's corporate limits.

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.

2. Consideration and ACTION to authorize Hanson Professional Services to provide plans, bidding and construction oversight to upgrade the roadside ditches along Henderson Road with the new 80 feet right of way from the Railroad to the east Resaca crossing.

Mr. Milum recommended proceeding with drainage improvements ahead of future roadway expansion to address existing drainage concerns. Two design options were discussed, including a full reconstruction versus a phased approach to minimize impacts and avoid unnecessary cost tied to future road widening.

Mr. Milum and the council discussed drainage flow direction and coordination with adjacent developments as well as considerations to avoid rework of existing driveways.

Motion was made and seconded to authorize Hanson Professional Services to provide plans, bidding and construction oversight to upgrade the roadside ditches along Henderson Road with the new 80 feet right of way from the Railroad to the east Resaca crossing.

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

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

3. Consideration and ACTION to review proposed priorities, price estimates and funding for street repairs.

Mr. Milum presented a project list outlining immediate and future street improvements, including projects eligible for CDC and TIRZ funding.

Mr. Milum and the council discussed planned repairs to key streets, coordination with ongoing sewer and utility projects funded through grants and importance of timing improvements to avoid rework. Mr. Milum also highlighted the Escalante Road and Jere street improvements, which will be completed in coordination with a new subdivision and existing agreements.

Mr. Milum outlined potential future projects, including improvements to E 5th Street, E 1st Street along with Henderson Road and discusses the possibility of financing larger projects through debt structured around anticipated future tax revenues from new developments.

Motion was made and seconded to approved the proposed priorities, price estimates and funding for street repairs as presented.

Motion made by Place 1 Escobedo, 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.

4. Consideration and ACTION to approve the first reading of an ordinance of the City of Los Fresnos, Texas, prohibiting outdoor burning within the city limits; providing limited exceptions consistent with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) regulations; incorporating state law authority; establishing a permit process; providing for automatic amendment; providing penalties; and providing for severability and effective date.

Mr. Milum explained that the ordinance formalizes existing practices and was developed in coordination with the Fire Marshal, Fire Chief and TCEQ guidance.

Mr. Milum and the council discussed considerations for controlled burns, coordination with the Fire Department and exceptions during emergencies or natural disasters.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the first reading of an ordinance of the City of Los Fresnos, Texas, prohibiting outdoor burning within the city limits; providing limited exceptions consistent with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) regulations; incorporating state law authority; establishing a permit process; providing for automatic amendment; providing penalties; and providing for severability and effective date.

Motion made by Place 5 Casanova Jr., Seconded by Place 1 Escobedo.

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

5. Consideration and ACTION to participate in costs and or delay fees for The Woods development due to a change in the lift station and force main requirements.

Mr. Milum presented options to assist the Woods development with increased infrastructure cost related to upgraded lift station and force main requirements, the additional cost were necessary to accommodate the scale of the development and ensure adequate wastewater capacity.

Mr. Milum and the council discussed the proposed options.

Motion was made and seconded to approve delaying sidewalk installation until Phase Two or within a three-year timeframe and deferring development fees Phase Two.

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.

6. Consideration and ACTION to approve an ordinance amending Chapter 10 "Businesses," Article VIII "Mobile Food Vendor Courts/Parks" of the Los Fresnos Code of Ordinances.

Mr. Milum explained that new legislation limits municipal regulation of individual mobile food vendors, shifting regulatory authority primarily to the State of Texas. The amended ordinance focuses on regulating the development and operation of mobile food vendor courts or parks including zoning, site development, infrastructure and fire code compliance, while eliminating duplicative permitting and health inspection requirements for individual vendors.

Mr. Milum and the council discussed the proposed ordinance, he clarified that the city may still address complaints or refer health related concerns to the appropriate state agency but cannot impose licensing requirements on vendors.

Motion was made and seconded to approve an ordinance amending Chapter 10 "Businesses," Article VIII "Mobile Food Vendor Courts/Parks" of the Los Fresnos Code of Ordinances.

Motion made by Place 5 Casanova Jr., 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. Consideration and ACTION to approve an ordinance establishing regulations for the location and operation of individual mobile food vendors.

Mr. Milum explained that while the State of Texas now regulates licensing and health inspections for individual mobile food vendors, the City retains authority over zoning, site compliance, fire safety, parking and traffic circulation. The ordinance limits food vendors to appropriate commercial zoning districts and prohibits operation in residential and certain downtown areas due to congestions and compatibility concerns.

Mr. Milum and the council discussed the proposed ordinance and clarified that vendors may operate at multiple approved locations , including special events or festivals, provided each meets City sire requirements. Vendors are not subject to duplicative City permitting or fees beyond site related compliance.

Motion was made and seconded to approve an ordinance establishing regulations for the location and operation of individual mobile food vendors.

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

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

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
 - H. New City Manager Hiring Timeline

Mr. Milum provided updates on ongoing and upcoming projects, noting continued progress. He reported that bid approvals for Valle Alto drainage project and the Resaca Escondida drainage improvements are expected at the next meeting, pending final authorization from the Texas Water Development Board.

Mr. Milum outlined the proposed timeline for the City Manager recruitment process, including review of applicant interviews on June 27 with a contingency date of June 30, finalist interviews scheduled for July 7 and anticipated action to hire on July 14 with a potential start date in early August.

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

Motion made by Place 1 Escobedo, 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.

H. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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

Motion was made and seconded to Acknowledge Financial Report.

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

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

2. Public Works Report April 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 Public Works Report.

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

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

3. Police Department April 2026 1. Calls-By Type 2. Calls-By Date & Time 3. Incidents-By Violation 4. Arrests-By Type 5. Accidents-By Streets & Intersections 6. Magistrates 7. Index Crimes by Zone

Motion was made and seconded to Acknowledge Police Department Report.

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

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

4. Municipal Court April 2026 1. City Monthly Report 2. Linbarger Monthly Report

Motion was made and seconded to Acknowledge Municipal Court Report.

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

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

5. Library Report April 2026 1. Monthly Report

Motion was made and seconded to Acknowledge Library Report.

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

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 April 2026 1. Monthly Report.

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

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

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

7. Fire Department Report April 2026 1. Monthly Report.

Motion was made and seconded to Acknowledge Fire Department Report.

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

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

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

Motion was made and seconded to Acknowledge Senior Citizen Report.

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

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

9. Community Development Corporation April 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 2 Gonzales.

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, 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.

No Action

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.

No Action

K. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Alejandro Flores, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jacqueline Moya, City Secretary