



City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 14, 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 6:01 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Alejandro Flores

Place 1 Alberto Escobedo

Place 2 Juan Munoz

Place 3 Gabriela Fernandez

Place 4 Luis Gonzalez

Place 5 Terry Vinson

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Mark 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. 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 items they would like to pull for further discussion, there were none.

1. Consideration and ACTION to approve the minutes from special meeting on September 2, 2025 and regular meeting September 9, 2025.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from special meeting on September 2, 2025 and regular meeting September 9, 2025.

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

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

2. Consideration and ACTION to approve a budget amendment for the general fund.

Motion was made and seconded to approve a budget amendment for the general fund.

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

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

3. Consideration and ACTION to approve budget amendment transfer for network security.

Motion was made and seconded to approve budget amendment transfer for network security.

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

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

4. Consideration and ACTION to approve the Los Fresnos Police Department STEP Operating Policies and Procedures.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Los Fresnos Police Department STEP Operating Policies and Procedures.

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

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

5. Consideration and ACTION to approve a resolution adopting the Investment Policy and Strategies for fiscal year 2025-2026.

Motion was made and seconded to approve a resolution adopting the Investment Policy and Strategies for fiscal year 2025-2026.

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

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

6. Consideration and ACTION to approve a Proclamation declaring November 3-7, 2025 as Municipal Court Week.

Motion was made and seconded to approve a Proclamation declaring November 3-7, 2025 as Municipal Court Week.

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

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

7. Consideration and ACTION to approve the Los Fresnos Oaks Subdivision preliminary plat.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Los Fresnos Oaks Subdivision preliminary plat.

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

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

8. Consideration and ACTION to approve a Service Agreement with The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston.

Motion was made and seconded to approve a Service Agreement with The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston.

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

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

9. Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Luis Gonzalez from the September 2, 2025 Special City Council meeting.

Motion was made and seconded to excuse the absence of Luis Gonzalez from the September 2, 2025 Special City Council meeting.

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

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

10. Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Terry Vinson from the September 9, 2025 City Council meeting.

Motion was made and seconded to excuse the absence of Terry Vinson from the September 9, 2025 City Council meeting.

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

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

11. Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Gordon Cappon from the September 9, 2025 CDC meeting.

Motion was made and seconded to excuse the absence of Gordon Cappon from the September 9, 2025 CDC meeting.

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

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

E. ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration and ACTION to approve a proclamation recognizing and celebrating Sidewinder of Texas.

Mayor Flores read the proclamation. The Mayor and council congratulated the band Sidewinder of Texas. Members in the audience congratulated the band. Council Member Juan Munoz arrived at 6:05 pm. Council Member Luis Gonzalez arrived at 6:06 pm.

Motion was made and seconded to approve a proclamation recognizing and celebrating Sidewinder of Texas.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 2 Munoz, Place 3 Fernandez, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Vinson

Mayor recessed the meeting at approximately 6:40 for pictures.

2. Consideration and ACTION to approve health insurance renewal rates for employees.

Mayor Flores resumed the meeting at 6:53 pm.

Mr. Milum reviewed the proposed renewal rates and recommended approving option 9 with Blue Cross Blue Shield. Mr. Milum answered questions from the council and discussed the rates.

Motion was made and seconded to approve health insurance with Blue Cross Blue Shield for employees.

Motion made by Place 4 Gonzalez, Seconded by Place 5 Vinson.

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 2 Munoz, Place 3 Fernandez, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Vinson

3. Consideration and ACTION to approve dental, vision and life insurance renewal rates for employees.

Mr. Milum explained that the city offers employees the option to purchase dental and vision insurance at their own expense, and that the renewal rates for dental increased 5% from \$15.44 to \$16.21, no change in rates for the vision. He also noted that the city provides life insurance at the city's expense, with no change in rates. Mr. Milum recommended approving the renewal rates with the same providers and answered questions from the council.

He thanked insurance representative Tammi Greer and her staff for their efforts in securing the best rates and benefits for the city.

Motion was made and seconded to approve dental, vision and life insurance renewal rates for employees.

Motion made by Place 4 Gonzalez, Seconded by Place 5 Vinson.

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 2 Munoz, Place 3 Fernandez, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Vinson

4. Consideration and ACTION to increase dumpster garbage rates and update the fee schedule with approved fees.

Mr. Milum explained that the city's waste services contract includes a 4% cap on CPI increases, keeping costs lower than the normal 4.83% rate. Brownsville Landfill implemented a

rate increase that will be passed through to customers as required by the contract. Residential rates will remain unchanged, while commercial dumpster rates will increase slightly due to the pass-through and a \$20 processing fee. He noted this is not a city-imposed increase but a direct adjustment from the landfill.

Motion was made and seconded to approve to increase dumpster garbage rates and update the fee schedule with approved fees.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 2 Munoz, Place 3 Fernandez, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Vinson

5. Review and discussion of the proposal submitted by Hanson Professional Services regarding the development of a new park at the former city landfill site on South Nogal Street.

Mr. Milum introduced Ms. Paulina Vega from Hanson Professional Services, who presented the park development proposal. Mr. Milum noted that although the estimated cost of \$4.8 million is substantial, it includes street, water, and sewer improvements. He emphasized that having detailed cost figures is valuable for future planning or potential legislative opportunities, and portions of the plan could be applied to other sites if needed.

Ms. Vega reviewed the proposal, explaining that of the 40-acre property, about 8.5 acres are usable due to the presence of an old landfill. The project includes extending water and sewer services, improving road access, and constructing park amenities such as walking trails, sports fields, lighting, restrooms, picnic areas, and parking.

She noted that the site is located in a flood zone, requiring fill and elevation adjustments, and that an environmental site assessment is recommended due to potential methane gas from the former landfill.

Council members discussed proximity to the firing range and confirmed that the estimate includes site filling for the developed areas. The mayor and council thanked Ms. Vega and staff for their work, noting the proposal provides a clear first step and cost framework for future park development.

No action was taken.

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

No action was taken.

F. 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. Sign Ordinance

Mayor Flores asked Mr. Milum if he had any updates he would like to share. Mr. Milum answered that other than the information he had no other comments. Mr. Milum reminded the council of the Veterans Memorial dedication ceremony.

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

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, Place 5 Vinson

G. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge the Financial Report.

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, Place 5 Vinson

2. Public Works Report August 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 3 Fernandez, Seconded by Place 1 Escobedo.

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 2 Munoz, Place 3 Fernandez, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Vinson

3. Police Department August 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 3 Fernandez, Seconded by Place 1 Escobedo.

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 2 Munoz, Place 3 Fernandez, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Vinson

4. Municipal Court 1. City Monthly Report-August 2025. Linebarger Monthly Report August

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge Municipal Court Report.

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, Place 5 Vinson

5. Library Report August 2025 1. Monthly Report

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge the Library Report.

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, Place 5 Vinson

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

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

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, Place 5 Vinson

7. Fire Department Report August 2025 1. Monthly Report

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

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, Place 5 Vinson

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

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

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, Place 5 Vinson

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

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

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, Place 5 Vinson

H. CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Flores recessed the meeting for closed session at 7:15 p.m.

Council member Juan Munoz left the meeting.

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.

I. OPEN SESSION

Mayor Flores reopened the meeting at 7:49 pm.

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 ratify the City Manager contract as discussed.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 3 Fernandez, Place 4 Gonzalez, Place 5
Vinson

J. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Flores adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Alejandro Flores, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jacqueline Moya, City Secretary