



City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 12, 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 6:00 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. 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.

Manuel Abrego spoke to the council in reference to his concerns on part time building inspector instead of a full time building inspector and the assigned code enforcement officers.

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 advised the council was a total of 15 consent agenda items and item 13 would be pulled for further discussion.

1. Consideration and ACTION to approve the minutes for July 8, 2025.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes for July 8, 2025.

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

2. Consideration and ACTION to update the fee schedule to reflect the approved water and wastewater rates effective October 1, 2025.

Motion was made and seconded to update the fee schedule to reflect the approved water and wastewater rates effective October 1, 2025.

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

3. Consideration and Action to approve Change Order #6 for the CWSRF 73687 Proposed Wastewater Collection System and Rehabilitation Project.

Motion was made and seconded to approve Change Order #6 for the CWSRF 73687 Proposed Wastewater Collection System and Rehabilitation Project.

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

4. Consideration and ACTION to approve a resolution of the City Council of Los Fresnos, Texas, authorizing the submission of a contract amendment request for Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TXCDBG) contract number CDV23-0338 between the City of Los Fresnos and the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Motion was made and seconded to approve a resolution of the City Council of Los Fresnos, Texas, authorizing the submission of a contract amendment request for Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TXCDBG) contract number CDV23-0338 between the City of Los Fresnos and the Texas Department of Agriculture.

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. Consideration and ACTION to approve updates to the Employee Policy Manual:

- A. Protected Information
- B. Records Maintenance and Release
- C. Cybersecurity
- D. Information Technology Use
- E. Generative Intelligence Use
- F. Purchasing and Procurement
- G. ADA Compliance
- H. Overtime Compensation

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approve updates to the Employee Policy Manual:

Protected Information

Records Maintenance and Release

Cybersecurity

Information Technology Use

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ADA Compliance

Overtime Compensation

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

6. Consideration and ACTION to approve the Quarterly Investment Portfolio Report ended as of June 30, 2025.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Quarterly Investment Portfolio Report ended as of June 30, 2025.

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

7. Consideration and ACTION to approve the write off of bad debt for utility accounts and garbage for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the write off of bad debt for utility accounts and garbage for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

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

8. Consideration and ACTION to approve an agreement for services to provide swimming lessons for the fiscal year 2025-2026.

Motion was made and seconded to approve an agreement for services to provide swimming lessons for the fiscal year 2025-2026.

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

9. Consideration and ACTION to approve Change Order No. 1 for the CDV23-0338 Street Improvement Project.

Motion was made and seconded to approve Change Order No. 1 for the CDV23-0338 Street Improvement Project.

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

10. Consideration and ACTION to approve the Los Fresnos Community Development Corporations action to approve additional funding for the concession stand at the Community Park for the Los Fresnos Little League.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Los Fresnos Community Development Corporations action to approve additional funding for the concession stand at the Community Park for the Los Fresnos Little League.

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

11. Consideration and ACTION to approve the Los Fresnos Community Developments action to purchase promotional items.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Los Fresnos Community Developments action to purchase promotional items.

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

12. Consideration and ACTION to approve the preliminary & final plat of Casablanca Bay Los Fresnos Subdivision.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the preliminary & final plat of Casablanca Bay Los Fresnos Subdivision.

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

13. Consideration and ACTION to approve a proclamation recognizing the 10th anniversary of University of Texas Rio Grande Valley's founding in 2015.

Mr. Milum recommended the proclamation be approved and a representative was present to speak.

Veronica De La Garza, Director of Governmental relations with UTRGV thanked the board adopting the proclamation recognizing the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley's 10th year anniversary.

Motion was made and seconded to approve a proclamation recognizing the 10th anniversary of University of Texas Rio Grande Valley's founding in 2015.

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

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

14. Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Juan Munoz from the July 8, 2025 City Council meeting.

Motion was made and seconded to excuse the absence of Juan Munoz from the July 8, 2025 City Council meeting.

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

15. Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Larry Meade from July 21, 2025 Planning & Zoning meeting.

Motion was made and seconded to excuse the absence of Larry Meade from July 21, 2025 Planning & Zoning meeting.

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

E. ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration and ACTION to approve a proclamation honoring Herm's Smokehouse for exemplary community service.

Mayor Flores explained why he felt Herm's was deserving of the proclamation recognizing his efforts to help the flood victims in the hill country.

Each council member thanked Herm's for all they have done for the community.

Mayor Flores read out and present Herm's with the proclamation.

Motion was made and seconded to approve a proclamation honoring Herm's Smokehouse for exemplary community service.

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. Consideration and ACTION to approve action taken by the Los Fresnos Community Development Corporation for service agreement for the 2025 Narcisco Martinez Cultural Arts Center Conjunto Festival.

Rogelio Nunez with the Narcisco Martinez Cultural Arts Center gave the council an update preparations on the upcoming festival.

Council member Luis Gonzalez voiced his concern about the location on the event offering to possibly moving the location to the rodeo grounds.

Motion was made and seconded to approve action taken by the Los Fresnos Community Development Corporation for service agreement for the 2025 Narcisco Martinez Cultural Arts Center Conjunto Festival.

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, Place 5 Vinson

3. Consideration and ACTION to approve a service agreement for the 2026 Cameron County Fair & Livestock Show.

Valerie Arizmendi a representative with the Cameron County Fair & Livestock show introduced herself to the board. She informed the council about the number of participates for the animal and home show. She looked forward to the city's support because the support helped the scholarships granted to students.

Council member Luis Gonzalez thanked Ms. Arizmendi for the scholarships.

Motion was made and seconded to approve a service agreement in the amount of \$6,000 for the 2026 Cameron County Fair & Livestock Show.

Motion made by Place 2 Munoz, 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 approve a service agreement for the September 2025 Cowboy Cook Off.

Chairman Larry Cantu explained the event had been changed to October. He thanked the City Council and city for all the help they have provided the cook-off. The committee looked forward to the city's continued support.

Motion was made and seconded to approve a service agreement in the amount of \$1,500 for the October 2025 Cowboy Cook Off.

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

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

5. Consideration and ACTION to approve a service agreement for the February 2026 Los Fresnos Rodeo.

Chairman Larry Cantu thanked the council for their continued support, he was happy to announce \$32,000 in scholarships were awarded. He listed improvements that have been made to the grounds.

Mayor Flores commented what a great event it was.

Motion was made and seconded to approve a service agreement in the amount of \$16,000 for the February 2026 Los Fresnos Rodeo.

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

6. Consideration and ACTION to approve funding for engineering services to prepare a plan and cost estimate for the use of the old city landfill property as a park.

Mr. Milum explained the estimate was for engineering services to create a master plan to build possible little league practice fields. Mr. Milum listed the reasons why he did not feel this would be a good location for a little league practice fields or an industrial park.

Mr. Milum and the council discussed the proposed estimate.

Motion was made and seconded to approve funding for engineering services to prepare a plan and cost estimate for the use of the old city landfill property as a park.

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 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Vinson

7. Consideration and ACTION to approve closing city offices at 12:00 pm on December 31, 2025 for an employee End of the Year Celebration.

Mr. Milum explained the event last year was very good and recommended approving the request.

Mayor Flores and Council member Munoz both commented in support of the End of Year Celebration.

Motion was made and seconded to approve closing city offices at 12:00 pm on December 31, 2025 for an employee End of the Year Celebration.

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, Place 5 Vinson

8. Discussion and review of applications received for upcoming vacancies and current members in the following boards and positions:

1. Planning and Zoning Commission: Place 5 Henry Bebon; Place 6 Larry Meade; Place 7 Javier Rodriguez

2. Park Advisory Board: Place 4 Norma Cruz; Place 5 Robert Garza

3. Housing Authority Board: Place 1 Belinda Garza; Place 2 Claudia Rocha; Place 3 Linda Ramirez

Mr. Milum explained all members were willing to continue to serve with the exception on the Park Advisory Board. He advised there was a replacement submitted for a place in the Housing Authority. This would be a review only and action could be taken at the next meeting.

There was no action taken.

9. Consideration and ACTION to approve the renewal contract for City Attorney Enrique Juarez.

Mr. Milum explained the rate would stay the same, there was a change in the termination clause but the rest would be the same.

Council Member Juan Munoz commented if the added clause would affect the rules set forth in the charter, Mr. Milum replied no.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the renewal contract for City Attorney Enrique Juarez.

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, Place 5 Vinson

10. Consideration and ACTION to acknowledge the Finance Director's certification of the estimated ad valorem tax collection rate for 2025 and the excess debt tax collections for 2025 tax year.

Mr. Milum explained the state requirements is to announce the estimated ad valorem tax collection rate for 2025 and the excess debt tax collections for 2025 tax year. The announced the estimated ad valorem tax collection rate for 2025 was 93.8% and the the excess debt tax collections for 2025 tax year is zero or not applicable.

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge the Finance Director's certification of the estimated ad valorem tax collection rate for 2025 and the excess debt tax collections for 2025 tax year.

Motion made by Place 3 Fernandez, Seconded by Place 5 Vinson.

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

11. Consideration and ACTION to acknowledge the Cameron Appraisal District Chief Appraiser's certification of the 2025 tax roll.

Mr. Milum explained Cameron County provides the amounts, net taxable value for 2025 is \$569,493,755 and increase of \$53,796,145 or 11.37% and \$249,591 properties under protest.

Mr. Milum answered questions from the board.

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge the Cameron Appraisal District Chief Appraiser's certification of the 2025 tax roll.

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, Place 5 Vinson

12. Consideration and ACTION to acknowledge the calculations of the City's no-new-revenue and voter-approval tax rate for tax year 2025 and for fiscal year 2025-2026.

Mr. Milum the non-new-revenue tax rate is \$0.681809 per \$100 valuation which means the city would receive the same revenue as last year. The tax rate will be \$0.681809 per \$100 valuation instead of the current rate of \$0.685 per \$100 valuation and the voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate the City can adopt without holding an election, that rate is \$1.175114 per \$100 valuation.

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge the calculations of the City's no-new-revenue and voter-approval tax rate for tax year 2025 and for fiscal year 2025-2026.

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

13. Consideration and ACTION to propose a tax rate for tax year 2025, take a record vote, if proposed tax rate exceeds the lower of the no-new-revenue or voter-approval, and set dates for public hearings, if necessary.

Mr. Milum explained the proposed tax rate is \$0.685 per \$100 valuation.

Mr. Milum answered questions from the council.

Motion was made and seconded to propose a tax rate for tax year 2025, take a record vote, if proposed tax rate exceeds the lower of the no-new-revenue or voter-approval, and set dates for public hearings, if necessary.

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

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. Legislative Update

Mr. Milum advised the council the Veteran Memorial was completed and he will be proposing a date for the grand opening ceremony. He informed the council about the latest legislative update agenda posting requirements.

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

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 4 Gonzalez, Place 5 Vinson

G. CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Flores recessed the meeting for closed session at 7:17 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: the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of City Manager, Chief of Police, Public Works Director, Librarian, Finance Director or City Secretary.

H. OPEN SESSION

Mayor Flores reopened the meeting for closed session at 7:49 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:

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

No action was taken.

I. WORKSHOP

1. Budget Workshop Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Mr. Milum reviewed the revenue budget for General Fund and Utility Fund. He continued with the review of the Los Fresnos Community Development Corporation, Debt Fund and TIRZ fund budget.

Mr. Milum answered questions from the council.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Flores adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Alejandro Flores, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jacqueline Moya, City Secretary

This is to certify that I, Jacqueline Moya, posted this agenda on the front bulletin board of the City Hall and the city website at www.cityoflosfresnos.com on August 08, 2025 on or before 5:30 p.m. and it shall remain so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

/s/ Jacqueline Moya, City Secretary

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