



# City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 14, 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 6:07 p.m.

### PRESENT

Mayor Alejandro Flores

Place 1 Alberto Escobedo

Place 3 Gabriela Fernandez

Place 4 Luis Gonzalez

### ABSENT

Place 2 Juan Munoz

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.

There were none.

## D. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing to receive comments from the property owners concerning the re-zoning of proposed Centaurus Subdivision Espirito Santo Grant Share 12-69.91 acres of 76.11 TR V-1 & TRX-1 Property ID 161935 located on the east side of North FM 803 From Resaca to Henderson Rd to rezone Block 1 through Block 8 to R-1 Single Family District and Block 9 to C-2 General Commercial District of the proposed Centaurus Subdivision.

Public hearing opened at 6:08 p.m.

The developer of the property introduced himself to the council and spoke to the council about the development.

Public hearing closed at 6:11 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 there were any consent agenda items they would like to pull for further discussion. There were none.

1. Consideration and ACTION to approve the minutes from December 10, 2024.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from December 10, 2024.

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

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

2. Consideration and ACTION to approve the preliminary plat of Centaurus Subdivision.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the preliminary plat of Centaurus Subdivision.

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

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

3. Consideration and ACTION to approve a resolution for the submission of a grant application for the Local Border Star Security Program for the City of Los Fresnos to the Office of the Governor.

Motion was made and seconded to approve a resolution for the submission of a grant application for the Local Border Star Security Program for the City of Los Fresnos to the Office of the Governor.

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

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

4. Consideration and ACTION to approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Los Fresnos Police Department and the Los Fresnos Consolidated Independent School District Police Department.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Los Fresnos Police Department and the Los Fresnos Consolidated Independent School District Police Department.

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

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

5. 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 3 Fernandez.

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

6. Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Leo Casanova from the December 2, 2024 Community Development Corporation meeting.

Motion was made and seconded to excuse the absence of Leo Casanova from the December 2, 2024 Community Development Corporation meeting.

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

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

7. Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Larry Stambaugh from the December 16, 2024 Planning and Zoning meeting.

Motion was made and seconded to excuse the absence of Larry Stambaugh from the December 16, 2024 Planning and Zoning meeting.

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

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

8. Consideration and ACTION to approve a letter of support supporting SpaceX's proposal to increase the number of launches and landings of its Starship vehicle at the Starbase facility in Cameron County, Texas.

Motion was made and seconded to approve a letter of support supporting SpaceX's proposal to increase the number of launches and landings of its Starship vehicle at the Starbase facility in Cameron County, Texas.

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

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

## **F. ACTION ITEMS**

1. Consideration and ACTION to approve the re-zoning of proposed Centaurus Subdivision Espirito Santo Grant Share 12-69.91 acres of 76.11 TR V-1 & TRX-1 Property ID 161935 located on the east side of North FM 803 From Resaca to Henderson Rd to rezone Block 1 through Block 8 to R-1 Single Family District and Block 9 to C-2 General Commercial District of the proposed Centaurus Subdivision.

Mr. Milum explained the development was reviewed and met the needs for future plans. He recommended approval.

Motion was made seconded to approve the re-zoning of proposed Centaurus Subdivision Espirito Santo Grant Share 12-69.91 acres of 76.11 TR V-1 & TRX-1 Property ID 161935 located on the east side of North FM 803 From Resaca to Henderson Rd to rezone Block 1 through Block 8 to R-1 Single Family District and Block 9 to C-2 General Commercial District of the proposed Centaurus Subdivision.

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

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

2. Consideration and ACTION for the Mayor and Council to support and participate in the 2025 Healthier Texas Community Challenge.

Mr. Milum gave a review about the challenge. He thanked Community Health Worker, Christine Martinez and staff for their work. Ms. Martinez answered questions from the council.

Motion was made and seconded for the Mayor and Council to support and participate in the 2025 Healthier Texas Community Challenge.

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

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

3. Consideration and ACTION to approve amended & restated Interlocal cooperation agreement with CCRMA on the FM 1847 Sidewalk Project.

Mr. Milum explained the amounts were the same that were previously approved, the agreement would confirm the amounts. Mr. Milum answered questions from the council.

Motion was made and seconded to approve amended & restated Interlocal cooperation agreement with CCRMA on the FM 1847 Sidewalk Project.

Motion made by Place 4 Gonzalez, Seconded by Place 3 Fernandez.  
Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 3 Fernandez, Place 4 Gonzalez

4. Consideration and Action to approve Change Order #4 and #5 for the CWSRF 73687 Proposed Wastewater Collection System and Rehabilitation Project.

Mr. Milum explained the project location, change orders and funding. He answered questions from the council.

Motion was made and to approve Change Order #4 and #5 for the CWSRF 73687 Proposed Wastewater Collection System and Rehabilitation Project.

Motion made by Place 1 Escobedo, Seconded by Place 4 Gonzalez.  
Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 3 Fernandez, Place 4 Gonzalez

5. Consideration and ACTON to approve Change Order No. 8 for the Water Treatment Plant Expansion Project.

Mr. Milum explained the change order to the council.

Motion was made and seconded to approve Change Order No. 8 for the Water Treatment Plant Expansion Project.

Motion made by Place 3 Fernandez, Seconded by Place 1 Escobedo.  
Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 3 Fernandez, Place 4 Gonzalez

6. Consideration and Action to approve funding for Microsoft Office 365.

Mr. Milum explained the benefits of transferring to the new platform and the cost. He answered questions from the council.

Motion was made and seconded to approve funding for Microsoft Office 365.

Motion made by Place 4 Gonzalez, Seconded by Place 3 Fernandez.  
Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 3 Fernandez, Place 4 Gonzalez

7. Consideration and ACTION to accept insurance payment on damaged Police Unit VIN 4392 and authorize City Manager to secure replacement vehicle.

Mr. Milum explained the vehicle was damaged during a pursuit and recommended option 1 TML would take possession of the vehicle and the city would receive a payment of \$11,375. Mr. Milum answered questions from the council.

Motion was made and seconded to accept insurance payment on damaged Police Unit VIN 4392 and authorize City Manager to secure replacement vehicle.

Motion made by Place 1 Escobedo, Seconded by Place 3 Fernandez.  
Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 3 Fernandez, Place 4 Gonzalez

8. Consideration and ACTION to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 564. An Ordinance providing for an amendment to Los Fresnos Code of Ordinance Chapter 34, Article I, in General, Section 34.1, Definitions, Article II, Collection and Disposal, section 34.21, Carts, 34.25, Collection Routes, 34.26 Holidays and 34.27, Complaints, repealing all Ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict therewith.

Mr. Milum explained the ordinance came up during the Christmas holiday causing confusion with pick up days during holiday. He explained the proposed changes and answered questions for the council.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 564. An Ordinance providing for an amendment to Los Fresnos Code of Ordinance Chapter 34, Article I, in General, Section 34.1, Definitions, Article II, Collection and Disposal, section 34.21, Carts, 34.25, Collection Routes, 34.26 Holidays and 34.27, Complaints, repealing all Ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict therewith.

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

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

9. Consideration and ACTION to re-appoint Leonel Casanova, Place 3, Marco Huerta, Place 4 and Daniel Alvarez, Place 7 or appoint new members.

Motion was made and seconded to re-appoint Leonel Casanova, Place 3, Marco Huerta, Place 4 and Daniel Alvarez, Place 7 to the Los Fresnos Community Development Corporation.

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

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

10. Consideration and ACTION to appoint a member to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

There were no applications submitted.

No action was taken.

## **G. CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Mayor Flores asked the Mr. Milum if there were any items he would like to update the council on.

1. City Manager Report
  - A. Wastewater Collection System & Upgrade
  - B. Water Treatment Plant Expansion
  - C. 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. Boys & Girls Club Quarterly Report

Mr. Milum reported the street project was complete and a final walk through on 7th Street would be done, Veterans' Memorial was close to completion, and gave an update on the Senior Citizen Program. He answered questions from the board.

Motion made by Place 3 Fernandez, Seconded by Place 1 Escobedo.  
Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 3 Fernandez, Place 4 Gonzalez

## **H. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF HEAD REPORTS**

Mayor Flores asked the council if there were any questions on the Department Head Reports. There were none.

1. Financial Report 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 3 Fernandez, Place 4 Gonzalez

2. Public Works Report 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 Report.

Motion made by Place 3 Fernandez, Seconded by Place 1 Escobedo.  
Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 3 Fernandez, Place 4 Gonzalez

3. Police Department December 2024 1. Calls-By Type 2. Calls-By Date & Time 3. Incidents-By Violation 4. Arrests-By Type 5. Accidents-By Streets & Intersection November 2024 1. Magistrates 2. Index Crimes by Zone

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

Motion made by Place 3 Fernandez, Seconded by Place 1 Escobedo.  
Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 3 Fernandez, Place 4 Gonzalez

4. Municipal Court 1. City Monthly Report- November 2024. Linebarger Monthly Report – November 2024.

Motion made by Place 3 Fernandez, Seconded by Place 1 Escobedo.  
Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 3 Fernandez, Place 4 Gonzalez

5. Library Report 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 3 Fernandez, Place 4 Gonzalez

6. Fire Marshal's Report 1. Monthly Report

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

Motion made by Place 3 Fernandez, Seconded by Place 1 Escobedo.  
Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 3 Fernandez, Place 4 Gonzalez

7. Fire Department Report 1. Monthly Report

Motion made by Place 3 Fernandez, Seconded by Place 1 Escobedo.  
Voting Yea: Mayor Flores, Place 1 Escobedo, Place 3 Fernandez, Place 4 Gonzalez

8. EMS Report

1. Quarterly report

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

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

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

**I. CLOSED SESSION**

Meeting was recessed for closed session at 6:46 p.m.

1. Deliberation pursuant to Section 551.074, Title 5 of the Texas Government Code, the Texas Open Meetings Act regarding the evaluation of the City Manager.
2. Closed Session - To deliberate pursuant to Section 551.072, Title 5 of the Texas Government Code, the Texas Open Meetings Act regarding the following:

To deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property. Lot four-A (4A), Block Fifty-Two (52), Northwest Los Fresnos Subdivision No. 1

3. Closed Session in accordance to Section 551.071, the Texas Open Meetings Act Consultation with Attorney - to deliberate pending or contemplated litigation regarding the annexation of the City's ETJ.

**J. OPEN SESSION**

Meeting was opened at 8:22 p.m.

1. Consideration and ACTION as necessary resulting from deliberation in Executive Session Pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 regarding the evaluation of the City Manager.

No action was taken.

2. Open Session - Deliberation and possible action regarding the following:

551.072 To deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property. Lot four-A (4A), Block Fifty-Two (52), Northwest Los Fresnos Subdivision No. 1

3. Closed Session in accordance to Section 551.071, the Texas Open Meetings Act Consultation with Attorney - to deliberate pending or contemplated litigation regarding the annexation of the City's ETJ.

No action was taken.

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

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Alejandro Flores, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jacqueline Moya, City Secretary