



City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 11, 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 6:04 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Alejandro Flores

Place 1 Alberto Escobedo

Place 2 Juan Munoz

Place 3 Gabriela Fernandez

Place 5 Terry Vinson

ABSENT

Place 4 Luis Gonzalez

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.

There were none.

D. PUBLIC HEARING

There was no public hearing.

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 if there was any question on the consent agenda or items the council would like to pull for further discussion.

Council member Juan Munoz requested items 4 and 5 be pulled for further discussion.

1. Consideration and ACTION to approve the minutes from February 11, 2025.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from February 11, 2025.

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

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

2. Consideration and ACTION to approve the second reading of ordinance No. 565 to rezone the proposed Centaurus subdivision located at Espiritu Santo Grant Share 12 69.91 ACS out of 76.11 tr v-1 & trx-1 in the City of Los Fresnos, Texas from AG-Agricultural District to R-1 Single Family District for Block 1 through Block 8 and Block 9 to C-2 General Commercial District of

the proposed Centaurus subdivision amending the official zoning map to reflect the new zoning; and providing an effective date for the implementation of this ordinance.

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

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

3. Consideration and ACTION to approve a Proclamation declaring April as Fair Housing Month in the City of Los Fresnos.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Proclamation declaring April as Fair Housing Month in the City of Los Fresnos.

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

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

4. Consideration and ACTION to approve a Proclamation declaring April 6-12, 2025 as National Library Week in the City of Los Fresnos.

Council member Juan Munoz asked if the proclamation was a designated holiday for all employees. Mr. Milum and the council explained it was a proclamation was listing dates where the library would be recognized for Library Week.

Motion was made and seconded to approve a Proclamation declaring April 6-12, 2025 as National Library Week in the City of Los Fresnos.

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 5 Vinson

5. Consideration and ACTION to approve a Proclamation declaring April 15-19, 2025 as National Public Safety Telecommunicator's Week in the City of Los Fresnos.

Council member Munoz had the same question as the previous action item.

Motion was made and seconded to approve a Proclamation declaring April 15-19, 2025 as National Public Safety Telecommunicator's Week in the City of Los Fresnos.

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

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

6. Consideration and ACTION to approve the action taken by Los Fresnos Community Development Board on funding the Earth Day event on Saturday, April 12, 2025.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the action item taken by Los Fresnos Community Development Board on funding the Earth Day event on Saturday, April 12, 2025.

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

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

7. Consideration and ACTION to approve the Community Development Corporations action for upgrades to the parking areas at the Community Park and Memorial park.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Community Development Corporations action for upgrades to the parking areas at the Community Park and Memorial park.

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

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

8. Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Luis Gonzalez from the February 11, 2025 City Council meeting.

Motion was made and seconded to excuse the absence of Luis Gonzalez from the February 11, 2025 City Council meeting.

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

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

9. Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Leo Casanova from the February 3, 2025 CDC meeting.

Motion was made and seconded to excuse the absence of Leo Casanova from the February 3, 2025 CDC meeting.

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

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

10. Consideration and ACTION to excuse the absence of Jacob Wasonga from the February 24, 2025 Planning and Zoning meeting.

Motion was made and seconded to excuse the absence of Jacob Wasonga from the February 24, 2025 Planning and Zoning meeting.

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

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

F. ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration and ACTION to approve a petition to be released from the Los Fresnos Extraterritorial Jurisdiction by a landowner with property located on Kretz Rd.

Mr. Milum explained the process to be removed from the city's ETJ and the location of the property making the request. He answered questions from the council.

Motion was made and seconded to approve a petition to be released from the Los Fresnos Extraterritorial Jurisdiction by a landowner with property located on Kretz Rd.

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 5 Vinson

2. Consideration and ACTION to approve the first and second reading of an ordinance releasing property from the city's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction.

Mr. Milum explained the ordinance it the official document used to document the request.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the first and second reading of an ordinance releasing property from the city's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction.

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 5 Vinson

3. Consideration and ACTION to approve the 2023-2024 Audit Report.

Ben Pena a partner with Burton McCumber and Longoria introduced himself to the council. He explained he was the partner in charge of conducting 2023-2024 audit for the City of Los Fresnos. Mr. Pena reviewed the audit report with the council. Mayor Flores thanked Director of Finance, Pablo Garza and his team for his hard work.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the 2023-2024 Audit Report.

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

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

4. Consideration and ACTION to approve upgrades to the parking areas at the Police Department and the Community Center

Mr. Milum explained on the consent agenda the council approved the CDC action to fund the project. He reviewed the project with the council and recommended approval. Mr. Milum answered questions from the council.

Motion was made and seconded to approve upgrades to the parking areas at the Police Department and the Community Center.

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 5 Vinson

5. Consideration and ACTION to approve emergency repairs that had to be done to the sewer system along Condor Drive between Veteran's Memorial Drive and Eagle Drive.

Mr. Milum explained the location and scope of the project. He explained the funds were available through a loan grant package the city previously had for the Wal-Mart area where other infrastructure improvements were done. He recommended approval.

Motion was made and seconded to approve emergency repairs that had to be done to the sewer system along Condor Drive between Veteran's Memorial Drive and Eagle Drive.

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 5 Vinson

6. Consideration and ACTION to approve the action taken by the Los Fresnos Community Development Board adding a full time position of Economic Development Coordinator to replace the current staffing structure.

Mr. Milum explained the position had been discussed on and off through the years. He reviewed the position with the council and answered questions from the council.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the action taken by the Los Fresnos Community Development Board adding a full time position of Economic Development Coordinator to replace the current staffing structure.

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 5 Vinson

G. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

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

Mayor Flores asked Mr. Milum if there were any items he would like to discuss. Mr. Milum gave an update on the Veterans Memorial and answered questions from the council.

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

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 5 Vinson

H. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mayor Flores asked Mr. Milum if there was anything he would like to point out on the Department Head Reports or if the council had any questions. 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 5 Vinson, Seconded by Place 3 Fernandez.

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

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 5 Vinson, Seconded by Place 3 Fernandez.

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

3. Police Department 1. Calls-By Type 2. Calls-By Date & Time 3. Incidents-By Violation 4. Arrests-By Type 5. Accidents-By Streets & Intersection January 2025 1. Magistrates 2. Index Crimes by Zone

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

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

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

4. Municipal Court 1. City Monthly Report- January. Linebarger Monthly Report – January 2025.

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

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

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

5. Library Report 1. Monthly Report

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

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

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

6. Fire Marshal's Report 1. Monthly Report

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

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

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

7. Fire Department Report 1. Monthly Report

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9. Planning & Zoning Commission Report 1. Minutes

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

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

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

I. CLOSED SESSION

1. Closed session in accordance to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code Chapter 551, Section 551.071-To deliberate pending litigation on a vehicle accident lawsuit involving a city vehicle.

Mayor Flores recessed the meeting for closed session at 6:35 p.m.

J. OPEN SESSION

1. Open session in accordance to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code Chapter 551, Section 551.071-Consideration and ACTION regarding pending litigation on a vehicle accident lawsuit involving a city vehicle.

Mayor Flores resumed the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

No action was taken.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Flores adjourned the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

Alejandro Flores, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jacqueline Moya, City Secretary