



# City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 10, 2026 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 6:00 p.m.

### PRESENT

Mayor Alejandro Flores  
Place 1 Alberto Escobedo  
Place 2 Andrew Gonzales  
Place 3 Gabriela Fernandez  
Place 4 Luis Gonzalez  
Place 5 Leonel Casanova Jr.

## B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Milum gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## C. OATH OF OFFICE

1. Oath of Office for newly elected official.

Councilmember Luis Gonzalez arrived at 6:01 p.m.

Judge Juan Mendoza administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember Juan Munoz.

Mayor Flores recessed the meeting for photos.

## D. 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 regarding a concern about his property that had been brought to his attention. He explained that he emailed the Mayor, who coordinated with Mr. Milum, and the issue was resolved promptly. The resident thanked both for their quick response and for providing the background information on the matter. Mr. Milum explained it was noted that the issue related to the lead and copper rule, which can be complex. Mr. Milum suggested placing the topic on the next meeting agenda to ensure public understanding.

Manuel Abrego noted that Los Fresnos marked its 80th anniversary of incorporation on November 21, 2025 and suggested the City hold a celebration possibly tied to another event like the Fourth of July. They highlighted the city's growth, including new facilities and encouraged recognizing past leaders and long time families. He recommended forming a committee or council led effort to plan the event and expressed that a community celebration would be meaningful for residents.

## 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 items in the consent agenda they would like to pull for further discussion, there were none.

1. Consideration and ACTION to approve minutes from January 13, 2026 and special meeting on January 20, 2026.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from January 13, 2026 and special meeting on January 20, 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 updates to the Employee Policy Manual: Facility Security

Motion was made and seconded to approve updates to the Employee Policy Manual: Facility Security.

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 excuse the absence of Pedro Maldonado from the January 5, 2026 CDC meeting.

Motion was made and seconded to excuse the absence of Pedro Maldonado from the January 5, 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.

4. Consideration and ACTION to approve the Community Development Corporations action to fund a Marketing Design-Mapping Program with Flyer View Group, LLC.

Motion was made seconded to approve the Community Development Corporations action to fund a Marketing Design-Mapping Program with Flyer View Group, LLC.

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 on awarding a contract for construction services to MJA Construction, LLC in the amount of \$25,433.15 under the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) CDBG Contract No. CDV23-0338 grant.

Mr. Milum explained that this work relates to the ongoing street improvement project covering portions of 5th, 7th, and West 9th Streets. Remaining grant funds allowed the City to add West First Street, which is in significant need of repair.

The grant covers base work, lime treatment, and curb repairs; the remaining cost reflected in this contract must be paid by the City. Due to CDBG requirements, the City conducted a separate small purchase process. Only one bid was received, from the same contractor currently completing the other project segments, with pricing consistent with previous work.

Mr. Milum recommended approval.

Motion was made and seconded on awarding a contract for construction services to MJA Construction, LLC in the amount of \$25,433.15 under the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) CDBG Contract No. CDV23-0338 grant.

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.

2. Consideration and ACTION to appoint a member of the council to the Southmost Regional Water Authority Board temporarily or permanently.

The Council considered appointing a representative to the Southmost Regional Water Authority Board, a role previously held by Councilwoman Gabriela Fernandez. Meeting frequency was noted as once a month, on the first Monday from noon to 2 p.m. Due to work- schedule challenges for some members, Council discussed potential nominees. Councilman Escobedo was initially mentioned due to his extensive water related involvement, but Councilman Gonzales was ultimately recommended because of his engineering background and suitability for the technical nature of the position.

Motion was made and seconded to appoint a member of the council to the Southmost Regional Water Authority Board.

Motion made by Place 4 Gonzalez, 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.

## **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

Mayor Flores asked the council if they had any questions, comments or concerns on the City Manager Report, there were none.

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge the City's 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 December 2025 1. Monthly 2. Year to Date 3. Sales Tax

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge Financial Report.

Motion made by Place 4 Gonzalez, 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.

2. Public Works Report December 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 4 Gonzalez, 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. Police Department December 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 4 Gonzalez, 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.

4. Municipal Court December 2025 1. City Monthly Report 2. Linebarger Monthly Report

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge Municipal Court.

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.

5. Library Report December 2025 1. Monthly Report

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge Library Report.

Motion made by Place 4 Gonzalez, 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.

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

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge Fire Marshal Report.

Motion made by Place 4 Gonzalez, 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.

7. Senior Citizen Program-December 2025

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge Senior Citizen Program-December 2025

Motion made by Place 4 Gonzalez, 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.

8. Los Fresnos Education & Recreational Club-1. Quarterly Report

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge Los Fresnos Education & Recreational Club-1. Quarterly Report.

Motion made by Place 4 Gonzalez, 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.

9. Fire Department Report December 2025 1. Monthly Report

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge Fire Department Report.

Motion made by Place 4 Gonzalez, 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.

10. LFEMS 1. Quarterly report

Motion was made and seconded to acknowledge LFEMS 1. Quarterly report.

Motion made by Place 4 Gonzalez, 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.

11. Community Development Corporation January 2026 1. Minutes 2. CDC Consultant Report

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

Motion made by Place 4 Gonzalez, 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.

12. Planning & Zoning Commission Report December 2025 1. Minutes

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

Motion made by Place 4 Gonzalez, 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.

**I. CLOSED SESSION**

1. Closed Session - Deliberation pursuant to Section 551.074, Title 5 of the Texas Government code, the Texas Open Meetings Act regarding the employment of the Chief of Police.

Mayor Flores recessed the meeting for closed session at 6:23 p.m.

2. 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 a lawsuit for an accident involving a LFCISD school bus.

**J. OPEN SESSION**

1. 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 Employment of the Chief of Police.

Mayor Flores reopened the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Upon recommendation of the City Manager, motion was made and seconded to appoint Charlie Banda for Chief of Police with a salary of \$85,000.

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.

2. 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 a lawsuit for an accident involving a LFCISD school bus.

No action was taken.

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Flores adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

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Alejandro Flores, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jacqueline Moya, City Secretary