

**Written Minutes for the
Special City Council Meeting
Held on March 5, 2018
6:30 PM
Elmendorf City Hall
8304 FM 327
Elmendorf, Texas 78112**

At any time during the City Council Meeting, the City Council may meet in executive session for consultation concerning attorney-client matters (real estate, litigation, contracts, personnel, and security).

I. City Council will convene for a Special City Council Meeting at the Elmendorf City Hall at 6:30 pm March 5, 2018.

Call to Order

The meeting is called to order at 6:32 PM by Mayor Pro-Tem Linda Pena Ortiz.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Mayor	Michael J. Gonzales	Absent
Alderman Place 1	Tracy Riojas	Present
Alderman Place 2	R.M. "Andy" Anderson	Present
Alderman Place 3	Hipolito "Polo" Maldonado	Present
Alderman Place 4	Richard B. Rodriguez	Present
Alderman Place 5	Linda Pena Ortiz	Present

This is a joint meeting with members of the Elmendorf Economic Development Corporation. All are present from EEDC.

Board Director Place 1	Cody Dailey – Treasurer	Present
Board Director Place 2	Manuel Decena – President	Present
Board Director Place 3	Tommy Hicks	Present
Board Director Place 4	Elsa Martinez – Secretary	Present
Board Director Place 5	Tracy Riojas	Present
Board Director Place 6	Peggy Stephens – Vice President	Present
Board Director Place 7	Michael Hyatt	Present

Director Tracy Riojas is sitting in her place with the City Council. City Administrator Cody Dailey is sitting in her place with the EEDC.

Also present, City Secretary Roxanne De Leon, City Attorney Mike Guevara, and Police Chief Marco Pena.

Citizens Participation

No citizens for participation.

II. Mayor and City Council Comments

No comments.

III. General Business – Individual Consideration

1. Discuss and possible action regarding the possible loan and/or grant of additional funds to the San Antonio Railroad Heritage Museum to fund the additional transport and placement fees of the Southern Pacific rail car named “Alamo” to a static display in Elmendorf, Texas.

Over the Top owner, Jim Leshek is the contractor that moved the Alamo to Elmendorf from Houston, Texas. He has been onsite for 262 days. He states it is \$42,897.80 for the total job. This does not include the \$21,000.00 paid as a down payment. The remaining balance to complete the transport is \$9,000.00 but the city had only granted the museum \$26,200.00, which was provided by a different contractor before the museum switched to hiring Over the Top. The crane is estimated to be \$14,400.00 at most. Director Decena stated the reason for bringing in the Alamo was to benefit the citizens but it has ended up being a very complicated and expensive project that he’d rather walk away from. He states the EEDC was rushed by the museum to make a decision so proper research was not conducted. Director Decena feels it would be a bigger loss to spend anymore money towards this project. Councilwoman Ortiz understands Director Decena’s concern but would like to have something to show for what was already spent. Director Stephens asks SARHM President Gary Rodriguez if he has calculated what the cost would be to restore the train. Gary Rodriguez states they haven’t gotten to that point and is looking for contacts and found a grant writer to help. They’re trying to get the car placed first. Alderman Rodriguez feels the museum didn’t have plans to complete the project and says the train doesn’t look very good. Alderman Rodriguez is afraid the museum will be asking the city for more money to restore. Mr. Leshek says that his company is a full-service shop and that he is aware of grants that would fund this project.

Director Hicks motions to extend a ten-year loan to the San Antonio Railroad Heritage Museum for \$18,200.00 at half percent interest with a two-year deferral period. Director Stephens seconds and a vote is called.

Director Hyatt knows more people would feel more connected to it if it was placed on 327 but Mr. Rodriguez states it would be another \$8,000.00 to prepare the site.

Yay	Nay	Abstain
Director Dailey		
	Director Decena	
Director Hicks		
Director Martinez		
		Director Riojas
Director Stephens		
Director Hyatt		

The motion to extend a loan to the San Antonio Railroad Heritage Museum for \$18,200.00 at half percent interest with a two-year deferral period is passed on a majority vote with five (5) in favor, one (1) against, and Director Riojas abstaining as she will vote with City Council.

Alderman Maldonado motions to accept the recommendation of the EEDC. Alderman Anderson seconds and a vote is called.

Alderman Rodriguez says he wasn't in attendance of the meeting when the original agreement was approved and feels it doesn't look good. The request for more monies has to stop and the museum must take over now. Alderman Riojas asks if there is any way to place it on 327 after its restoration. Gary Rodriguez said they are currently looking for a caboose to be donated which would be smaller and not as valuable.

Yay	Nay	Abstain
Alderman Riojas		
Alderman Anderson		
Alderman Maldonado		
Alderman Rodriguez		
Alderman Ortiz		

The motion to accept the recommendation of the EEDC is passed on a unanimous vote with all five (5) councilmembers in favor.

IV. Adjournment

Alderman Anderson motions for adjournment of the City Council Meeting. Alderman Riojas seconds, and a vote is called.

Yay	Nay	Abstain
Alderman Riojas		
Alderman Anderson		
Alderman Maldonado		
Alderman Rodriguez		
Alderman Ortiz		

The motion to adjourn the City Council Meeting is passed on a unanimous vote with all five (5) alderpersons in favor.

Director Dailey motions for adjournment of the EEDC Meeting. Director Hicks seconds and a vote is called.

Yay	Nay	Abstain
Director Dailey		
Director Decena		
Director Hicks		
Director Martinez		
Director Stephens		Director Riojas
Director Hyatt		

The motion to adjourn the EEDC Meeting is passed on a majority vote with six (6) directors in favor and Director Riojas abstaining as she votes with City Council.

Special City Council Meeting is adjourned at: **7:13 PM**

The minutes were passed and approved on: March 15, 2018



Mayor Mike Gonzales

Attest:


City Secretary Roxanne De Leon