

HONORABLE MAYOR

Anthony David Turner, MPH

MAYOR PRO TEM

Louie Alfaro, Place #4

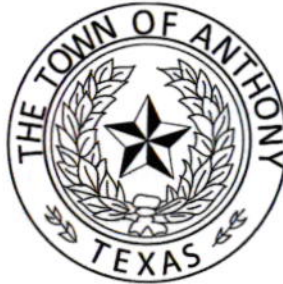
COUNCIL

Alicia Stevens, Place #1

Shawn Weeks, Place #2

Soledad Flores, Place #3

Eduardo Chavez, Place #5



MINUTES

Town of Anthony, Texas

Monday, May 13, 2024
REGULAR MEETING
at 5:30 p.m.

Anthony Town Hall,
401 Wildcat Drive
Anthony, Texas 79821

Notice is hereby given of a regular meeting of the Town of Anthony Council, to be held on Monday, May 13, 2024, at 5:30 p.m., Town Hall, 401 Wildcat Drive, Anthony, Texas 79821, for the purpose of considering the following agenda items. All agenda items are subject to action. The Town of Anthony Council reserves the right to meet in a closed session for consultation with the attorney on any agenda item should the need arise and if applicable pursuant to authorization by Title 5, Chapter 551, of the Texas Government Code.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER- Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:33pm.

2.0 QUORUM

Councilman Stevens: Yes

Councilman Weeks: Yes

Mayor Turner: Yes

Mayor Pro Tem: Absent

Councilwoman Flores: Yes

Councilman Chavez: Yes

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RECEIPT OF PETITIONS: *[At this time, anyone will be allowed to speak on any matter other than personnel matters or matters under litigation, for length of time not to exceed two minutes. No Council discussion or action may take place on a matter until such matter has been placed on an agenda and posted in accordance with law – GC, 551.042.]*

No Public Comment.

5.0 Approve the Minutes of the following Town of Anthony Council Meetings:

- 04-08-2024 Regular Town Council Meeting
- 04-22-2024 Regular Town Council Meeting

Councilman Chavez motioned to table 04-08-2024 and 04-22-2024 Regular Town Council Meeting. Seconded by Councilman Weeks. Motion passed 4-0.

6.0 New Business:

- 6.1 Discussion, consideration, and action on a carport variance for 412 Eight Street and 977 Desert Sage

Building Official Ron stated that residents from 412 Eight St and 977 Desert Sage would like to build a front carport and are present for councils' approval for variance. Ron mentioned to the council that there is no issues. Councilman Chavez motioned to approve both addresses, seconded by Councilwoman Flores. Motion passed 4-0.

- 6.2 Presentation and discussion on update of town's press release on Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) test results for Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) chemicals in town's water wells

The town's engineer Mark Sanchez from Parkhill gave an update on the Town's press release on EPA test results for PFAS. Mark states that back in August 2023, one of the wells came back positive and there was a follow up in September and all three wells came back negative. A letter was sent out to TCEQ and will be a follow up testing in the upcoming weeks.

- 6.3 Discussion, consideration, and action on Master Design Engineering Services Agreement between AECOM Technical Services, Inc and Town of Anthony, Texas

Mayor Turner showed concerns regarding AECOM services, stating that he has not heard from them in a year. Gilbert with AECOM responded that he has been waiting on the town to return his call. Another concern that the Mayor had was that an employee with AECOM is expressing alarming information in social media. AECOM's employee states that as a resident of Anthony Texas he has the right to show his concerns. Councilwoman Stevens states that being an AECOM representative he should have called the town to asked for any information. Councilman Weeks motioned to table to have a one and one meeting with AECOM, seconded by Councilman Chavez. Motion passed 4-0.

- 6.4 Discussion, consideration and action on Sponsor and Site Agreement for the Summer Food Service Program between Anthony Independent School District and Town of Anthony, Texas

The Town Clerk mentioned this is a standard agreement that is brought every year to council. Anthony Independent School District is asking the council's approval to serve meals at the Torres Alto Park and Enrique Miramontes Park during the summer. Councilman Chavez motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Flores. Motion passed 4-0.

- 6.5 Discussion, consideration, and action on Local Government Entities, License Agreement between American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers and Town of Anthony, Texas

Councilman Weeks motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Chavez. Motion passed 4-0.

- 6.6 Discussion, consideration, and action on a proposal for economic development professional services relating to the creation of a potential Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number One (TIRZ #1) with David Pettit Economic Development, LLC (DPED)

Mayor Turner states this is to enter services with David Pettit for the 900 acres development. The Town Clerk states this is the same agreement as before. Councilwoman Stevens states that in the agreement the Town Clerk is the point of contact, she asked if a council member could be added. Councilman Chavez states that the Town Clerk and Mayor should be the two points of contact because they are the ones always at Town Hall. Councilwoman Flores motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Chavez. Motion passed 4-0.

- 6.7 Discussion, consideration, and action on a resolution to transfer \$15,000 from Contingency line item 6166 general fund account to Park Repair & Maintenance line item 6132 general fund account.

The Public Works Superintendent Isael is asking for the transfer of \$15,000 to provide a canopy at the Torres Alto Park. Councilman Weeks inquired how much was in the contingency account and the money saved from other projects. Councilman Chavez motions to postponed until first meeting in July, Seconded by Councilman Weeks. Motion passed 3-1. Councilwoman Flores opposed.

- 6.8 Discussion, consideration and action on creating a new employment position called Marketing Director for the Administration Department

Mayor Turner states that this position would be the same as the current contract position but instead this would be an in-house position. Mayor states the first month pay would be coming out of JAG beyond that it would be from Hotel Motel. Councilwoman Flores motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Stevens. Motion passed 4-0.

- 6.9 Discussion, consideration and action on creating a new department called Public Health Liaison Office for the Town of Anthony, Texas

Mayor Turner states this has been created from the Public Health Department interlocal. Mayor Turner states this would be run by interns and would be primarily used to ensure the residents of Anthony Texas received timely, efficient information on public health services. Councilwoman Stevens asked Mayor Turner that this would be a non-pay position. Councilman Chavez showed concerned that if this approved as non-pay it would not be coming back as a paying position in the future. Mayor Turner reassures this would be overseen by himself and run by interns. Councilman Chavez motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Stevens. Motion passed 4-0.

- 6.10 Discussion, consideration and action on waiving late fees and disconnection fees for May Billing and June Billing due to new utilities software implementation Town Clerks states that the bills are now available on FundView, she notified council that it was recommended by Fundview to waive any late fees and disconnections fees for one month or two months since this is a new system. Councilman Weeks motioned to approve to waive late fees and disconnection fees for May and June billing with the addition of credit and debit the residents accounts accordingly and give the utility department until August to make the adjustments, seconded by Councilman Chavez. Motion passed 4-0.

7.0 Reports

- 7.1 Public Works Department- Public work superintendent Isael gave a detailed report on parks, streets, and water and sewer. Gave an update on the projects going on at Triangle Park, Torres Alto Park, and the Municipal Park.
- 7.2 Finance Department- Report will be available at the next council meeting.
- 7.3 Anthony Police and Municipal Court Department- The Chief gave a detailed report for the month. Chief did mention that DEA is very proactive, seizing a numerous number of drugs. A substantial arrest for an individual wanted was made by the Lone Star Fugitive Task Force and assisted on a sexual exportation of a minor. A total of 279 active calls, average dispatch time was from 17 to 34 minutes. There were 5 felony arrests, 14 misdemeanor arrests, 3 emergency detention orders. A total of 345 citations were issued. 77 border incident reports. Impound lot collected \$5,700. The municipal court collected \$29,056. Court did 125 non parking, 43 fines, 20 trial by judge, 13 cases dismissed after defer education and 19 compile dismissal.
- 7.4 Administration Department- Mayor mentioned the Farmers Market was a success. Mentioned Coffee with Mayor May 24th.

8.0 The Town Council will go into a closed executive session pursuant to Section 551.074 (personnel matters) of the Texas Government Code to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or charge against an officer or employee; the open meeting will be reconvened following the closed session at which time action, if any, will be considered.

The Town Council went into close session at 6:46pm.

- 8.1 Town Council will go into closed session to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, and duties for the Public Works Department (Ricardo Galvan)
- 8.2 Town Council will go into closed session to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, and duties for the Administration Department (Graciela Alvarez)

Reconvene into open session and take any action if necessary: Reconvene into open session at 7:00pm.

- 8.3 Take action based on discussions held in closed session under Executive Session Agenda Item 9.1
Councilman Chavez motioned to terminate Ricardo Galvan, seconded by Councilwoman Flores. Motion passed 3-0.
- 8.4 Take action based on discussions held in closed session under Executive Session Agenda Item 9.2
Councilman Chavez motioned to approve to hire Graciela Alvarez to start June 10th at \$55,000, seconded by councilwoman Flores. Motion passed 3-0.

The next Regular Town Council meeting is scheduled at 5:30 PM on Monday, May 28, 2024.

9.0 ADJOURN MEETING – Councilman Chavez motioned to adjourned meeting at 7:02pm, seconded by Councilwoman Stevens. Motion passed 3-0.



MINUTES PASSED AND APPROVED ON MAY 28,2024.


**APPROVED BY HONORABLE MAYOR
ANTHONY DAVID TURNER, MPH**


**SUBMITTED BY: TOWN CLERK
VALERIE M. ARMENDARIZ, MPA**