

REGULAR CALLED CITY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2024 – 5:00 P.M.
KENNETH T. NUNN COUNCIL ROOM – CITY HALL

A Regular Called Meeting of the City Commission was held on Wednesday, AUGUST 7, 2024, at 5:00 P.M. in the Kenneth T. Nunn Council Room in City Hall, Texas City, Texas. A quorum having been met, the meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Dedrick D. Johnson.

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Dedrick D. Johnson
Commissioner At-Large, Mayor Pro Tem Thelma Bowie
Commissioner At-Large Abel Garza, Jr.
Commissioner District 2 Keith Love
Commissioner District 3 Chris Sharp

Absent: Commissioner District 1 DeAndre' Knoxson
Commissioner District 4 Jami Clark

2. INVOCATION

Led by Matthew Walker, Pastor at Restoration City Church.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Commissioner At-Large, Able Garza.

4. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

a. Promotion: Firefighter James Haltom promoted to Engineer

Chief David Zacherl promoted James Haltom from Firefighter to Engineer, he was pinned by the Interim Director of EMS, Hendershot.

5. REPORTS

a. Transportation and Planning Department Report (City Engineer)

Kimberly Golden, City Engineer, gave a PowerPoint presentation.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

- a. Bluestem Energy Solutions seeks to rezone from District "F" (Light Industrial) to District "S-P" (Site Plan) for Heights Battery Storage, a proposed 9.9 MW, 19.98 MWh Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) installation. Located at 410 Hwy 146 N, south of TNMP Heights Substation. (City Engineer)

Kimberly Golden, City Engineer, stated the Planning Board considered the Detailed Site Plan for this project at its regular meeting on June 3, 2024, and voted 3-0 to approve the Site Plan and recommend it for approval of the zoning change from District F (Light Industrial) to District SP (Site Plan). The Zoning Commission held a public hearing on July 2, 2024, and received no comments opposing the rezoning. Upon deliberation and consideration, the Zoning Commission voted 4-0 to recommend approval of the zoning change from District F to District SP based on the Site Plan recommended by the Planning Board. City staff have no objection to the recommended zoning change.

Motion by Commissioner At-Large Abel Garza, Jr., Seconded by Commissioner District 2 Keith Love, to close the Public Hearing.

Vote: 5 - 0 CARRIED

7. PRELIMINARY ZONING APPROVAL

- a. Consider and take action on a Zoning Change Request from Bluestem Energy Solutions to rezone from District "F" (Light Industrial) to District "S-P" (Site Plan) for Heights Battery Storage, a proposed 9.9 MW, 19.98 MWh Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) installation, located at 410 Hwy 146 N, south of TNMP Heights Substation. (City Engineer)

Motion by Commissioner At-Large Abel Garza, Jr., Seconded by Commissioner District 3 Chris Sharp, to approve the zoning change from District F (Light Industrial) to District SP (Site Plan) as recommended by The Planning Board and The Zoning Commission.

Vote: 5 - 0 CARRIED

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following members of the public requested to address the City Commission: La Marque Councilperson Joseph Lowry, Robert Campbell, Leighton Guarnera of TMPA, Joseph Broussard, resident, Richard Holcomb, and Jose Boix, resident.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner At-Large, Mayor Pro Tem Thelma Bowie, made a motion to approve Consent Agenda items 9a, b, c, d, e, f, and g. The motion was seconded by Commissioner At-Large Abel Garza.

- a. Approve City Commission Minutes for the July 17, 2024, workshop and meeting. (City Secretary)

Vote: 5 - 0 CARRIED

- b. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2024-093, approving the Strategic Plan for Moore Memorial Public Library for Fiscal Year 2025-2027. (Library)

Vote: 5 - 0 CARRIED

- c. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2024-094, extending the continuation of the Disaster Declaration until further action by the City Commission. (Emergency Management)

Vote: 5 - 0 CARRIED

- d. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2024-095, approve the acceptance of, and the ability to expand, the HUD FY' 2024 CDBG Allocation Entitlement. (Community Development/Grants Administration)

Vote: 5 - 0 CARRIED

- e. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2024-096, authorizing the rejection of all bids for Bid No. 2024-012, Building Materials Annual Contract, and authorizing City Staff to rebid at a later date. (Public Works)

Vote: 5 - 0 CARRIED

- f. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2024-097, adopting the PY' 24 CDBG Action Plan and Approving the submission to HUD. (Community Development/Grants Administration)

Vote: 5 - 0 CARRIED

- g. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2024-098, appointing members to the Planning Board. (City Secretary)

Vote: 5 - 0 CARRIED

10. REGULAR ITEMS

- a. Consider and take action on Ordinance No. 2024-19, authorizing a budget amendment to make funds available for the payment of the May 2024 General Election. (Finance)

Motion by Commissioner At-Large Abel Garza, Jr., Seconded by Commissioner At-Large, Mayor Pro Tem Thelma Bowie, to approve a budget amendment to make funds available for the payment of the May 2024, General Election.

Vote: 5 - 0 CARRIED

- b. Consider and take action on proposed tax rate by record vote and schedule public hearings, if necessary.

The record vote to approve the proposed tax rate of \$0.488635/\$100 was as follows:

Dedrick D. Johnson, Mayor --- aye
Thelma Bowie, Mayor Pro Tem, and Commissioner At-Large --- aye
Abel Garza, Jr., Commissioner At-Large --- aye
DeAndre' Knoxson, Commissioner District 1 --- absent
Keith Love, Commissioner District 2 --- aye
Chris Sharp, Commissioner District 3 --- aye
Jami Clark, Commissioner District 4 --- absent

11. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

An audiovisual recording of this meeting is available on the City's website and retained by the CSO for two years after the date of the adoption of the minutes to which the meeting corresponds.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Commissioner At-Large Abel Garza, Jr., made a MOTION to ADJOURN at 6:05 p.m.; the motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Chris Sharp. All present voted AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

DEDRICK D. JOHNSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Rhomari Leigh, City Secretary
Date Approved: