

REGULAR CALLED CITY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024 – 5:00 P.M.
KENNETH T. NUNN COUNCIL ROOM – CITY HALL

A Regular Called Meeting of the City Commission was held on Wednesday, NOVEMBER 6, 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 1 DeAndre' Knoxson
Commissioner District 2 Keith Love
Commissioner District 3 Chris Sharp
Commissioner District 4 Jami Clark

2. INVOCATION

Led by Father Clint Ressler from St. Mary of the Miraculous Medal Catholic Church.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Commissioner District 1 DeAndre Knoxson.

4. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

a. Proclaiming November 4-8, 2024 as Municipal Courts Week.

The Mayor presented the Proclamation to Tammy Odom, Court Administrator, Presiding Judge Charles Dunkel, and Associate Judges Donnie Quintanilla and Katy Marie Lyles.

b. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2024-142, confirming Mayor Johnson's appointment of Nicole Miller as the Director of Recreation and Tourism. (Human Resources)

The Mayor and Commission congratulated Nicole Miller on her promotion to Director of Recreation and Tourism.

Motion by Commissioner District 4 Jami Clark, Seconded by Commissioner District 1 DeAndre' Knoxson

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

- c. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2024-150, confirming the Mayor's appointment of Assistant Fire Chief Dennis Harris to the position of Fire Chief and the swearing in of his new position. (Human Resources)

The Mayor and Commission congratulated Dennis Harris for his promotion to Fire Chief. Dennis Harris, Fire Chief, was pinned by Robert Terry.

Motion by Commissioner At-Large, Mayor Pro Tem Thelma Bowie, Seconded by Commissioner District 4 Jami Clark

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

- d. Promotion of a member of the Texas City Fire Department to the rank of Assistant Fire Chief.

The Mayor and Commission congratulated Matthew Wyatt for his promotion to Assistant Fire Chief. Matthew Wyatt, Assistant Fire Chief, was pinned by his son.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following members of the public requested to address the City Commission: La Marque Council person Joseph Edwin Lowry, Jason Brautigam, Evelyn A. Bell, Barbara White, Brian Geotschius, Rachel Orelas, Juan D. Rodriguez, Reva Rodriguez, and Raquel Ornelas. David Almerex filled out a request to address the commission but did not come forward when their name was called.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner At-Large, Abel Garza, Jr., made a motion to approve Consent Agenda items 6a, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, and o. The motion was seconded by Commissioner At-Large, Mayor Pro Tem, Thelma Bowie.

- a. Approve City Commission Minutes for the October 16, 2024 meeting. (City Secretary)

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

- b. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2024-140, the reappointment of Presiding Judge Charles Dunkel and Associate Judges Donnie Quintanilla and Katy Marie Lyles. (Municipal Court)

This item was pulled by Mayor Dedrick D. Johnson.

Mayor Johnson swore in the judges present.

Motion by Commissioner District 4 Jami Clark, Seconded by Commissioner At-Large, Mayor Pro Tem Thelma Bowie

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

- c. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2024-141, authorizing the submission of the attached Ballot in the 2025 Board Election for Galveston Central Appraisal District. (City Secretary)

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

- d. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2024-143, authorizing the replacement of three air conditioning units in the Moore Memorial Library. (Library)

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

- e. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2024-144, authorizing the purchase of a new 2024 Ford Maverick for the Building Inspections Department through HGAC Contract No. AM10-23. (Public Works)

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

- f. Consider and take on Resolution No. 2024-145, authorizing the purchase of a new Hydro-Excavation Truck through HGAC Contract No. HT06-20. (Public Works)

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

- g. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2024-146, rejecting all bids received for Bid No. 2024-461 Sheet Pile Replacement Project for Pump Stations A & B. (Public Works)

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

- h. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2024-147, authorizing the payment of The City of Texas City's Texas Commission Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Water System Fee for an amount not to exceed \$65,000.00. (Public Works)

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

- i. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2024-148, appointing Angela Moreno to the Library Board. (City Secretary)

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

- j. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2024-149, approving the updated City of Texas City's Social Media policy. (Communications)

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

- k. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2024-151, approving the purchase of a new fuel system to replace the existing 40-year-old system at Pump Station B. (Public Works)

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

- I. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2024-152, approval regarding the Master Plan for Marlow Lake North Subdivision. (City Engineer)

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

- m. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2024-153, awarding a contract to LAN, Inc. for the development of the City's Hazard Mitigation Plan. (Grants Administration)

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

- n. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2024-154, updating the designated authorized signatories for contractual and financial documents for GLO state contracts. (Grants Administration)

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

- o. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2024-155, authorizing the purchase of twelve fleet vehicles for the Police Department from Silsbee Ford through TIPS USA210907. (Police)

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

- p. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2024-156, authorizing the purchase of four vehicles for Administration from Silesbee Ford through TIPS USA210907. (Finance)

This item was pulled for discussion to let the records reflect that the company changed to Chastang Ford. This change happened after the Agenda was posted so the correction could not be made.

Motion by Commissioner District 4 Jami Clark, Seconded by Commissioner District 1 DeAndre' Knoxson

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

7. REGULAR ITEMS

- a. Consider and take action on the second reading of Ordinance No. 2024-26 for recommended speed zones for FM 646 as recommended by TxDOT on the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation. (City Engineer)

Kim Golden, City Engineer, stated upon review of the engineering and traffic investigation by an independent professional traffic operations engineer (P.T.O.E.) the City Engineer recommends approval of the TxDOT recommended speed limits indicated for vehicles traveling upon the named streets and highways.

Motion by Commissioner At-Large Abel Garza, Jr., Seconded by Commissioner District 2 Keith Love

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

- b. Consider and take action on the first reading of Ordinance No. 2024-27, amending the Texas City Code of Ordinance Title III entitled "Administration," Chapter 37, adding Section 16 - Signatures and seals: electronic, digital, and facsimile. (City Secretary)

Rhomari Leigh, City Secretary, recommends the use and acceptance of electronic, digital, or facsimile signatures for city transactions, relating to business, commercial, or governmental affairs, in accordance with the city's policies.

Motion by Commissioner At-Large Abel Garza, Jr., Seconded by Commissioner District 4 Jami Clark

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

8. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

9. 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 adaption of the minutes to which the meeting corresponds.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Commissioner At-Large, Abel Garza, Jr. made a MOTION to ADJOURN at 6:06 p.m.; the motion was SECONDED by Commissioner District 2 Keith Love. All present voted AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

DEDRICK D. JOHNSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Rhomari Leigh, City Secretary
Date Approved: