

REGULAR CALLED CITY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 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 20, 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: Dedrick D. Johnson, Mayor
Thelma Bowie, Commissioner At-Large, Mayor Pro Tem
Abel Garza, Jr. , Commissioner At-Large
DeAndre' Knoxson, Commissioner District 1
Keith Love, Commissioner District 2
Chris Sharp, Commissioner District 3
Jami Clark, Commissioner District 4

2. INVOCATION

Led by Pastor Terry Melancon of Come and See Friends Church.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Commissioner District 3, Chris Sharp.

4. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

a. Service Awards

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| Carol Hill De Santos | Library | 11/03/2024 | 10 years |
| Saungala Montgomery | Police | 11/03/2024 | 10 years |
| Arthur Withers | Public Works | 11/02/2009 | 15 years |
| Calvin Bremer | Waste Water Treatment Plant | 11/29/2004 | 20 years |

b. Certificate of Recognition Presented to Hire Up Texas

Mayor Dedrick D. Johnson presented a Certificate of Recognition to a few representatives of Hire Up Texas.

5. REPORTS

a. Financial Quarterly Report (Finance)

Cynthia Rushing, Chief Financial Officer, gave a PowerPoint presentation.

b. Emergency Management Report (Emergency Management)

Joe Tumbleson, Emergency Management Director, gave a PowerPoint presentation.

c. Utilities Department Letter to Residents and Customers Concerning Water Service Lines

Jack Haralson, Public Works Director, notified and explained to the Mayor and City Commission about the 12,434 Lead Service Line Inventory letters that were mailed to all commercial and residential City water account holders beginning last week on November 13th.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

a. Public Hearing on the adoption of an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 13-13, which Amended Ordinance No. 04-42 to nominate Union Carbide Corporation to participate in the Texas Enterprise Zone Program.

Kristin Edwards, Director of Economic Development, stated The City of Texas City was approached by a third-party consultant hired by Union Carbide Corporation, i.e., Dow Chemical, to pursue a Texas Enterprise Zone designation for a \$37 million project. A Texas Enterprise Zone is a State sales and use tax refund program designed to encourage private investment and job creation in economically distressed areas of the state. The City's role is to provide an updated list of available incentives in the community, which Dow can reflect in their state-level application, and to nominate the project for enterprise project status. The City has not committed to, nor is expected to, provide any of the incentives listed in the attachment to Dow Chemical. With the City Commission's approval, Union Carbide Corporation will move forward with its application to the State of Texas for an enterprise zone designation.

Henry Gomez, resident, stated he was in opposition to the ordinance and asked a few questions. Kristin Edwards was able to address the questions.

Motion by Commissioner At-Large Abel Garza, Jr., Seconded by Commissioner At-Large, Mayor Pro Tem Thelma Bowie, to close the Public Hearing.

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

7. ADDRESS ITEMS FROM PUBLIC HEARING

a. Consider and take action on Ordinance No. 2024-28, amending the City's existing ordinances pertaining to Texas Enterprise Zones and nominating a specific Union Carbide Corporation project as an enterprise project. (Economic Development)

Kristin Edwards, Director of Economic Development, recommended amending the City's existing ordinances pertaining to Texas Enterprise Zones and nominating a specific Union Carbide Corporation project as an enterprise project.

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

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following members of the public requested to address the City Commission: Brian T. Goetschius, resident, and Henry Gomez, resident.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner District 4, Jami Clark, made a motion to approve Consent Agenda items 9a, b, c, d, e, and f. The motion was seconded by Commission District 3, Chris Sharp.

- a. Approve City Commission Minutes for the November 6, 2024 meeting. (City Secretary)

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

- b. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2024-157, authorizing the purchase of 476 Visa gift cards in the amount of \$75.00 each to be given to the City employees (full-time and part-time) as an incentive for continued outstanding customer service and performance. (Human Resources)

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

- c. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2024-158, authorizing the renewal and payment of the semi-annual Service Agreement for the support and maintenance of the Public Safety Software package from CentralSquare. (Police)

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

- d. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2024-159, authorizing a purchase through Generosity Services Inc (Choice Partners Contract #23/016MR-17) for replacement of the Texas City Police Department's hallway tile, wall covering, and carpet throughout the building. (Police)

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

- e. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2024-160, authorizing the purchase of furniture for the Police Department from Office Furniture Connection through PCA Contract #OD-389-23. (Police)

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

- f. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2024-161, authorizing a purchase through Buy Board Contract No. 706-23 of one Toro Greenmaster 3250-D Tee Mower for the Bayou Golf Course to replace the 2013 model. (Rec & Tour)

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

10. REGULAR ITEMS

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

Kim Golden, City Engineer, recommended passing the speed zones for FM 646 as suggested by TxDOT.

Motion by Commissioner At-Large Abel Garza, Jr., Seconded by Commissioner District 1 DeAndre' Knoxson

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

- b. Consider and take action on the second 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 using and accepting electronic, digital, or facsimile signatures for city transactions relating to business, commercial, or governmental affairs per the city's policies.

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

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

- c. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2024-162, authorizing the removal and replacement of three existing roof-top A/C units at both the Sanders-Vincent and Carver Centers by Gowan Mechanical Inc. through Choice Partners Contract 22/049MF-10. (Rec & Tour/ Public Works)

Jack Haralson, Public Works Director, recommended to approve the replacement of these six units by Gowan Mechanical.

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

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

- d. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2024-163, authorizing the execution of an Engineering Agreement with ARKK Engineer, LLC. for the Water Line Replacement Project - Phase 22. (Public Works)

Jack Haralson, Public Works Director, recommended to approve agreement with ARKK Engineer, LLC.

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

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

- e. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2024-164, authorizing the execution of an Engineering Service Agreement with ARKK Engineers, LLC. for the Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project - Phase 24. (Public Works)

Jack Haralson, Public Works Director, recommended to approve agreement with ARKK Engineer, LLC.

Motion by Commissioner District 2 Keith Love, Seconded by Commissioner District 3 Chris Sharp

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

- f. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2024-165, authorizing the Mayor, or his designee, to enter into a contract with Blaze Construction Services, LLC for the Lago Mar 24" Force Main Phase2 and Lago Mar East 16" Force Main Phase 2B project. (Public Works)

Jack Haralson, Public Works Director, recommended to approve entering into a contract with Blazey Construction, LLC for this project.

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

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

- g. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2024-166, to award Bid No. 2025-466 Sheet Pile Replacement Project at Pump Stations A & B. (Public Works)

Jack Haralson, Public Works Director, recommended to approve and award a contract with Carlson McClain Construction Company, LLC.

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

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

11. EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION

- a. Convene for Executive (Closed) Session pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code to discuss the following:
 - §551.071 Consultation with City Attorney
 - §551.072 Deliberation Regarding Real Property
 - §551.074 Personnel Matters

12. RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION

Reconvened from Executive Session at 7:18 p.m.

- a. Consideration and possible action deriving from the Executive (Closed) Session.

No action taken.

13. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

14. 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.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Commissioner At-Large, Abel Garza, Jr. made a MOTION to ADJOURN at 7:20 p.m.; the motion was SECONDED by Commissioner District 3 Chris Sharp. All present voted AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

DEDRICK D. JOHNSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Rhomari Leigh, City Secretary
Date Approved: