

REGULAR CALLED CITY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2025 – 5:00 P.M.
KENNETH T. NUNN COUNCIL ROOM – CITY HALL

A Regular Called Meeting of the City Commission was held on Wednesday, OCTOBER 15, 2025, 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
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
- Absent: Thelma Bowie, Commissioner At-Large, Mayor Pro Tem

2. INVOCATION

Led by Terry Melancon of Come and See Friends Church.

Chris Sharp, Commissioner District 3, came into the meeting at 5:02 p.m.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Jami Clark, Commissioner District 4.

4. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

a. Service Awards

Andrew Blue	Fire	10/26/2015	10 years
Brandon Shives	Police	10/19/2015	10 years
Leon Joubert	Sanitation	10/19/2015	10 years
Aubrey Scott	Parks & Recreation	10/04/2010	15 years
Raul Gonzalez	Sanitation	10/11/2005	20 years
Shelia Montgomery-Dixon	Police	10/30/2000	25 years
Anete Martinez	Administration	10/23/1995	30 years

Retirement

Anita Cook	Municipal Court	16 years
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Anita Cook received a gift from Mayor Dedrick D. Johnson in recognition of her retirement.

- b. Proclaiming October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Mayor Dedrick D. Johnson presented The Resource & Crisis Center of Galveston County, Inc., a Proclamation declaring October Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

5. REPORTS

- a. Fire Services (Fire Department)

Dennis Harris, Fire Chief, gave a PowerPoint presentation.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following members of the public requested to address the City Commission:
Barbara White and Jose Boix.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner District 4, Jami Clark, made a motion to approve Consent Agenda items 7a, b, d, e, f, g, i, j, and k. The motion was seconded by Commissioner District 1, DeAndre' Knoxson. Commissioner District 1, DeAndre' Knoxson, pulled Consent Agenda item 7c, and Commissioner District 2, Keith Love, pulled Consent Agenda item 7h for more discussion, and both were voted on separately.

- a. Approve City Commission Minutes for October 1, 2025, and Special Called September 30, 2025, Meeting (City Secretary)

Vote: 6 - 0 CARRIED

- b. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2025-107, affirm the Independent Contractor Agreement between the City of Texas City and Douglas Kneupper, P.E. (former City Engineer) to provide consulting services as needed in support of the Engineering & Planning Department for FY 2025-2026. (City Engineer)

Vote: 6 - 0 CARRIED

- c. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2025-108, approving the Court Administrator to administratively close all cases older than September 30, 2013, that meet certain criteria. (Municipal Court)

Tammy Odem, Court Administrator, explained that administratively closed cases are those that the court has identified as uncollectible. This determination is based on factors such as the age of the case, insufficient identifying information about the defendant, the current age of the defendant, and/or the absence of the original case file.

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

Vote: 6 - 0 CARRIED

- d. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2025-109, approving the assignment of the Cost Share Agreement for Water Plant Improvements related to the Lakeside Bayou Subdivision upon certain terms and conditions. (City Engineer)

Vote: 6 - 0 CARRIED

- e. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2025-110, approving assignment of the Preliminary Zoning Approval for the Lakeside Bayou Subdivision located west of FM 3436, south of FM 646 and north of FM 517 as extended through August 18, 2026, by the City Commission. (City Engineer)

Vote: 6 - 0 CARRIED

- f. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2025-111, authorizing HVAC repairs to Moore Memorial Library by Gowan-Garrett Inc. through Choice Partners 22/049MF-10. (Utilities-Public Works)

Vote: 6 - 0 CARRIED

- g. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2025-112, authorizing the purchase of odor control units for lift station 10 from In-Pipe Technologies using TIPS contract 250503. (Utilities- Public Works)

Vote: 6 - 0 CARRIED

- h. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2025-113, amending the Historical Preservation bylaws. (City Secretary)

Rhomari Leigh, the City Secretary, explained that the Historical Preservation Committee initially had a 5-member board. After the Heritage Committee disbanded, the City Commission expanded the board to seven members, including former Heritage Committee members, to assume their responsibilities. However, the 2012 amended by-laws did not reflect these new duties. Reducing the board back to five members will align it with the other four committees in Texas City.

Motion by Commissioner At-Large Abel Garza, Jr., Seconded by Commissioner District 3 Chris Sharp

Vote: 6 - 0 CARRIED

- i. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2025-116, amending the Community Development Block Grant Citizen Advisory Committee By-Laws. (Community Development)

Vote: 6 - 0 CARRIED

- j. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2025-117, approving revisions to the Safety Policy. (Human Resources)

Vote: 6 - 0 CARRIED

- k. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2025-118, accepting a proposal from Generocity Services to do necessary renovations in the leased space that will be the temporary location of City Hall through Choice Partners Contract #23/016MR-17. (Public Works)

Vote: 6 - 0 CARRIED

8. REGULAR ITEMS

- a. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2025-114, authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Water Company of America to examine the utility billing, distribution, and collection systems for accuracy in metering, billing, and collection. (Finance)

Cynthia Rushing, Chief Financial Officer, recommended approving a contract with the Water Company of America to evaluate the utility billing and collection systems for accuracy. The City of Texas City will share recovered revenue with the Water Company for 48 months, after which 100% of the revenue will go to the city.

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

Vote: 6 - 0 CARRIED

- b. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2025-115, approval of a blanket purchase order to GCWA in the amount \$5,700,000 for the purchase of drinking water for FY26. (Utilities-Public Works)

Jack Haralson, Public Works Director, recommended approval for a blanket purchase order to GCWA for the purchase of drinking water for FY26.

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

Vote: 6 - 0 CARRIED

- c. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2025-120, authorizing a Lease Agreement with Mainland Children's Partnership for Temporary Office Space. (Management Services)

Jon Branson, Executive Director of Management Services, recommends approving a lease agreement with Mainland Children's Partnership for temporary office space for City Hall employees during the two-year demolition of the existing City Hall and construction of the new Municipal Complex. About 40 employees will use the leased space.

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

Vote: 6 - 0 CARRIED

- d. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2025-121, authorizing the Texas City Fire Department to enter into a contract with WESTNET/FIRST-IN Alerting to install Alerting Smart Station Systems at the fire stations. (Fire)

Dennis Harris, Fire Chief, and Micah Simons, Battalion Chief, recommend approving the agreement with WESTNET/FIRST-IN. This agreement will replace the current Zetron alerting systems, which have been in use at the fire stations for 30 years. The existing Zetron alerting system is so outdated that it cannot be installed or supported at Station 4.

Motion by Commissioner District 4 Jami Clark, Seconded by Commissioner District 2 Keith Love

Vote: 6 - 0 CARRIED

9. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

10. 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.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Commissioner District 1 DeAndre' Knoxson made a MOTION to ADJOURN at 6:22 p.m.; the motion was SECONDED by Commissioner At-Large Abel Garza, Jr. All present voted AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

DEDRICK D. JOHNSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Rhomari Leigh, City Secretary
Date Approved: