

REGULAR CALLED CITY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2026 – 5:00 P.M.
DOYLE CONVENTION CENTER

A Regular Called Meeting of the City Commission was held on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at 5:00 P.M. in the Doyle Convention Center, Texas City, Texas. A quorum having been met, the meeting was called to order at 5:03 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 David Buckley, Jr., Pastor of Sanford's Temple Church of God in Christ.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Abel Garza, Jr., Commissioner At-Large.

4. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

4. Proclaiming May 3-9, 2026, as Municipal Clerks Week.

Dedrick D. Johnson, Mayor, presented Rhomari Leigh, City Secretary, with a proclamation in honor of Municipal Clerks Week and congratulated Ms. Leigh on receiving Municipal Clerks Honor Roll-General Code. This year, more than 900 nominations were received from 41 States.

b. Proclaiming May 10-16, 2026, as National Police Week.

Dedrick D. Johnson, Mayor, presented Landis Cravens, Police Chief, with a proclamation in honor of National Police Week.

5. REPORTS

a. Readiness Organizational Assessment

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

6. PRELIMINARY ZONING APPROVAL

- a. Consider and take action on the request for extension of time to Preliminary Zoning Approval for Hugh Patrick Constructors, Inc. to rezone 6.0821 acres at 2628 Texas Ave from District "E" (General Business) to District "F" (Light Industrial) Light Industrial) for third-party storage of industrial equipment, materials and supplies and other uses.

Kim Golden, City Engineer, requested an extension of time for the preliminary zoning approval to rezone due to a delay in the department's error.

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

Vote: 6 - 0 CARRIED

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner District 1, DeAndre' Knoxson, made a motion to approve Consent Agenda item 8a. The motion was seconded by Commissioner At-Large, Abel Garza. Commissioner District 1, DeAndre' Knoxson, and Commissioner District 2, Keith Love, pulled Consent Agenda Items 8b, c, d, e, and f for more discussion and voted on them separately.

- a. Approve City Commission Minutes for April 15, 2026 meeting. (City Secretary)

Vote: 6 - 0 CARRIED

- b. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2026-045, authorizing the purchase of one 2026 Ford F-350 Super Duty utility pickup truck, including upfitting and associated equipment, from Sames Bastrop Ford through the TIPS USA Cooperative Purchasing Program (Contract No. 240901) and Texas First Response Services. (Fire)

Dennis Harris, Fire Chief, stated the Station 5 utility pickup truck would be used to support daily operations, logistics, and field response needs at Station 5. The total cost includes the base vehicle, necessary options, upfitting services, and delivery. Delaying this could cause the City to lose the quoted amount and could ultimately cost more money.

Motion by Commissioner District 1 DeAndre' Knoxson, Seconded by Commissioner District 2 Keith Love

Vote: 6 - 0 CARRIED

- c. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2026-046, authorizing a Purchase Order to Mainland Children Partnership for Inspector Specialist Services. (Community Development)

Raziya Hillery, Community Development & Grant Administration Program Coordinator, recommended that the Commission authorize the issuance of a purchase order to Mainland Children Partnership for Housing Inspector Specialist services.

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

Vote: 6 - 0 CARRIED

- d. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2026-048, authorizing the City of Texas City to enter into a contract with ARKK Engineers for the design of the water and sewer system for Fire Station 5. (Public Works)

Jack Haralson, Public Works Director, recommends entering into a contract with ARKK Engineers for the design of the water and sewer system for Fire Station 5.

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

Vote: 6 - 0 CARRIED

- e. Consider and take action on Resolution 2026-049, authorizing the City of Texas City to enter into a contract for professional services with Willdan Engineering for Plan Review Services, as needed, to support the Building & Inspections Department. (Engineering)

Kim Golden, City Engineer, recommends awarding the contract for professional services to Willdan Engineering for plan review services as needed to support the workload and timely processing of permits by the Building & Inspections Department. This contract would be used only on a need-to-use basis and would be paid out of profit-share.

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

Vote: 6 - 0 CARRIED

- f. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2026-050, concurring in the recommendation for award of contract by GCMUD 53 to Eagle Contracting for the Construction of the FM 517 Water Plant Phase 2A. (Engineering)

Kim Golden, City Engineer, stated ARKK Engineering reviewed the bids received and recommends concurrence in the award to Eagle Contracting by GCMUD 53. Ms. Golden also stated that a future item is coming in reference to this Water Plant Phase what was already approved by the City Commission two years ago.

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

Vote: 6 - 0 CARRIED

9. REGULAR ITEMS

- a. Consider and take action on the second reading of Ordinance No. 2026-08 to set speed zones for SH 3 and FM 1764 as recommended by TxDOT on the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation. (Engineering)

Kim Golden, City Engineer, stated this is the second reading to set a speed zone recommended by TxDOT, and none of the details have changed.

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

Vote: 6 - 0 CARRIED

- b. Consider and take action on Ordinance No. 2026-09, a request from Gust George to rezone property located at 8510 FM 517 E, Texas City, TX, from District "A-1" (Single Family Residential) to District "E" (General Business) for continued commercial use of the Last Pit Stop Restaurant and Bar. (Engineering)

Kim Golden, City Engineering, stated that the permanent rezoning has been met and that the subject property is in compliance with the requirements of District "E" (General Business) for continued commercial use of the Last Pit Stop. The Chief Building Official advises that a complete application was received for the proposed project within 12 months after the preliminary zoning approval by the City Commission.

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

Vote: 6 - 0 CARRIED

- c. Consider and take action on Ordinance No. 2026-10, amending the City of Texas City's 2025-2026 fiscal year budget to appropriate funds to support operational needs and service delivery of Neighborhood Improvement Services. (Fire)

Cynthia Rushing, Chief Financial Officer, recommends approval of the budget amendment to provide an additional \$155,000 in funding to ensure services for the remainder of the fiscal year, address the increased volume of code enforcement complaints and cases, and maintain compliance with City standards.

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. 2026-047, authorizing the purchase of one fire engine (Engine 55) from All Source Enterprises LLC dba Safe Industries through the HGAC, a cooperative purchasing contract (Contract No. FS12-23). (Fire)

Cynthia Rushing, Chief Financial Officer, recommends approval of authorizing the purchase of one fire engine (Engine 55) due to the months-long waitlist.

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

Vote: 6 - 0 CARRIED

- e. Consider and take action on Ordinance No. 2026-11, amending the City of Texas City's 2025-2026 fiscal year budget to allocate funds for Tyler's Enterprise Resource Planning (EERP - formerly Munis) upgrade. (Finance)

Cynthia Rushing, Chief Financial Officer, recommends that the commission consider and approve the budget amendment for \$14,603 to implement the AP automation module in the City's Tyler EERP Instance.

Motion by Commissioner District 1 DeAndre' Knoxson, Seconded by Commissioner District 2 Keith Love

Vote: 6 - 0 CARRIED

- f. Consider and take action on Ordinance No. 2026-12, amending the City of Texas City's 2025-2026 fiscal year budget to appropriate funds for Aeration Tank Cleaning at Knox Wastewater Treatment Plant. (Public Works-Utilities)

Cynthia Rushing, Chief Financial Officer, and Corbin Ballast, Utilities Director, recommend approval of this budget amendment to start the project process.

Chris Sharp, Commissioner District 3, made a motion to table this item, but it failed due to lack of a second.

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

Vote: 6 - 0 CARRIED

10. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

11. 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. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

13. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Commissioner At-Large, Abel Garza, Jr. made a MOTION to ADJOURN at 6:14 p.m.; the motion was SECONDED by Commissioner District 1, DeAndre' Knoxson. All present voted AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

ABEL GARZA, JR., MAYOR

ATTEST:

Rhomari Leigh, City Secretary
Date Approved: