

REGULAR CALLED CITY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2026 – 5:00 P.M.
DOYLE CONVENTION CENTER

A Regular Called Meeting of the City Commission was held on Wednesday, May 20, 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 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Abel Garza, Jr.

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Abel Garza, Jr., Mayor
Wade Johnson, Commissioner At-Large
Brian Goetschius, Commissioner At-Large
DeAndre' Knoxson, Commissioner District 1
Barbie Tucker, Commissioner District 2
Chris Sharp, Commissioner District 3
Jason Delgado, Commissioner District 4

2. INVOCATION

Led by Kevin Herrin, Pastor of The Fellowship.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Wade Johnson, Commissioner At-Large.

4. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

a.

Service Awards	Departments	Hire Date	Milestone
Melissa Schanzer	Police	05/30/2011	15 years
Mark Clark	Parks & Recreation	05/18/2011	15 years
Chad Sullivan	Public Works	05/15/2006	20 years

Abel Garza, Jr., Mayor, presented the employees with a gift card to honor their milestones.

b. Recognition of Captain John Stevenson upon his retirement effective May 18, 2026.

Dennis Harris, Fire Chief, presented Captain John Stevenson with a gift of recognition for his retirement.

c. Firefighter One-Year of Service Ceremony

Dennis Harris, Fire Chief, acknowledges the firefighters who have successfully completed their first year of service, also known as Rookie Year: Albrie Favalora, Bishop Wolffbrandt, and Terry Stenson. Chief Harris recited the oath of office, and the official Firefighter Helmet Shield was presented to the new firefighters by a family member. Legacy Firefighter Terry Stenson received his official Firefighter Helmet Shield from his father, Retired Firefighter Terry Stenson, Bishop Wolffbrandt by his father, and Albrie Favalora from his mother.

5. REPORTS

a. Innovation Technology Annual Report

Kyle Hunter, Innovation & Technology Director, gave a PowerPoint presentation.

Jason Delgado, Commissioner, District 4, stated that he believed the City may look to invest in the Innovation & Technology Department in the future.

b. Quarterly Investment Report (Finance)

Abel Garza, Jr., Mayor, tabled the item until further notice.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner District 3, Chris Sharp, made a motion to approve Consent Agenda items 7c, e, f, g, and h. The motion was seconded by Commissioner At-Large Wade Johnson. Jason Delgado, Commissioner District 4, pulled Consent Agenda item 7a, and DeAndre' Knoxson, Commissioner District 1, pulled Consent Agenda item 7b for more discussion and voted on them separately. Consent Agenda item 7d was tabled, and no action was taken.

a. Approve City Commission Minutes for May 6, 2026 and Special Called Meeting for May 13, 2026 meetings. (City Secretary)

Jason Delgado, Commissioner, District 4, pulled the item to ask about the May 6, 2026, Minutes, item 9c, because he said the minutes referenced Health Care and questioned the validity of the ordinance signed that day.

Rhomari Leigh, City Secretary, explained that the "Health Care" reference mentioned by the Commissioner is a typo on a fillable form found in the department's backup documents. This mistake does not alter the item's original intent or affect the minutes of the meeting.

Motion by Commissioner District 4 Jason Delgado, Seconded by Commissioner District 3 Chris Sharp

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

- b. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2026-052, Commission appoints a Mayor Pro Tem

Abel Garza, Jr., Mayor, opened up the floor for the diocese for nominations of the position of Mayor Pro Tem.

Barbie Tucker, Commissioner District 2, nominated Chris Sharp, Commissioner District 3.
Jason Delgado, Commissioner District 4, nominated Brian Goetschius, Commissioner At-Large.
DeAndre' Knoxson, Commissioner District 1, nominated himself.

Motion by Commissioner District 3 Chris Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner At-Large Wade Johnson, to close nominations.

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

Abel Garza, Jr., Mayor, asked each Commissioner to vote by raising their hand.

For Chris Sharp - 3 (Barbie Tucker, Chris Sharp, and Wade Johnson)
For Brian Goetschius - 3 (Jason Delgado, Brian Goetschius, and Abel Garza, Jr.)
For DeAndre' Knoxson - 1 (DeAndre' Knoxson)

Abel Garza, Jr., Mayor, conducted a second vote.

For Chris Sharp - 3 (Barbie Tucker, Chris Sharp, and Wade Johnson)
For Brian Goetschius - 3 (Jason Delgado, Brian Goetschius, and Abel Garza, Jr.)
*DeAndre' Knoxson, Commissioner District 1, abstained from the vote.

Abel Garza, Jr., Mayor, asked each of the Commissioners to vote by raising their hand to break the tiebreaker.

For Chris Sharp - 1 (Chris Sharp)
For Brian Goetschius - 5 (Abel Garza, Jr., Wade Johnson, Brian Goetschius, Barbie Tucker, Jason Delgado)
*DeAndre' Knoxson, Commissioner District 1, abstained from the vote.

Brian Goetschius, Commissioner At-Large, was named Mayor Pro Tem.

- c. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2026-053, accepting a proposal from SoCo Properties LLC (UEI# JXLUT87JM7E1) for Phase 1 replacement of the Wastewater Treatment Plant roof. (Public Works- Utilities)

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

- d. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2026-054, approving the hiring of an Accounts Payable (AP) Manager with pay not to exceed grade 121. (Finance)

Pulled until further notice.

- e. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2026-055, authorizing the City of Texas City to enter into Generocity Service through Choice Partners Contract #23/016MR-17 to build a warehouse enclosure at Building Services. (Public Works)

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

- f. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2026-056, approving the purchase of bunker gear replenishment from Delta Fire. (Fire)

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

- g. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2026-057, authorizing a Purchase Order to Direct Mail Partners for printing and postage services required for the production and mailing of the City's monthly utility billing water statements. (Utilities- Billing)

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

- h. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2026-062, appointing Commissioners Barbie Tucker and Jason Delgado to the Planning Board to fill vacancies. (City Secretary)

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

8. REGULAR ITEMS

- a. Consider and take action on the third and final 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)

Curt Kelly, Engineering & Planning Administrator, stated this is the third and final reading to set a speed zone recommended by TxDOT, and none of the details have changed since the last meeting.

Motion by Commissioner At-Large Brian Goetschius, Seconded by Commissioner At-Large Wade Johnson

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

- b. Consider and take action on Ordinance No. 2026-13, amending the City of Texas City's fiscal year 2025-2026 budget to transfer funds to the Group Insurance Fund. (Human Resources & Finance)

Jennifer Hendershot, Human Resources Director, stated this amendment is to correct the shortfall of the fiscal year's original budget projection for the Group Insurance Fund. Mrs. Hendershot went on to explain that the City is self-insured, meaning that each quarter the City pays the insurance premium based on the amount of insurance used.

Jason Delgado, Commissioner District 4, questioned how much the City has paid and how the City contracted for the insurance premium. Mrs. Hendershot explained that they do not have a record of how much was paid in the past, but that the Department and the City's insurance broker review it each year to determine the next year's insurance plans and premiums.

Motion by Commissioner District 1 DeAndre' Knoxson, Seconded by Commissioner At-Large Brian Goetschius

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

- c. Consider and take action on Ordinance No. 2026-14, amending the City of Texas City's 2025-2026 fiscal year budget to allocate funds for the FM 517 Water Plant Phase 2A project. (Engineering & Finance)

Curt Kelly, Engineering & Planning Administrator, and Corbin Ballast, Utilities Director, recommend approval of the budget amendment to allocate the City's cost-share obligations for the construction of the Water Plant Expansion Phase 2A Project.

DeAndre' Knoxson, Commissioner District 1, asked if someone from the Finance Department had approved or supported this item.

Motion by Commissioner District 3 Chris Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner District 1 DeAndre' Knoxson

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

- d. Consider and take action on Ordinance No. 2026-15, amending the City of Texas City's 2025-2026 fiscal year budget to allocate funds for prior year expenditures. (Finance)

Jon Branson, Executive Director of Management Services, stated under Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), the matching principle must be followed. This principle requires that expenditures be recorded in the same fiscal period as the revenues that funded them. To comply with GAAP, these expenditures must be moved to the correct fiscal year, which requires a budget amendment to restore the FY26 Budget.

Motion by Commissioner District 3 Chris Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner At-Large Wade Johnson

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

- e. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2026-058, authorize an amended contract with Magna Flow Environmental (Bid No. 2025-484), previously under Resolution No. 2025-072, for grit removal at the Wallace Knox Wastewater Treatment Plant. (Public Works- Utilities)

Jack Haralson, Public Works Director, recommends that the commission authorize the contract with Magna Flow to complete this necessary task.

Abel Garza, Jr., Mayor, asked if this is something the department does regularly? Mr. Haralson stated that the department does its best to make the grit removal process a regular part of the schedule.

Motion by Commissioner District 3 Chris Sharp, Seconded by Commissioner District 4 Jason Delgado

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

- f. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2026-059, authorizing the City to enter into a contract and awarding Invitation To Bid (ITB) 2026-019 Water Line Replacement Project-Phase 23 to Bull G Construction, LLC. (Public Works- Utilities)

Jack Haralson, Public Works Director, and ARKK Engineering recommend that the City Commission approve the contract with Bull G Construction for the annual project, which was budgeted.

Motion by Commissioner At-Large Wade Johnson, Seconded by Commissioner At-Large Brian Goetschius

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

- g. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2026-060, authorizing the City to enter into a contract and awarding Invitation To Bid (ITB) 2026-018 Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project-Phase 25 to Bull G Construction, LLC. (Public Works- Utilities)

Jack Haralson, Public Works Director, and ARKK Engineering recommend that the City Commission approve the contract with Bull G Construction for the project.

Motion by Commissioner At-Large Wade Johnson, Seconded by Commissioner District 2 Barbie Tucker

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

- h. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2026-061, authorizing the City to enter into a Professional Engineering Services agreement with Tetra Tech for the redevelopment design phase of the Bayou Golf Course. (Parks, Rec & Tour)

Nicole Miller, Parks, Recreation & Tourism Director, recommends moving forward with Tetra Tech's proposal for the redevelopment planning phase at the Bayou Golf Course.

Abel Garza, Jr., Mayor, stated that \$2.5 million was budgeted for this project and asked what would happen if the project was projected to cost more.

Mrs. Miller answered yes: this project was budgeted, and if more money is needed, the department could request another budget amendment and/or a rollover in the next fiscal year's budget.

Motion by Commissioner District 1 DeAndre' Knoxson, Seconded by Commissioner District 3 Chris Sharp

Vote: 7 - 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. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, DeAndre' Knoxson, Commissioner District 1, made a MOTION to ADJOURN at 6:10 p.m.; the motion was SECONDED by Chris Sharp, Commissioner District 3. All present voted AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

ABEL GARZA, JR., MAYOR

ATTEST:

Rhomari Leigh, City Secretary
Date Approved: