

CITY OF TEXAS CITY  
REGULAR CALLED CITY COMMISSION MEETING

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2025 - 5:00 P.M.  
KENNETH T. NUNN COUNCIL ROOM - CITY HALL  
1801 9th Ave. N.  
Texas City, TX 77590

PLEASE NOTE: Public comments are limited to agenda items only and are generally limited to 3 minutes in length. If you would like to request to speak, please do so in advance of the meeting by filling out a Request To Address Commission form. All in attendance are required to remove hats and/or sunglasses (dark glasses) during meetings and to also silence all cell phones and electronic devices.

- (1) ROLL CALL
- (2) INVOCATION
- (3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- (4) PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS
  - (a) Proclaiming April Ninth as "409 Day" in Texas City
  - (b) Proclaim April 2025 as Fair Housing Month
- (5) REPORTS
  - (a) Recreation Programs (Recreation & Tourism)
  - (b) Community Development Annual Report (Community Development)
- (6) PUBLIC COMMENTS
- (7) CONSENT AGENDA
  - (a) Approve City Commission Minutes for the March 19, 2025 meeting. (City Secretary)

- (b) Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2025-033, appointing a member to the Texas City Economic Development Corporation. (City Secretary)
- (c) Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2025-035, approving and awarding Commission Grant funds in the amount of \$2,500 to assist Every Ribbon Tells A Story. (Commissioner At-Large/ Mayor Pro Tem Thelma Bowie)

(8) REGULAR ITEMS

- (a) Consider and take action on the first reading of Ordinance No. 2025-08, adopting recommended speed zones for FM 517 as recommended by TxDOT on the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation. (City Engineer)
- (b) Consider and take action on the first reading of Ordinance No. 2025-09, adopting recommended speed zones for FM 519 as recommended by TxDOT on the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation. (City Engineer)
- (c) Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2025-034, awarding RFP 2025-471 Replacement of Indoor Shooting Range Target System for the Texas City Police Department. (Police)

(9) COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

(10) MAYOR'S COMMENTS

(11) ADJOURNMENT

NOTICE OF ANY SUBJECT APPEARING ON THIS AGENDA REGARDLESS OF HOW THE MATTER IS STATED MAY BE ACTED UPON BY THE CITY COMMISSION.

NOTICE: The City of Texas City will furnish free transportation to handicapped individuals via a 4-door sedan for anyone wishing to attend the City Commission meetings. Call 948-3111, City Secretary's Office before noon on Monday preceding the meeting to make arrangements.

I, THE UNDERSIGNED AUTHORITY, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS NOTICE OF MEETING WAS POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS AT CITY HALL, 1801 9TH AVENUE NORTH, TEXAS CITY, TEXAS, AT A PLACE CONVENIENT AND READILY ACCESSIBLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE ON MARCH 28, 2025, PRIOR TO 5:00 P.M. AND REMAINED SO POSTED CONTINUOUSLY FOR AT LEAST 72 HOURS PRECEDING THE SCHEDULED TIME OF SAID MEETING.

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RHOMARI LEIGH  
CITY SECRETARY

**CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MTG**

**(4) (a)**

**Meeting Date:** 04/02/2025

**Submitted For:** Jennifer Laird, Management Services

**Submitted By:** Rhomari Leigh, City Secretary

**Department:** Administration

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**Information**

**ACTION REQUEST**

Proclaiming April Ninth as "409 Day" in Texas City

**BACKGROUND (Brief Summary)**

409 Day is a day to celebrate all things Texas City & life in the 409 area code. Last year, there were special events, discounts on activities, giveaways, restaurant specials and so much 409 fun! This year, we want you to be part of it.

If your business, group, organization or school would like to participate, we'd love to hear from you! Whether it's taking fun photos, offering a special \$4.09 discount, hosting a special from 4-9 p.m., volunteering at a non-profit in the 409 area code or anything else, email us and let us know how you'll 409!

**RECOMMENDATION**

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**Fiscal Impact**

**CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MTG**

**(4) (b)**

**Meeting Date:** 04/02/2025

Proclaim April 2025 Fair Housing Month

**Submitted For:** Titilayo Smith, Community Development/ Grant Admin

**Submitted By:** Titilayo Smith, Community Development/ Grant Admin

**Department:** Community Development/ Grant Admin

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**Information**

**ACTION REQUEST**

Please proclaim April 2025 as Fair Housing month for Texas City.

**BACKGROUND (Brief Summary)**

In April 2025, National Fair Housing Month will commemorate the Fair Housing Act of 1968, with HUD and other organizations hosting events and activities to raise awareness and promote fair housing rights, and to emphasize the importance of inclusive communities. The City of Texas City has proclaimed April to be Fair Housing Month over the preceding years.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is the recommendation of the Director of Community Development & Grants Administration that the Mayor and Commission proclaim April 2025 to be "Fair Housing Month" for the City of Texas City.

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**Fiscal Impact**

**Attachments**

Fair Housing Proclamation Suggested Language

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Proclamation for Fair Housing Month  
City of Texas City Commission  
Proclamation

WHEREAS, the City of Texas City is dedicated to promoting a community that values equality, opportunity, and fairness for all residents, regardless of their race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, or disability; and

WHEREAS, the Fair Housing Act, enacted on April 11, 1968, marked a milestone in the United States' efforts to eliminate discrimination in housing and to ensure that all individuals have the right to live in a safe and welcoming environment; and

WHEREAS, Fair Housing Month serves as a reminder of the importance of continuing efforts to remove barriers to housing equality, to support policies that promote diversity, and to empower individuals to achieve the American Dream of homeownership; and

WHEREAS, the City of Texas City reaffirms its commitment to the ideals of equal housing opportunity, promoting access to housing in all neighborhoods, free from discrimination, while encouraging education and awareness about fair housing practices within our community; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Texas City are encouraged to celebrate Fair Housing Month by learning more about their rights under the Fair Housing Act, supporting inclusive policies, and fostering a community spirit of equity and inclusion for all people.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dedrick D. Johnson, Sr., Mayor of the City of Texas City, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2025 as Fair Housing Month in Texas City, and call upon all residents to join in the observance and celebration of this important occasion, recognizing the significance of fair and equal housing opportunities for all people, and reaffirming our commitment to creating a just and inclusive community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto, on behalf of the Texas City Commission, set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Texas City to be affixed this April 2, 2025.

Honorable Dedrick D. Johnson, Sr.

Mayor, City of Texas City

Rhomari Leigh

City Secretary, City of Texas City

**CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MTG**

**(5) (a)**

**Meeting Date:** 04/02/2025

**Submitted By:** Rhomari Leigh, City Secretary

**Department:** City Secretary

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**Information**

**ACTION REQUEST**

Recreation Programs (Recreation & Tourism)

**BACKGROUND (Brief Summary)**

**RECOMMENDATION**

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**Fiscal Impact**

**Attachments**

Staff Report

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*Parks, Rec. & Tourism*  
DEPARTMENT



CITY OF TEXAS CITY

# 2025 RECREATION PROGRAMS

CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
APRIL 2, 2025



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## SPRING SPECIAL EVENTS (MARCH-MAY)

### **St. Patrick's Day Little League & Youth Softball Parade**

- Saturday before St. Patrick's Day

### **Spring Break Camp**

- Week of TCISD Spring Break Camp

### **Art Festival**

- Juried Youth & Adult Show held in March

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

- Wednesday before Easter

### **Cinco De Mayo Parade & Festival**

- Saturday before May 5th



*Spring Break Camp*



*Texas City Art Festival*

# SUMMER SPECIAL EVENTS ( JUNE-AUGUST)

## **Kid Fish at Carver Park**

- January 25<sup>th</sup>
- June 7<sup>th</sup>

## **Juneteenth Celebrations**

- Gospel Festival, June 6<sup>th</sup>
- Paint & Sip, June 7<sup>th</sup>
- Art of Freedom Student Exhibit, June 7<sup>th</sup>
- Poetry Slam, June 13<sup>th</sup>
- Parade & Celebration in the Park, June 14<sup>th</sup>
- Golf Tournament, June 17<sup>th</sup>

## **Friday Family Movie Night at Rotary Pavilion**

- June 27<sup>th</sup>
- July 11<sup>th</sup>
- July 25<sup>th</sup>

## **Independence Day Celebration**

- Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup>
- Parade at 10 am
- Band Performs at 7 pm
- Fireworks at dusk



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# SUMMER CAMP

## SANDERS/ VINCENT CENTER

# SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS

### Locations

- Nessler Civic Center (Ages 6 - 8)
- Carver Center (Ages 6 - 12)
- Lowry Fitness Center (Ages 9 - 12)

### Parent's Open House

- Information on summer programs and meet summer staff

- Summer Food Program
- Activity Room
- Open Gym
- Structured Recreation programming your Young Adults (Ages 13 - 18)
- Parent's Night Out (Ages 6 - 12)

- Tennis Camp
- Summer Track
- Cheer Camp
- Jr. Golf Camp
- MAKOS Swim Team
- Summer Swim Lessons



# NESSLER FAMILY AQUATICS

## Operating Hours

10 am - 6 pm

## Weekends Only:

May 4<sup>th</sup> - May 26<sup>th</sup>

## Weekdays (Tues.-Sun.)

May 28<sup>th</sup> - August 4<sup>th</sup>

## Weekends Only

August 10<sup>th</sup> - September 1<sup>st</sup>

## Holiday Operating Schedule:

May 27<sup>th</sup> - Memorial Day (10 am - 6pm)

June 19<sup>th</sup> - Juneteenth (10 am - 6 pm)

July 4<sup>th</sup> - Independence Day (10 am - 4 pm)

September 4<sup>th</sup> - Labor Day (10 am - 6 pm)

(Last Day of Season)

## Private Pool Party Reservations

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

(Thur. - Sun)



# AUTUMN/WINTER SPECIAL EVENTS

## BREAST CANCER WALK

Saturday,  
October 4th



## HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL

Saturday,  
October 25<sup>th</sup>



## MAYOR'S TREE LIGHTING

Saturday,  
November 29<sup>th</sup>



## CHRISTMAS PARADE

Thursday,  
December 4<sup>th</sup>



## SNOW SPECTACULAR

Saturday,  
December 13<sup>th</sup>



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*Thank You*

**CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MTG**

**(7) (a)**

**Meeting Date:** 04/02/2025

**Submitted By:** Rhomari Leigh, City Secretary

**Department:** City Secretary

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**Information**

**ACTION REQUEST**

Approve City Commission Minutes for the March 19, 2025 meeting. (City Secretary)

**BACKGROUND (Brief Summary)**

**RECOMMENDATION**

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**Fiscal Impact**

**Attachments**

Minutes

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# REGULAR CALLED CITY COMMISSION MEETING

## MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2025 – 5:00 P.M.  
KENNETH T. NUNN COUNCIL ROOM – CITY HALL

A Regular Called Meeting of the City Commission was held on Wednesday, MARCH 19, 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 5:01 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 David Buckley, Jr., Pastor of Sanford's Temple Church of God in Trust.

### 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by DeAndre' Knoxson, Commissioner District 1.

### 4. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

#### a. Service Awards

Richard Valdivia	Police	03/31/2005	20 years
Johnny SanMiguel	Sanitation	03/24/2005	20 years
Neal Ferguson	Public Works	03/06/2000	25 years
Charles Brooks	Parks & Recreation	03/20/1995	30 years

### 5. REPORTS

#### a. Annual Bayou Golf Course Report (Golf Course)

Michael Skiba, Head Golf Professional, gave a PowerPoint presentation.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following members of the public requested to address the City Commission: Councilperson of La Marque Joseph Lowry, Jose Boix, Brian Goetschius, Barbara White, William Etheredge, Irene Fattig, Cheryl Loewen, and Jon Branson.

Mayor Johnson made a Point of Information during Public Comments, after William Etheredge, stating: tonight, we are not voting on whether to issue bonds or Certificates of Obligation for this project. We're simply voting on a notice of intent to publish, indicating that these are our plans moving forward. Tonight's vote will determine whether we will post the required Notice of Intent (NOI) to inform the public of our intention. The steps Mr. Ethridge mentioned come much later in the process. We can't go out for bids or start communicating with potential architects for this project unless we first inform the public of our intentions.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Dedrick D. Johnson, Mayor, withdrew Consent Agenda item 7f.

Commissioner District 4, Jami Clark, made a motion to approve Consent Agenda items 7b, c, d, and e. The motion was seconded by Commission District 2, Keith Love.

- a. Approve City Commission Minutes for March 5, 2025 meeting. (City Secretary)

Abel Garza, Jr., Commissioner At-Large, pulled this consent agenda item because he was concerned about the posting of the March 5, 2025, meeting minutes.

Rhomari Leigh, City Secretary, explained that the 72-hour posting notice applies only to the posting of the Agenda, not to any of the agenda items. The Commissioners have the opportunity to review the minutes during the meeting, if they did not have a chance to view them beforehand.

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

**Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED**

- b. Approve City Commission Minutes for the December 18, 2024 Meeting (City Secretary)

**Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED**

- c. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2025-030, approving the annual Galveston County Mosquito Control Program to service Texas City, Texas. (City Secretary)

**Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED**

- d. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2025-001, appointment of alternate member to the Zoning Commission. (City Secretary)

**Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED**

- e. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2025-002, authorizing the City of Texas City to execute a General and No Litigation Certificate and stating our non-objection to such from the Southeast Texas Housing Finance Corporation (SETH) for Piedmont Apartments- Baytown (\$30,000,000) located in Baytown, Texas. (Legal)

**Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED**

- f. Consider and take Resolution No. 2025-003, authorizing a payment for the City's annual ERP System subscription- Munis. (Finance)

No action was taken; the Consent Agenda item was withdrawn.

## 8. REGULAR ITEMS

- a. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2025-004, authorizing the Publication of Notice of Intention to Issue City of Texas City, Texas Certificates of Obligation, Series 2025. (Finance)

No action was taken; the Regular Agenda item was withdrawn.

- b. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2025-031, authorizing an agreement with Alfa Laval Inc. (Public Works)

Corbin Ballast, Utilities Director, recommends the approval to enter into an agreement with Alfa Laval Inc. of Houston, TX, to rebuild the Klampress Belt-Press at the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Motion by Commissioner At-Large, Mayor Pro Tem Thelma Bowie, Seconded by Commissioner District 1 DeAndre' Knoxson

**Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED**

- c. Consideration of and action on Resolution No. 2025-032, authorizing a Publication of Notice of Intention To Issue Certificates Of Obligation, Series 2025. (Finance)

Cynthia Rushing, Chief Financial Officer, gave a PowerPoint presentation recommending the approval of stating the City's intent to issue Certificates of Obligation on March 20, 2025, and authorizing the publication of a notice in the Galveston Daily News. Kristen Blomquist, from Masterson Advisors, LLC, also gave a PowerPoint presentation.

Abel Garza, Jr., Commissioner At-Large, asked about the "all-in" true interest cost of 4.5, but a different number was mentioned earlier in the presentation, maybe 5.8, and questioned if we did a bond election, it would be 410 of 1% less. Kristen of Masterson Advisors, LLC, stated that the 5.75 or 5.8 was the annual debt service, and she highlighted the commission on the slide where this information was displayed. Kristen also clarified that this is a property tax-backed bond, and regardless of whether it's voted on or issued as a CO (Certificate of Obligation), it would carry the exact same rating.

DeAndre' Knoxson, Commissioner District 1, posed the question, if this item is not approved today, what would be the next steps, and a question from the last Community Communications meeting, such as how this would affect our tax rate if this is not approved, as well as how that would affect this community with its rapid growth. Cynthia Rushing, Chief Financial Officer, stated that if we do not approve the notice of intent, the next

step would be that we would not have a municipal complex, which would effectively kill the project. We would go back to the drawing boards. If not approved, the tax rate could decrease, but that does not mean the cost of MO (maintenance and operation) would decline. The impact would be that you would pay less in taxes but also receive fewer services. This program aims to provide services in response to the city's growth. If we are unable to keep up with the growth by funding these capital projects, then it will have an impact on the services.

Abel Garza, Jr., Commissioner At-Large, asked if we could find another avenue to obtain the funds, such as a general bond obligation. Cynthia Rushing, Chief Financial Officer, stated that two financial vehicles or instruments can be used: a CO (Certificate of Obligation), which is the item we will be seeking. The other is a General Obligation, which is essentially a bond; one requires voter approval, while the other does not. Both would carry the same rate, but the difference is that the advantage of a CO is expediency and lower cost. There would be no need for a referendum or an election, and the associated costs would be avoided. The most cost-efficient and expedient route is the CO.

Keith Love, Commissioner of District 2, inquired about how the example cities (Sugar Land and Navasota) funded their new municipal buildings, as presented in the PowerPoint. He also questioned if it is possible to, instead of having all these renovations made at once, is it possible to take the smaller amounts and more minor renovations and have them completed by the CO Bond, and then have the more significant amount, which is the City Hall Complex have to go to a vote. Cynthia Rushing, Chief Financial Officer, stated that she was unclear about how the other cities funded their buildings. Cynthia continued by saying that anything is possible. The question is, what are we trying to achieve? My recommendation is that we proceed with approving the notice of intent for the issuance of CO bonds.

Thelma Bowie, Commissioner At-Large, Mayor Pro Tem, offered clarification as a sitting board of director member of the Gulf Coast Transit District. Our Emergency Management building is housed within their complex. They have asked us to move, and we have pushed back because we have nowhere to go. Cynthia Rushing, Chief Financial Officer, stated that one item we have not honed in on with this new build is the cost savings associated with this capital program. As we continue to stay in the buildings that need repair and need renovation. We are spending lots of money as well as renting.

Jami Clark, Commissioner, District 4, clarified that the \$95 million was the estimated maximum, based on no new growth. The way we're growing right now, we're aware that we have some potential for tremendous things to come, but this is still based on no new growth. Cynthia Rushing, Chief Financial Officer, stated that it is correct that no new growth was factored into the ceiling amount provided to us by our financial advisors.

Chris Sharp, Commissioner District 3, asked if we disapprove this today, are you saying we would not go to the bond election that is not on the table? Cynthia Rushing, Chief Financial Officer, stated No, that is not what I am saying.

Dedrick D. Johnson, Mayor, also stated no, she is presenting the two different options. The Mayor continued by saying he was excited because we find ourselves at a very privileged point here in Texas City. To manage our growth without increasing our tax rate and still provide all these necessities. The City Hall is not just a desire, it is a necessity. We are already at the point where the projected growth in our city necessitates a fifth fire station. We found ourselves in a vulnerable position before we constructed Fire Station #4. We had thousands of residents who were without fire and EMS protection, and the city deemed us in a good position to unadvisably, but paid approximately \$14-15 million in cash to protect those individuals. As we continue to grow in areas where we've determined a need for a fifth fire station, it's prudent for us to proceed this time and learn from our challenges last time,

thereby establishing that fire station and EMS support. At no increase in tax rate to the citizens. We are presented with an excellent opportunity here, thanks to the work of our finance department and the consultation of our financial advisors, who have analyzed these numbers for us and are now presenting this situation. We will at least proceed with today's vote of notice of intent.

Keith Love, Commissioner of District 2, inquired if there was any exigency to any of these renovations. If we do not do this, will it disrupt operations at the library, city hall, and the fire station? Dedrick D. Johnson, Mayor, stated that he could address the library issues. It's a roof repair; we have millions of dollars' worth of investments inside the library, such as library materials, electronics, computers, and historical documents. The last thing we need is for a storm to come through and compromise all of those times. In the coldest months, we didn't have heat, and in the warmest months, we didn't have air. The citizens of Texas City deserve better, and we can afford better.

Abel Garza, Jr., Commissioner At-Large, stated after the motion that this has been an ongoing issue since January, and many citizens are present, giving them the right to be heard. By circumventing the people and not allowing them to have their input on this, it's as if we're taking away their right to vote. We need to consider people's rights and their right to participate in the voting process.

Dedrick D. Johnson, Mayor, stated that he agrees they need to have input. As you noticed in Miss Rushing's presentation, there are three opportunities (March 26, April 17, and May 21) for public input. They are not mandatory parts of the Certificate of Obligation, but we have included them because we believe citizens' voices need to be heard. He also expressed his hope that the citizens would come out to let their voices be heard. Let's not take what you see at this City Commission meeting in this one small hour as a reflection of how the entire city feels. Yes, citizens will have three opportunities for public input. As it relates to the vote, we are not infringing on anyone's right to vote. Certificates of Obligations do not require a vote, and the citizens did not vote on the last five that we had.

Motion by Commissioner District 1 DeAndre' Knoxson, Seconded by Commissioner At-Large, Mayor Pro Tem Thelma Bowie (Abel Garza, Jr., Commissioner At-Large, Keith Love, Commissioner District 2, and Chris Sharp, Commissioner District 3 voted in opposition to this item)

**Vote: 4 - 3 CARRIED**

9. EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION

Break into Executive Session at 6:27 p.m.

- a. Convene for Executive (Closed) Session pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code to discuss the following:

§551.087. Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations: (1)

10. RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION

Reconvene into the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

- a. Discussion and possible action deriving from Executive Session.

No action taken.

## 11. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

DeAndre' Knoxson, Commissioner District 1, congratulated the people who earned a service award, thanked Ms. Rushing for her informative presentation, and thanked the commission for approving to move forward with this resolution.

Keith Love, Commissioner, District 2, provided an explanation of his vote on Regular Item 8c. He acknowledged that the city needs new facilities. The way he voted has more to do with how it was done versus how it should have been done. Keith expressed that he has a different opinion on how things should be accomplished, but he supports the city workers.

Thelma Bowie, Commissioner At-Large, Mayor Pro Tem, spoke about the progress of her joint effort with Commissioner Knoxson, Texas New Mexico Power Company, and the Communications Department on the rollout of the streetlight initiative.

Abel Garza, Jr., Commissioner At-Large, had no comment.

Chris Sharp, Commissioner District 3, provided an explanation of his vote on Regular Item 8c. Commissioner Sharp stated it is obvious that we're growing. We discussed civic pride and explored ways to foster it, so that people can feel a sense of belonging and participation. That being said, we do have a need for a new building, and we also require improved facilities for our staff. I think we could approach this differently.

Jami Clark, Commissioner District 4, stated that, as everybody knows, this was just the vote tonight to initiate the process, and the actual vote will take place later in May. This will give us time to explain to our citizens why this is needed. Give them the opportunity to share their thoughts and questions and receive the correct answers. I know for a fact that there is a lot of misinformation, and most of it, in my opinion, originates from social media. I have never seen such public hatred and negative comments about us. I have been serving this city for over 40 years, and I have never experienced anything like this. I know the people in my district elected me, and I appreciate that greatly. I know they have elected me to make the right choices for them, and I feel like I am doing that. I appreciate them contacting me, and I am listening to them. We need to provide them with the correct information. The growth we are experiencing is amazing, and I am very proud.

## 12. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Dedrick D. Johnson, Mayor, began by thanking everyone who came to speak and offered their perspective, regardless of its nature. We appreciate your interest in participating in the civic and governmental process. It is your right to be heard, and that is a right that we do not take for granted. Both residents and staff will be affected by this proposed Municipal Complex and all its associated projects, as they will significantly impact the services we provide to the public. We strive for top-notch service and quality. That starts by taking care of the people who actually do the work on a day-to-day basis. You don't attract people who will work for 25–30 years if you don't take care of your staff. We pride ourselves in the City of Texas City for always taking care of our staff members, so they can better take care of the residents and be great stewards of taxpayers' dollars. It is crucial that we recognize the city for the position we are in. I am looking forward to the public meetings we have scheduled, where the public can continue to voice their opinions and have their concerns addressed. That is our job: to listen to you as citizens and then address those concerns.



The Mayor's Initiative, Movement is Medicine, 2025 health initiative, on March 27th, we will have a recreational day at our Lowry Fitness Center at 6 p.m.

We are developing a website that will house all the information related to the Certificate of Obligation and the projects. This will make the actual and factual information associated with this project accessible to the public.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Commissioner At-Large, Abel Garza, Jr., made a MOTION to ADJOURN at 7:05 p.m.; the motion was SECONDED by Commissioner At Large, Mayor Pro Tem Thelma Bowie. All present voted AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

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DEDRICK D. JOHNSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Rhomari Leigh, City Secretary  
Date Approved:

**CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MTG**

(7) (b)

**Meeting Date:** 04/02/2025

Appoint member to TCEDC

**Submitted For:** Rhomari Leigh, City Secretary

**Submitted By:** Rhomari Leigh, City Secretary

**Department:** City Secretary

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**Information**

**ACTION REQUEST**

To appoint Brandon Brooks to the Texas City Economic Development Corporation to fill a vacancy.

**BACKGROUND (Brief Summary)**

In November 2024, Teresa Poston submitted her resignation from the Texas City Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors.

Mr. Brooks submitted a Boards and Commissions application to the City Secretary's Office, which is attached for review. There is no fiscal impact for this item.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Mayor Dedrick D. Johnson and Economic Development Director Kristin Edwards recommend that Brandon Brooks be appointed to the Texas City Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors.

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**Fiscal Impact**

**Attachments**

attachment  
Resolution

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## CITY OF TEXAS CITY

### APPLICATION FOR CITY BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES

Thank you for your interest in volunteering your time and talents to the City of Texas City. Please fill out the below application (required) and attach an updated resume' (optional). As an Applicant for a City Board, Commission, or Committee, your application will be available to the public. You will be contacted before any action is taken on your appointment to confirm your continued interest in serving. All appointments are made by the Texas City Commission. Incumbents whose terms expire are automatically considered for reappointment unless they indicate non-interest or have been appointed to two (2) consecutive terms. A member who is absent for more than 40% of called meetings in any twelve consecutive months, for other than medical reasons, may be removed from service. Applicant must be a citizen of the United States and must reside within the city limits of Texas City unless otherwise stated in the position announcement. Applications will be kept on file for two years and will expire at the end of two years; for instance, an application dated in 2022 will expire in 2024.

Please Type of Print Clearly:

Name: Brandon Brooks

Address: [REDACTED]

City/State/Zip Texas City, TX 77590

Email: [REDACTED]

Date: 03/20/2025

Phone: [REDACTED]

(Home)

Phone: [REDACTED]

(Work)

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

I have lived in Texas City 43 years.

I am X am not \_\_\_\_ a U.S. Citizen

Occupation: Community Development Specialist

Professional and/or Community Activities relative to your desired Board appointment:

TC/LM Chamber of Commerce Board Member

Clear Lake Area Chamber Board Member

COM Business Advisory Board Member

Space Center Rotary Member

Clear Lake Chamber Young Professionals Chair

Additional Pertinent Information/References:

**Applications for the following Commission-appointed Boards, Commissions, and Committees will be kept on file in the City Secretary's office (409-643-5916) for two years.**

If you are interested in serving on more than one board, please indicate your preference by numbering in order of preference (i.e., 1, 2, 3, etc.)

Decision-Making Boards and Commissions

- ☐ Planning & Zoning Commission
- ☐ Library Board
- ☒ TC Economic Development Board
- ☐ TC Cultural Arts Foundation
- ☐ TC Public Facilities Development
- ☐ TC Harbour Foreign Trade Zone
- ☐ TC Historical Preservation Corporation
- ☐ TC Industrial Development
- ☐ TC Housing Finance Corporation
- ☐ Civil Service
- ☐ Recreation and Tourism Board
- ☐ Board of Adjustments- Building & Structure

Meeting Information

As called in accordance with the Board, Commission, or Advisory Committee's By-laws.

Advisory Committees

- ☐ Bayou Golf Course Advisory Board
- ☐ Housing Authority

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**I AM INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE ABOVE-INDICATED BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES.**

*Brandon Brooks*

Signature of Applicant

**RECEIVED**

**By R. Leigh at 4:42 pm, Mar 20, 2025**

Please return this application to:

City Secretary  
City of Texas City  
1801 9th Ave. N.  
Texas City, TX 77590

or

[rleigh@texascitytx.gov](mailto:rleigh@texascitytx.gov)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-033**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER(S) TO THE TEXAS CITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE FROM AND AFTER ITS PASSAGE AND ADOPTION.**

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**WHEREAS**, in order to continue the uninterrupted and efficient operation of the Texas City Economic Development Corporation, it is necessary to appoint a member to the Board of Directors; and

**WHEREAS**, a position on the Texas Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors was vacated by Teresa Poston; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Dedrick D. Johnson recommends appointing Brandon Brooks to the position vacated by Teresa Poston for the duration of her term.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TEXAS CITY, TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1:** That the City Commission of the City of Texas City, Texas, hereby appoints Brandon Brooks to the Texas Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors.

**SECTION 2:** That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of April 2025.**

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Dedrick D. Johnson, Sr., Mayor  
City of Texas City, Texas

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Rhomari D. Leigh  
City Secretary

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Kyle L. Dickson  
City Attorney

## **CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MTG**

(7) (c)

**Meeting Date:** 04/02/2025

Award Commissioners' Community Grant to Every Ribbon Tells A Story

**Submitted For:** Dedrick Johnson, Mayor's Office

**Submitted By:** Titilayo Smith, Community Development/ Grant Admin

**Department:** Mayor's Office

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### **Information**

#### **ACTION REQUEST**

Consideration and approval of Commissioner At-Large/Mayor Pro-Tem Bowie's award of \$2,500 to local nonprofit, Every Ribbon Tells A Story, under the Texas City Commissioners Community Grant Fund Application.

#### **BACKGROUND (Brief Summary)**

The Commissioner Community Grants were established in 2022 by Mayor Johnson. Each member of the Commission can sponsor up to \$5,000 (MAXIMUM) in Commissioner's Community Grant funds in a fiscal year, provided the budget is approved with those funds available.

Commissioner At-Large/Mayor Pro-Tem Bowie has requested that \$2,500 of her FY '25 grant funds be awarded to local nonprofit, Every Ribbon Tells A Story. The organization is committed to providing programs and transportation services to meet the needs of local residents, with 90% of their services going to Texas City residents. The Organization started with the vision of giving cancer survivors a platform to share their stories and inspire others. Over the years, this vision has grown into a reality that extends beyond cancer diagnosis and treatment, helping individuals and families each year, regardless of diagnosis. Their greatest desire is for individuals to fall in love with taking care of themselves physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually, leading to a greater awareness in their journey toward wellness and well-being.

They believe that healthy individuals create healthy communities, and, in turn, healthier communities are stronger communities.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is the recommendation of the Mayor and the Director of Community Development & Grants Administration that the Commission approve the award.

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### **Fiscal Impact**

**Funds Available Y/N:** Y

**Amount Requested:** \$2,500

**Source of Funds:** Commission Community Grant Fund

**Account #:** 220101-54901-00013

**Fiscal Impact:**

Commissioner At-Large Bowie's grant account for FY '25 will have \$2,500 available after this award.

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**Attachments**

- Letter of Request ERTS
  - IRS Verification
  - ERTS Grant Application
  - Resolution
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Every Ribbon Tells A Story nonprofit-501c3  
Lorna Hardeman-Jackson, Contact  
P.O. Box 165  
LaMarque, TX 77568  
409-256-0216  
EveryRibbon.story@yahoo.com  
www.everyribbontellsastory.org

March 8, 2025

Ms. Thelma Bowie  
Commissioner At-Large/  
Mayor Pro-Tem  
City of Texas City  
1811 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue N.  
Texas City, TX 77592

Dear Ms. Bowie,

Every Ribbon Tells A Story is a nonprofit organization with a mission to expand its programs and services to meet the needs of Texas City and Galveston County residents. Founded in 2014, the organization began with the goal of providing a platform for cancer survivors to share their stories and inspire others. Ten years later, it has evolved into an organization that extends far beyond cancer diagnosis and treatment, exceeding expectations and supporting individuals and families each year, regardless of the diagnosis.

This letter is a request for funding to support our mission: to assist uninsured and underinsured individuals in meeting their medical needs during the evaluation, diagnosis, and treatment process in pursuit of optimal health and wellness. Every Ribbon Tells a Story has worked tirelessly to raise awareness, promote healthy living, and provide vital information on diagnosis and treatment options, all while fostering stronger communities. As Woodrow Wilson once said, "You are not here merely to make a living. You are here in order to enable the world to live more amply, with greater vision, with a finer spirit of hope and achievement. You are here to enrich the world, and you impoverish yourself if you forget the errand."

Our vision is achieved through collaboration with other organizations, offering resources for individuals and families in need. We remain committed to making a meaningful difference in the communities we serve. Our support includes financial assistance with utilities, gasoline, prescription drug costs, food, transportation, identifying additional community resources, and providing peer-to-peer counseling for individuals facing similar diagnoses. This grant will assist Every Ribbon to continue being a beacon of hope for Texas City and Galveston County residents.

We promote community inclusion by giving individuals a platform to share their stories through events like A Lady & Her Ribbon in March, A Man & His Ribbon in June, and the Praising Him in Pink Musical in October, among others.

We sincerely appreciate your time and consideration in reviewing this request, and we are hopeful that you will consider granting support to help us continue improving and enriching our community.

Sincerely,

*Lorna Hardeman-Jackson*

Lorna Hardeman-Jackson, Founder & President



# Every Ribbon Tells A Story

EIN: 47-2319484 | La Marque, Texas, United States

## Publication 78 Data

Organizations eligible to receive tax-deductible charitable contributions. Users may rely on this list in determining deductibility of their contributions.

**On Publication 78 Data List:** Yes

**Deductibility Code:** PC [?](#)

## Determination Letter

A favorable determination letter is issued by the IRS if an organization meets the requirements for tax-exempt status under the Code section the organization applied.

### Final Letter(s)

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## Form 990-N (e-Postcard)

Organizations who have filed a 990-N (e-Postcard) annual electronic notice. Most small organizations that receive less than \$50,000 fall into this category.

✓ **Tax Year 2023 Form 990-N (e-Postcard)**

✓ **Tax Year 2022 Form 990-N (e-Postcard)**

✓ **Tax Year 2021 Form 990-N (e-Postcard)**

✓ **Tax Year 2020 Form 990-N (e-Postcard)**

✓ **Tax Year 2019 Form 990-N (e-Postcard)**

✓ **Tax Year 2018 Form 990-N (e-Postcard)**

✓ **Tax Year 2017 Form 990-N (e-Postcard)**

✓ **Tax Year 2016 Form 990-N (e-Postcard)**

✓ **Tax Year 2015 Form 990-N (e-Postcard)**

✓ **Tax Year 2014 Form 990-N (e-Postcard)**



## Texas City Commissioners Community Grant Fund Application

*\*This grant application is to be completed and submitted to the Mayor by a member of the Texas City Commission.*

**Commissioner Thelma Bowie**

Name of Sponsoring Commissioner

**At-Large**

District

**Every Ribbon Tells a Story**

Name of Benefitting Organization

47-2319484

**Tax Exempt / 501c3 Nonprofit Status Number**

**Amount Requested:** 2,500

**Date:** 3-8-2025

**Statement of Purpose and benefit to the Citizens of Texas City:** Every Ribbon Tells A Story is a nonprofit committed to providing programs and transportation services to meet the needs of Galveston County citizens. Our organization started with the vision of giving cancer survivors a platform to share their stories and inspire others. Over the years, this vision has grown into a reality that extends beyond cancer diagnosis and treatment, helping individuals and families each year, regardless of their diagnosis. Our greatest desire is for individuals to fall in love with taking care of themselves—physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually—leading to a greater awareness in their journey toward wellness and well-being. We firmly believe that healthy individuals create healthy communities, and in turn, healthier communities are stronger communities.

**Other Sources of Funding This Organization is Currently Receiving:** As a nonprofit organization, Every Ribbon Tells A Story relies on the generosity of tax-deductible donations and annual fundraising events such as Praising Him in Pink, A Lady and Her Ribbon, A Man and His Ribbon, and more. Our work is further strengthened by vital partnerships with local churches and pastors, the local Chamber of Commerce, financial institutions, corporations, businesses, individuals, and other nonprofits (Amoco FCU, Sickie Cell Foundation of Galveston, etc). Together, these partnerships help us act as a community resource, building a more compassionate and caring environment for all.

*\*Please note that the submission of this application does not guarantee an allocation of funds. The awarding of this grant is contingent upon several factors, including, but not limited to those it being a qualifying organization, funds availability, purpose of funds requested, and final commission approval.*

# **COMMISSIONER COMMUNITY GRANTS**

## **GUIDELINES**

- 1.) Each member of the Commission can sponsor up to \$5,000 (MAXIMUM) in Commissioner's Community grant funds in a fiscal year, provided the budget is approved with those grant funds available.
- 2.) Grant requests must be submitted to the Mayor, from the Commissioner who represents the district most impacted by the grant, or the district where the requesting organization is based. Mayor will ensure all required documents are included in the Commissioner's request. Mayor will subsequently decide whether or not to advance the request to the City Commission for final approval.
- 3.) The organization requesting funds from the City / Commissioner, must do so with a letter or an email. (This should be included in the sponsoring Commissioner's request.)
- 4.) The organization requesting funds should be a nonprofit / 501c3 / tax exempt organization whose services will directly benefit citizens of Texas City, Texas.
- 5.) An organization may only receive funds from this funding mechanism once in a three-year period. This ensures fair opportunity and equitable distribution of funds to others who may need assistance and make requests.
- 6.) A majority vote of the City Commission is required for final approval.
- 7.) Commissioners should be conservative with the allocation of such funds as they will be requested often by all those aware of the program. We can't solve every financial crisis, but the PURPOSE of these Community Grants is to help those organizations who help our citizens by enhancing the quality of life here in Texas City.

### **Required Documents:**

- A.) Letter requesting funds, that also outlines what the funds will be used for.
- B.) A completed Community Grant Fund Application (from the sponsoring Commissioner)
- C.) Valid Documentation of Tax Exempt / Non-Profit Status

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-035**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RELEASE OF COMMISSION GRANT FUNDS AVAILABLE ON BEHALF OF COMMISSIONER AT-LARGE THELMA BOWIE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500.00 TO EVERY RIBBON TELLS A STORY; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE FROM AND AFTER ITS PASSAGE AND ADOPTION.**

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**WHEREAS**, Commissioner At-Large Thelma Bowie has requested that \$2,500.00 of her Fiscal Year 2025 grant funds be awarded to a local nonprofit, Every Ribbon Tells A Story. The organization is committed to providing programs and transportation services to meet the needs of local residents, with 90% of their services going to Texas City residents.

**THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TEXAS CITY, TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1:** That the City Commission of the City of Texas City, Texas, approves the release of Commission Grant funds in the amount of \$2,500.00 to be awarded to Every Ribbon Tells a Story.

**SECTION 2:** That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of April 2025.**

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Dedrick D. Johnson, Sr. Mayor  
City of Texas City, Texas

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Rhomari D. Leigh  
City Secretary

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Kyle L. Dickson  
City Attorney

## **CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MTG**

**(8) (a)**

**Meeting Date:** 04/02/2025

Consider and take action on first reading of Ordinance No. 2025-08 to set speed zones for FM 517 as recommended by TxDOT on the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation.

**Submitted For:** Kim Golden, Transportation and Planning

**Submitted By:** Curt Kelly, Transportation and Planning

**Department:** Transportation and Planning

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### **Information**

#### **ACTION REQUEST**

Consider and take action on the first reading of Ordinance No. 2025-08 for recommended speed zones for FM 517 as recommended by TxDOT on the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation.

#### **BACKGROUND (Brief Summary)**

On the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation, TxDOT recommends the following speed limits be fixed by ordinance for vehicles traveling on the named streets and highways, to-wit:

Along FM 517 from the west City limit of the City of Texas City to the intersection of SH 146, a distance of approximately 2.284 miles, the speed limit shall be 50 mph.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

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.

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### **Fiscal Impact**

#### **Attachments**

Speed Limit Change for - FM 517  
Ordinance

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# **TDAI** *Traff Data & Associates. Inc.*

*a*  
*Traffic Engineering Advocacy Group*

*(713) 446-8167*

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February 28, 2025

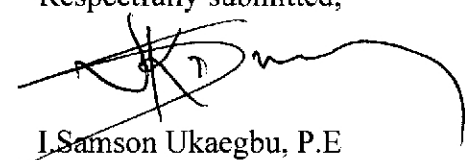
Kim Golden, P.E.  
City Engineer  
City of Texas City, Texas  
7800 Emmett F Lowry Expy.  
Texas City, Texas 77591

Re: Speed Zone Study along FM 517 within the City of Texas.

Dear Ms Golden,

Traff Data and Associates, Inc have completed a review and investigation of the speed zone study as presented by the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) along FM 517 within the City of Texas City. This review and investigation indicates that we are in concurrence with the Zone Strip Maps number 5682A and 5682B as presented by TxDOT.

Respectfully submitted,



I. Samson Ukaegbu, P.E  
Principal  
Traff Data & Associate, Inc.  
9894 Bissonnet, Suite 640  
Houston, Texas 77036

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P.O.BOX 963 . Sugar Land, Texas 77487



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713.802.5000  
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January 16, 2025

The Honorable Dedrick Johnson, Sr.  
Mayor  
City of Texas City  
1801 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue North  
Texas City, Texas 77590

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**RE: Second Request for City Speed Zone Ordinance  
City of Texas City  
Galveston County  
FM 517**

Dear Mayor Johnson:

In reviewing our records, we noticed that we have not received response from your office concerning the above-mentioned subject. I am wondering if our correspondence failed to reach you, so I am enclosing copies of the original correspondence.

TxDOT is required to make every effort to secure the cooperation of the city so that the zones will be set by city ordinance. If you concur with the recommended speed zone, please furnish this office with a copy of your executed ordinance in a timely manner.

Should you have questions, you may contact Mr. Roberto Lewis at (713) 802-5046.

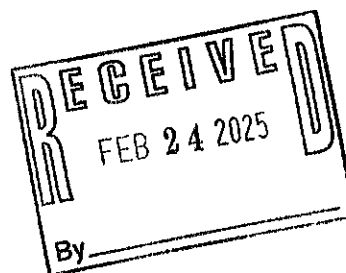
Sincerely,

Signed by:  
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sylvester Onwas".  
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Sylvester E. Onwas, P.E.  
District Traffic Engineer  
Houston District

Attachments

**CC:** Roberto V. Lewis, MBA – Transportation Specialist IV, Houston District, TxDOT







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December 20, 2023

The Honorable Dedrick Johnson, Sr.  
Mayor  
City of Texas City  
1801 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue North  
Texas City, Texas 77590

**RE: Request City Ordinance: Speed Zone – FM 517 – Galveston County**

Dear Mayor Johnson:

Our office has completed a Speed Zone Study along FM 517 within the City of Texas City.

Attached you will find Speed Zone Strip Map numbered 5682 A, 5682 B, and a prepared Speed Zone Ordinance suggested by the Texas League of Municipalities containing the recommended zone along FM 517.

If you concur with the recommended zone, please furnish this office with a copy of your executed ordinance.

Should you have questions please contact Mr. Gaurang Pandit, Transportation Engineer Supervisor at (713) 802-5856.

Sincerely,

Ugonna U. Ughanze, P.E.  
Director of Transportation Operations  
Houston District

Attachments

cc: Rhomari Leigh – City Secretary  
Gaurang S. Pandit, P.E.

SPEED ZONE ORDINANCE # \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE ALTERING THE PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMITS ESTABLISHED FOR VEHICLES UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF § 545.356, TEXAS TRANSPORTATION CODE, UPON THE BASIS OF AN ENGINEERING AND TRAFFIC INVESTIGATION, UPON CERTAIN STREETS AND HIGHWAYS, OF PARTS THEREOF, WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF TEXAS, AS SET OUT IN THIS ORDINANCE; AND PROVIDING A PENALTY OF A FINE NOT TO EXCEED \$200 FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, § 545.356, Texas Transportation Code, provides that whenever the governing body of the City shall determine upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that any prima facie speed therein set forth is greater or less than is reasonable or safe under the conditions found to exist at any intersection or other place or upon any part of a street or highway within the City, taking into consideration the width and condition of the pavement and other circumstances on such portion of said street or highway, as well as the usual traffic thereon, said governing body may determine and declare a reasonable and safe prima facie speed limit thereat or thereon by the passage of an Ordinance, which shall be effective when appropriate signs giving notice thereof are erected at such intersection or other place or part of the street or highway;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEXAS, TEXAS:

Section 1. Upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation heretofore made as authorized by the provisions of § 545.356, Texas Transportation Code, the following prima facie speed limits hereafter indicated for vehicles are hereby determined and declared to be reasonable and safe; and such speed limits are hereby fixed at the rate of speed indicated for vehicles traveling upon the named streets and highways, or parts thereof, described as follows:

Along FM 517 from the West City limit of City of Texas to the intersection of SH 146, a distance of approximately 2.284 miles, the speed limit shall be 50 MPH.

Section 2. Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not more than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200).

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

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## **ORDINANCE NO. 2025-08**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TEXAS CITY, TEXAS, ALTERING THE PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMITS ESTABLISHED FOR VEHICLES UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 545.356 AND 545.353 OF THE TEXAS TRANSPORTATION CODE, ON CERTAIN STREETS AND HIGHWAYS OR PARTS THEREOF WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF TEXAS CITY, AS SET OUT IN THIS ORDINANCE, TO WIT: SPEED ZONES FOR FM 517 AS RECOMMENDED BY TXDOT ON THE BASIS OF AN ENGINEERING AND TRAFFIC INVESTIGATION; PROVIDING A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$1000.00 FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE, A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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**WHEREAS**, Section 545.356, Texas Transportation Code, provides that whenever the governing body of the City shall determine, upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation, that any prima facie speed therein set forth is greater or less than is reasonable or safe under the conditions found to exist at any intersection or other place or upon any part of a street or highway within the City, taking into consideration the width and condition of the pavement and other circumstances on such portion of said street or highway, as well as the usual traffic thereon, said governing body may determine and declare a reasonable and safe prima facie speed limit thereat or thereon by the passage of an Ordinance, which shall be effective when appropriate signs giving notice thereof are erected at such intersection or other place or part of the street or highway; and

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Department of Transportation conducted a speed zone study and recommends speed limits to be altered along FM 517 from the west City limit of the City of Texas City to the intersection of SH 146, a distance of approximately 2.284 miles; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission of the City of Texas City agrees it is in the best interest of the citizens of Texas City to determine and declare such designated areas as suggested by the Texas Department of Transportation as outlined in “**Exhibit A**”.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TEXAS CITY, TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1:** Upon the basis of the Texas Department of Transportation speed zone study made as authorized by the provisions of section 545.356 of the Texas Transportation Code, the following prima facie speed limits hereafter indicated for vehicles are hereby determined and declared to be reasonable and safe; and such speed limits are hereby fixed at the rate of speed indicated for vehicles traveling upon the named streets and highways, or parts thereof, described as follows:

- (1) Along FM 517 from the west City limit of the City of Texas City to the intersection of SH 146, a distance of approximately 2.284 miles, the speed limit shall be 50 mph.

**SECTION 2:** Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in a sum not more than One Thousands Dollars (\$1000.00).

**SECTION 3:** That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed. In the event any section, clause, sentence, paragraph, or part of this Ordinance shall be for any reason adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect, invalidate, or impair the remainder of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 4:** That this Ordinance shall be read on three (3) separate days and shall become effective upon its final reading, passage, and adoption.

**SECTION 5:** That this Ordinance shall be finally passed upon the date of its introduction and shall become effective from and after its passage and adoption and publication by caption only in the official newspaper of the City.

**PASSED ON FIRST READING this 2nd day of April 2025**

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Dedrick D. Johnson, Mayor  
City of Texas City, Texas

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Rhomari D. Leigh  
City Secretary

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Kyle L. Dickson  
City Attorney

**PASSED ON SECOND READING this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025.**

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Dedrick D. Johnson, Mayor  
City of Texas City, Texas

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Rhomari D. Leigh  
City Secretary

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Kyle L. Dickson  
City Attorney

**PASSED ON SECOND READING this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dedrick D. Johnson, Mayor  
City of Texas City, Texas

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Rhomari D. Leigh  
City Secretary

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Kyle L. Dickson  
City Attorney

## **CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MTG**

**(8) (b)**

**Meeting Date:** 04/02/2025

Consider and take action on first reading of Ordinance No. 2025-09 to set speed zones for FM 519 as recommended by TxDOT on the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation.

**Submitted For:** Kim Golden, Transportation and Planning

**Submitted By:** Curt Kelly, Transportation and Planning

**Department:** Transportation and Planning

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### **Information**

#### **ACTION REQUEST**

Consider and take action on the first reading of Ordinance No. 2025-09 to set speed zones for FM 519 as recommended by TxDOT on the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation.

#### **BACKGROUND (Brief Summary)**

On the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation, TxDOT recommends the following speed limits be fixed by ordinance for vehicles traveling on the named streets and highways, to-wit:

Along FM 519 from the west City limit of the City of Texas City to the intersection of Grant Ave, a distance of approximately 0.431 miles, the speed limit shall be 45 mph.

Along FM 519 from the intersection of Grant Ave. to 1895 feet west of the intersection of Loop 197, a distance of approximately 1.014 miles, the speed limit shall be 50 mph.

Along FM 519 from 1895 feet west of the intersection of Loop 197 to the intersection of Loop 197, a distance of approximately 0.359 miles, the speed limit shall be 45 mph.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

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.

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### **Fiscal Impact**

### **Attachments**

Request for Speed Limit Change - FM 519  
Ordinance

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# **TDAI** *Traff Data & Associates. Inc.*

*a*  
*Traffic Engineering Advocacy Group*

*(713) 446-8167*

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February 28, 2025

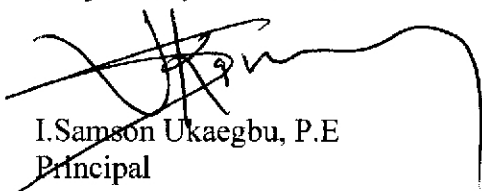
Kim Golden, P.E.  
City Engineer  
City of Texas City, Texas  
7800 Emmett F Lowry Expy.  
Texas City, Texas 77591

Re: Speed Zone Study along FM 519 within the City of Texas.

Dear Ms Golden,

Traff Data and Associates, Inc have completed a review and investigation of the speed zone study as presented by the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) along FM 519 within the City of Texas City. This review and investigation indicates that we are in concurrence with the Zone Strip Maps number 5702 as presented by TxDOT.

Respectfully submitted,



I. Samson Ukaegbu, P.E.  
Principal  
Traff Data & Associate, Inc.  
9894 Bissonnet, Suite 640  
Houston, Texas 77036

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January 16, 2025

The Honorable Dedrick Johnson, Sr.  
Mayor  
City of Texas City  
1801 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue North  
Texas City, Texas 77590

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**RE: Second Request for City Speed Zone Ordinance  
City of Texas City  
Galveston County  
FM 519**

Dear Mayor Johnson:

In reviewing our records, we noticed that we have not received response from your office concerning the above-mentioned subject. I am wondering if our correspondence failed to reach you, so I am enclosing copies of the original correspondence.

TxDOT is required to make every effort to secure the cooperation of the city so that the zones will be set by city ordinance. If you concur with the recommended speed zone, please furnish this office with a copy of your executed ordinance in a timely manner.

Should you have questions, you may contact Mr. Roberto Lewis at (713) 802-5046.

Sincerely,

Signed by:

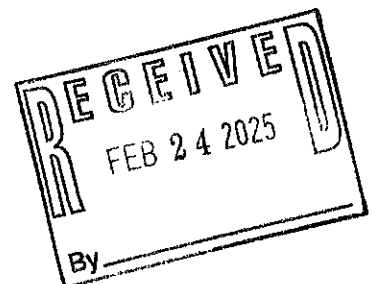
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Sylvester E. Onwas, P.E.  
District Traffic Engineer  
Houston District

Attachments

**CC:** Roberto V. Lewis, MBA – Transportation Specialist IV, Houston District, TxDOT





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December 18, 2023

The Honorable Dedrick Johnson, Sr.  
Mayor  
City of Texas City  
1801 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue N  
Texas City, Texas 77590

**RE: Request City Speed Zone Ordinance- FM 519 - Galveston County**

Dear Mayor Johnson:

Our office has completed a Speed Zone Study along FM 519 within the city limits of Texas City.

Attached you will find Speed Zone Strip Map numbered 5702 C and a prepared Speed Zone Ordinance suggested by the Texas League of Municipalities containing the recommended zone along FM 519. If you concur with the recommended zone, please furnish this office with a copy of your executed ordinance.

Should you have questions please contact Mr. Gaurang Pandit, Transportation Engineer Supervisor at (713) 802-5856.

Sincerely,

Ugonna U. Ughanze, P.E.  
Director of Transportation Operations  
Houston District

**Attachments**

cc: Rhomari Leigh - City Secretary City of Texas City  
Gaurang S. Pandit, P.E.  
bc: Sylvester E. Onwas, P.E.  
Roberto Lewis  
Igor Ginzburg

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SPEED ZONE ORDINANCE # \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE ALTERING THE PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMITS ESTABLISHED FOR VEHICLES UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF § 545.356, TEXAS TRANSPORTATION CODE, UPON THE BASIS OF AN ENGINEERING AND TRAFFIC INVESTIGATION, UPON CERTAIN STREETS AND HIGHWAYS, OF PARTS THEREOF, WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF TEXAS, AS SET OUT IN THIS ORDINANCE; AND PROVIDING A PENALTY OF A FINE NOT TO EXCEED \$200 FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, § 545.356, Texas Transportation Code, provides that whenever the governing body of the City shall determine upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that any prima facie speed therein set forth is greater or less than is reasonable or safe under the conditions found to exist at any intersection or other place or upon any part of a street or highway within the City, taking into consideration the width and condition of the pavement and other circumstances on such portion of said street or highway, as well as the usual traffic thereon, said governing body may determine and declare a reasonable and safe prima facie speed limit thereat or thereon by the passage of an Ordinance, which shall be effective when appropriate signs giving notice thereof are erected at such intersection or other place or part of the street or highway;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEXAS CITY, TEXAS:

Section 1. Upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation heretofore made as authorized by the provisions of § 545.356, Texas Transportation Code, the following prima facie speed limits hereafter indicated for vehicles are hereby determined and declared to be reasonable and safe; and such speed limits are hereby fixed at the rate of speed indicated for vehicles traveling upon the named streets and highways, or parts thereof, described as follows:

Along FM 519 from the West city limit of the City of Texas City to the intersection of Grant Ave, a distance of approximately 0.431 miles, the speed limit shall be 45 MPH.

Along FM 519 from the intersection of Grant Ave. to 1895 feet west of the intersection of Loop 197, a distance of approximately 1.014 miles, the speed limit shall be 50 MPH.

Along FM 519 from the 1895 feet west of the intersection of Loop 197 to the intersection of Loop 197, a distance of approximately 0.359 miles, the speed limit shall be 45 MPH.

Section 2. Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not more than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200).

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor



## **ORDINANCE NO. 2025-09**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TEXAS CITY, TEXAS, ALTERING THE PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMITS ESTABLISHED FOR VEHICLES UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 545.356 AND 545.353 OF THE TEXAS TRANSPORTATION CODE, ON CERTAIN STREETS AND HIGHWAYS OR PARTS THEREOF WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF TEXAS CITY, AS SET OUT IN THIS ORDINANCE, TO WIT: SPEED ZONES FOR FM 519 AS RECOMMENDED BY TXDOT ON THE BASIS OF AN ENGINEERING AND TRAFFIC INVESTIGATION; PROVIDING A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$1000.00 FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE, A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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**WHEREAS**, Section 545.356, Texas Transportation Code, provides that whenever the governing body of the City shall determine, upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation, that any prima facie speed therein set forth is greater or less than is reasonable or safe under the conditions found to exist at any intersection or other place or upon any part of a street or highway within the City, taking into consideration the width and condition of the pavement and other circumstances on such portion of said street or highway, as well as the usual traffic thereon, said governing body may determine and declare a reasonable and safe prima facie speed limit thereat or thereon by the passage of an Ordinance, which shall be effective when appropriate signs giving notice thereof are erected at such intersection or other place or part of the street or highway; and

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Department of Transportation conducted a speed zone study and recommends speed limits to be altered along FM 519 from the west City limit of the City of Texas City to the intersection of Grant Ave. to 1895 feet west of the the intersection of Loop 197; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission of the City of Texas City agrees it is in the best interest of the citizens of Texas City to determine and declare such designated areas as suggested by the Texas Department of Transportation as outlined in “**Exhibit A**”.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TEXAS CITY, TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1:** Upon the basis of the Texas Department of Transportation speed zone study made as authorized by the provisions of section 545.356 of the Texas Transportation Code, the following prima facie speed limits hereafter indicated for vehicles are hereby determined and declared to be reasonable and safe; and such speed limits are hereby fixed at the rate of speed indicated for vehicles traveling upon the named streets and highways, or parts thereof, described as follows:

- (1) Along FM 519 from the west City limit of the City of Texas City to the intersection of Grant Ave., a distance of approximately 0.431 miles, the speed limit shall be 45 mph.

- (2) Along FM 519 from the intersection of Grant Ave. to 1895 feet west of the intersection of Loop 197, a distance of approximately 1.014 miles, the speed limit shall be 50 mph.
- (3) Along FM 519 from the 1895 feet west of the intersection of Loop 197 to the Intersection of Loop 197, a distance of approximately 0.359 miles, the speed limit shall be 45 mph.

**SECTION 2:** Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in a sum not more than One Thousands Dollars (\$1000.00).

**SECTION 3:** That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed. In the event any section, clause, sentence, paragraph, or part of this Ordinance shall be for any reason adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect, invalidate, or impair the remainder of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 4:** That this Ordinance shall be read on three (3) separate days and shall become effective upon its final reading, passage, and adoption.

**SECTION 5:** That this Ordinance shall be finally passed upon the date of its introduction and shall become effective from and after its passage and adoption and publication by caption only in the official newspaper of the City.

**PASSED ON FIRST READING this 2nd day of April 2025**

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Dedrick D. Johnson, Mayor  
City of Texas City, Texas

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Rhomari D. Leigh  
City Secretary

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Kyle L. Dickson  
City Attorney

**PASSED ON SECOND READING this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025.**

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Dedrick D. Johnson, Mayor  
City of Texas City, Texas

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Rhomari D. Leigh  
City Secretary

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Kyle L. Dickson  
City Attorney

**PASSED ON SECOND READING this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025.**

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Dedrick D. Johnson, Mayor  
City of Texas City, Texas

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Rhomari D. Leigh  
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City Attorney



**CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MTG****(8) (c)****Meeting Date:** 04/02/2025

Police Shooting Range Renovations

**Submitted For:** Landis Cravens, Police Department**Submitted By:** James Patterson, Police Department**Department:** Police Department

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**Information****ACTION REQUEST**

Consideration for authorization to award RFP 2025-471 Replacement of Indoor Shooting Range Target System for Texas City Police Department submitted by the Purchasing Coordinator.

**BACKGROUND (Brief Summary)**

A notice to bidders was published on February 18, 2025, and again on February 25, 2025. Bids were received and opened on March 12, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. The bidder meeting all specifications outlined in the proposal documents was InVeris Training Solutions, Inc. from Suwanee, Georgia, for the total bid amount of \$285,000.00. Funds are made available via the City of Texas City 2025/2025 Annual Budget account number 602201-55010.

A letter of recommendation with bid tabulation is attached for your review.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is the recommendation of the Chief and Command Staff of the Police Department to award RFP number 2025-471 to InVeris Training Solutions, Inc., for the total bid amount of \$285,000.00, which was budgeted for in the FY 24-25' budget.

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**Fiscal Impact****Attachments**

Exhibit A  
Resolution

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# **CITY OF TEXAS CITY, TEXAS**

**PURCHASING DEPARTMENT • OFFICE: (409) 643-5950 • FAX: (409) 942-1073**



**Mayor:  
Dedrick Johnson**

**Commissioners  
Thelma Bowie  
Abel Garza Jr.  
DeAndre Knoxson  
Keith Love  
Chris Sharp  
Jami Clark**

**To:** Dedrick Johnson Sr., Mayor

**From:** Gwynetheia Shabazz Pope, Purchasing Coordinator

**CC:** Cynthia Rushing, Chief Financial Officer  
Chief Landis Craven, Chief of Police

**Date:** March 20, 2025

**Re:** Request for Proposal 2025-471 Replacement of Indoor Shooting Range  
Target System for Texas City Police Department

Enclosed for your review and approval is the award recommendation for RFP 2025-471 Replacement of Indoor Shooting Range Target System for Texas City Police Department

## **HISTORY**

The objective of the Request for Proposal was to obtain qualified vendors to provide the construction and design of an indoor shooting range target system for the Texas City Police Department. On March 12, 2025, four (4) proposals were received.

## **AWARD RECOMMENDATION**

The Purchasing Department recommends awarding the contract to Inveris as they were the agency who met the requirements outlined in the proposal documents.

Gwynetheia Shabazz Pope, CTPM, CTCM  
Purchasing Coordinator

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<http://www.texascitytx.gov>

Bid Number RFP 2025-471

Bid Title: Replacement of Indoor Shooting Range Target System for Texas City Police

Day and Date: Wednesday 03.12.2025 @ 10 am

Bids Opened By: Gwynetheia Shabazz Pope

Witnessed By:

Bidder	Received: date/time	Original & 4 Copies & Media Source	Appendix A - Proposal Document	Appendices B, C, D, E, F	Proceed to Review
ACTION TARGET	3.10.25 at 3:49 PM	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
RANGE SYSTEMS	3.11.25 at 9:42 AM	Yes	Yes	Yes	YES
THEISSEN TRAINING SYSTEMS	3.11.25 at 10.10 AM	Yes	Yes	Yes	YES
INVERIS	3.11.25 at 10.10 AM	Yes	Yes	Yes	YES
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RFP # & Title

**RFP 2025-471 Replacement of Indoor Shooting Range Target System  
for Texas City Police Department**

Contractor/Proposer	Evaluator 1	Evaluator 2	Evaluator 3	Total Points
INVERIS	91.25	100	87	278.25
ACTION TARGET	90	91.75	84	265.75
RANGE SYSTEMS	87	85	72	244
THEISSEN TARGET SYS.	70.5	60	47	177.5

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-034**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING RFP 2025-471 - REPLACEMENT OF INDOOR SHOOTING RANGE TARGET SYSTEM FOR TEXAS CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE FROM AND AFTER ITS PASSAGE AND ADOPTION.**

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**WHEREAS**, a notice to bidders was published on February 18, 2025, and again on February 25, 2025. Bids were received and opened on March 12, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposal meeting all specifications outlined in the proposal documents was InVeris Training Solutions, Inc. from Suwanee, Georgia, for the total bid amount of \$285,000.00.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TEXAS CITY, TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1:** That the City Commission hereby accepts the contract by InVeris Training Solutions, Inc., for the total bid amount of \$285,000.00, which was budgeted for in the FY 2024-2025 budget.

**SECTION 2:** That the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a contract by InVeris Training Solutions, Inc. for the price bid in **Exhibit “A”**, as attached hereto and incorporated herein for all intents and purposes.

**SECTION 3:** That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of April 2025.**

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Dedrick D. Johnson, Sr., Mayor  
City of Texas City, Texas

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Rhomari D. Leigh  
City Secretary

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