

STATE OF TEXAS :  
COUNTY OF HOWARD :  
CITY OF BIG SPRING :

The City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, met in a Regular Meeting in the City Council Chambers located at 307 E. 4th St., Big Spring, Texas, at 5:30 PM, May 12, 2026, with the following members present in person:

MAYOR ROBERT MOORE  
COUNCIL MEMBER NICK ORNELAS  
COUNCIL MEMBER DIANE YANEZ  
MAYOR PRO TEM CODY HUGHES  
COUNCIL MEMBER HOMER WILKERSON  
COUNCIL MEMBER DANIEL MORENO  
COUNCIL MEMBER GLORIA BLACKBURN

**Newly elected Council Members Ochoa and Gillihan were also present.**

Same and constituting a quorum, for which four Council Members must be present; and the following staff in person;

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| TODD DARDEN   | City Manager                |
| JOHN MEDINA   | Assistant City Manager      |
| ANDREW HAGEN  | City Attorney               |
| SHANE BOWLES  | Public Works Director       |
| CHAD WILLIAMS | Police Chief                |
| JAY HOLT      | Fire Chief                  |
| MIKE FEELEY   | Airpark Director            |
| SANDY SMITH   | Finance Director            |
| SUSAN HIMES   | Community Services Director |
| TAMI DAVIS    | City Secretary              |
| MANDY HAYNES  | Municipal Judge             |

#### Open Session

Call to Order

**Mayor Moore called the City Council meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.**

Invocation

**Dr. Rochelle Coles, Sr. Chaplain for West Texas VA Center, led the invocation.**

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and to the Texas State Flag

**Mayor Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and to the Texas State Flag.**

#### Public Comment

**Public Comment**

Mayor Moore introduced the new Big Spring Economic Development Director, Susan Sankey; One citizens spoke regarding his denial for a carport and has filed an appeal to the Zoning Board of Adjustments; One citizen would like to be put back on the list for mowing vacant lots.

Announcements, Presentations and Public Hearings

**Open Public Hearings**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Moore to open the below listed public hearing, seconded by Council Member Yanez.**

**YEAS: Mayor Moore, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, Mayor Pro Tem Hughes, Council Member Wilkerson, Council Member Moreno, Council Member Blackburn**

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**NAYS: None**

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**MOTION PASSED**

**PUBLIC HEARING - Tax Abatement Guidelines and Criteria**

**John Medina, Assistant City Manager, explained that the current tax abatement guidelines are about to expire and would like to readopt the tax abatement guidelines that we currently have with no changes.**

**Close Public Hearing**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Moore to close the above captioned public hearing, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hughes.**

**YEAS: Mayor Moore, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, Mayor Pro Tem Hughes, Council Member Wilkerson, Council Member Moreno, Council Member Blackburn**

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**NAYS: None**

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**MOTION PASSED**

City Manager's Report

City Manager's report on the following items:

- Large Item Pickup, District 5 - May 20th
- City Holiday, May 25th - Memorial Day
- Council Budget Work Session, May 26th

**Todd Darden, City Manager, reported on the above listed items as follows: Large item pickup for District 5 will be on May 20th; City offices will be closed on May**

**25th in observance of Memorial Day; and there will be a Council budget work session after the next City Council meeting on May 26th.**

Consent Items

Approval of the City Council Minutes for the Regular Meeting of April 28, 2026

Acknowledge Receipt of the Planning and Zoning Commission Minutes for the Regular Meeting of February 17, 2026

Final Reading of an Ordinance Amending Ordinance Number 024-2025 Which Adopted the Annual budget for the City of Big Spring, Texas for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2025 and Ending September 30, 2026 Authorizing the Transfer of Appropriations within the Airpark Fund for the Replacement of the Roof at Fire Station One; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date.

Final Reading of a Resolution of the City of Big Spring, Restricting the Insurance Proceeds Received as a Result of the Arson and Destruction of the Dora Roberts Community Center to the Design, Construction and Equipping for a New Community Center; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date.

Final Reading of an Ordinance Authorizing ZC26-01, Amending the Big Spring Zoning Ordinance by Rezoning Approximately 0.57 Acres of Land in Section 8, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR. CO. Survey, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, from Agricultural (AG) to Single Family 2 (SF-2); Providing for Repeal of Conflicting Legislation; Providing for Severability; Finding and Determining that the Meetings at Which the Ordinance was Discussed were Open to the Public as Required by Law; and Providing an Effective Date

**MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Ornelas to approve the above captioned minutes, ordinances and resolution, seconded by Council Member Yanez.**

**YEAS: Mayor Moore, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, Mayor Pro Tem Hughes, Council Member Wilkerson, Council Member Moreno, Council Member Blackburn**

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**NAYS: None**

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**MOTION PASSED**

Vouchers

Vouchers for 05/01/26 \$ 293,547.94

**Council Member Blackburn reviewed the above captioned vouchers.**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Blackburn to approve the above captioned vouchers, seconded by Council Member Ornelas.**

**YEAS: Mayor Moore, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, 7**  
**Mayor Pro Tem Hughes, Council Member Wilkerson, Council Member**  
**Moreno, Council Member Blackburn**  
**NAYS: None 0**

**MOTION PASSED**

New Business

Recognition of Outgoing Council Members

**Todd Darden, City Manager, and Mayor Moore presented a plaque to Council Member Ornelas and Mayor Pro Tem Hughes and thanked them for their years of service on the City Council.**

Administer the Oath of Office to the Duly Elected Council Members for Districts One and Three

**Judge Haynes administered the oath of office to duly elected Josie Ochoa as City Council Member District One and Gary Gillihan as City Council Member District Three.**

Election of Mayor Pro Tem

**Mayor Moore nominated Council Member Yanez as Mayor Pro Tem.**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Moore to appoint Council Member Yanez as Mayor Pro Tem, seconded by Council Member Wilkerson.**

**YEAS: Mayor Moore, Council Member Ochoa, Council Member Yanez, 7**  
**Council Member Gillihan, Council Member Wilkerson, Council Member**  
**Moreno, Council Member Blackburn**  
**NAYS: None 0**

**MOTION PASSED**

Consideration and Possible Action to Accept a Donation from Surge Energy to the Big Spring Police Department to Purchase Four (4) B&T GL-06 Launchers

**MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Blackburn to accept the above captioned donation from Surge Energy in the amount of \$8,256.00, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Yanez.**

**YEAS: Mayor Moore, Council Member Ochoa, Mayor Pro Yanez, Council 7**  
**Member Gillihan, Council Member Wilkerson, Council Member Moreno,**  
**Council Member Blackburn**  
**NAYS: None 0**

**MOTION PASSED**

First Reading of a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager or His Designee to Enter into a Multiple-Use Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation Allowing the Installation and Operation of Automated License Plate Recognition Cameras in Texas Department of Transportation Right-of-Way; and Providing an Effective Date

**MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Wilkerson to approve the above captioned resolution, seconded by Council Member Blackburn.**

**YEAS: Mayor Moore, Council Member Ochoa, Mayor Pro Tem Yanez, Council Member Gillihan, Council Member Wilkerson, Council Member Moreno, Council Member Blackburn**

**NAYS: None**

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**MOTION PASSED**

First Reading of a Resolution Reauthorizing the Tax Abatement Guidelines and Criteria; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date

**MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Pro Tem Yanez to approve the above captioned resolution, seconded by Council Member Wilkerson.**

**YEAS: Mayor Moore, Council Member Ochoa, Mayor Pro Tem Yanez, Council Member Gillihan, Council Member Wilkerson, Council Member Moreno, Council Member Blackburn**

**NAYS: None**

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**MOTION PASSED**

Consideration and Possible Action to Approve an Interlocal Agreement with Howard County to Participate in the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) #2 and Authorizing the City Manager or His Designee to Execute any Necessary Documents

**MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Moore to approve the above captioned agreement, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Yanez.**

**YEAS: Mayor Moore, Council Member Ochoa, Mayor Pro Tem Yanez, Council Member Gillihan, Council Member Wilkerson, Council Member Moreno, Council Member Blackburn**

**NAYS: None**

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**MOTION PASSED**

Consideration and Possible Action to Approve a Lease Agreement Between the City of Big Spring and Hangar 25 Air Museum Association and Authorizing the City Manager or His Designee to Execute any Necessary Documents

**MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Pro Tem Yanez to approve the above captioned agreement, seconded by Council Member Blackburn.**

**YEAS: Mayor Moore, Council Member Ochoa, Mayor Pro Tem Yanez, Council Member Gillihan, Council Member Wilkerson, Council Member Moreno, Council Member Blackburn**

**NAYS: None**

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**MOTION PASSED**

Consideration and Possible Action to Approve a Contract with Jacob Martin for Inspection Services on the Birdwell Lane Reconstruction Project and Authorizing the City Manager or His Designee to Execute any Necessary Documents

**MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Wilkerson to approve the above captioned contract, seconded by Council Member Blackburn.**

**YEAS: Mayor Moore, Council Member Ochoa, Mayor Pro Tem Yanez, Council Member Gillihan, Council Member Wilkerson, Council Member Moreno, Council Member Blackburn**

**NAYS: None**

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**MOTION PASSED**

Consideration and Possible Action to Approve a Corrected Tax Deed for the Sale of Real Property Located at Lot Twelve (12), Block One Hundred Two (102), in the Original Town of Big Spring, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, Commonly Known as 401 Sargent Paredes Street, and Held by the City of Big Spring, in Trust, to Daniel German Rodriguez Moncibais, and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute and Necessary Documents.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Wilkerson to approve the above corrected tax deed, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Yanez.**

**YEAS: Mayor Moore, Council Member Ochoa, Mayor Pro Tem Yanez, Council Member Gillihan, Council Member Wilkerson, Council Member Moreno, Council Member Blackburn**

**NAYS: None**

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**MOTION PASSED**

#### **Boards and Committees**

Consideration and Possible Action to Reappoint the Below Listed Board Members:

#### **Big Spring Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors - Effective October 1, 2026**

Nolan Dominguez - District 1

Taylor Parks - District 3

**MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Ochoa to reappoint Nolan Dominguez to the Big Spring Economic Development Board of Directors effective October 1, 2026, seconded by Council Member Blackburn.**

**YEAS: Mayor Moore, Council Member Ochoa, Mayor Pro Tem Yanez, Council Member Gillihan, Council Member Wilkerson, Council Member Moreno, Council Member Blackburn**

**NAYS: None**

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**MOTION PASSED**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Gillihan to reappoint Taylor Parks to the Big Spring Economic Development Board of Directors effective October 1, 2026, seconded by Mayor Moore.**

**YEAS: Mayor Moore, Council Member Ochoa, Mayor Pro Tem Yanez, Council Member Gillihan, Council Member Wilkerson, Council Member Moreno,**

**Council Member Blackburn**  
**NAYS: None**

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**MOTION PASSED**

Council Input

Input

**All Council Members welcomed new Council Members Ochoa and Gillihan and thanked several staff members.**

Adjourn

**Mayor Moore adjourn the City Council Meeting at 6:36 p.m.**



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Robert H. Moore III, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Tami L. Davis, City Secretary