

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

The City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, met in a SPECIAL AGENDA in the City Council Chambers located at 307 E. 4th St., Big Spring, Texas, at 9:00 AM, May 22, 2023, with the following members present in person:

COUNCIL MEMBER GLORIA MCDONALD
COUNCIL MEMBER TROY TOMPKINS
MAYOR ROBERT MOORE
COUNCIL MEMBER CODY HUGHES
MAYOR PRO TEM NICK ORNELAS
COUNCIL MEMBER MAURY SMITH
COUNCIL MEMBER DIANE YANEZ

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

TODD DARDEN	City Manager
JOHN MEDINA	Assistant City Manager
ANDREW HAGEN	City Attorney
SHANE BOWLES	Public Works Director
JOSE CAZARES	Deputy Chief
SANDY SMITH	Finance Director
TAMI DAVIS	City Secretary

Open Session

Call to Order

Mayor Moore called the Special City Council Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Invocation

Steve Moses, Trinity Baptist Church, gave 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.

Mayor Moore allowed anyone to comment regarding the one item on the agenda concerning the expiration of the SAFER Grant. Several firefighters and citizens spoke

with their concerns of not keeping the 10 firefighter positions allowed through the SAFER Grant and the closing of Fire Station #2.

Announcements, Presentations and Public Hearings

Staff Presentation

City Staff gave a brief presentation on budget concerns regarding the number of positions for the Fire Department and the departments excess overtime and also the possibility to close Fire Stations #2 and relocate the current staff to other Fire Stations in order to keep the recommended number of staff to respond to an emergency.

After a brief discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas made a motion to keep and fund the 10 positions we currently have through the end of the fiscal year and assure that Fire Station #2 stays open, seconded by Council Member Yanez. Andrew Hagen, City Attorney, advised that the motion made was for a budget amendment and was not an item on this current agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas withdrew his motion.

MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas to table the ordinance listed below, seconded by Council Member Tompkins.

YEAS: Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, Council Member Hughes, Council Member Tompkins 4
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NAYS: Mayor Moore, Council Member McDonald, Council Member Smith

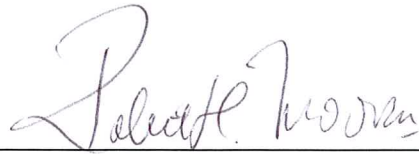
MOTION PASSED

New Business

First Reading of an Ordinance Addressing Safety, Efficiency, Coverage, and Budgetary Concerns for the Fire Department, Establishing Classifications and Number of Positions for the Fire Department Pursuant to Section 143.021, Texas Local Government Code; Decreasing the Number of Sworn Fire Department Personnel by Ten (10) from Seventy-Four (74) to Sixty-Four (64) Through Attrition with No Current Positions Being Eliminated; Improving Safety, Efficiency, and Coverage by Consolidating from Five to Four Fire Stations; Providing for Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances; Providing a Severability Clause; Finding and Determining that the Meetings at Which the Ordinance was Discussed were Open to the Public as Required by Law; Providing for Publication; and Providing for an Effective Date

Adjourn

Mayor Moore adjourn the Special City Council Meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Handwritten signature of Robert H. Moore III in black ink.

Robert H. Moore III, Mayor

ATTEST:

Handwritten signature of Tami L. Davis in blue ink.

Tami L. Davis, City Secretary