

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, November 12, 2024, with the following members present in person:

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

Same and constituting a quorum, for which four Council Members 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
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

Fire Chief Jay Holt 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.

Public Comment

Public Comment

There were no public comments at this time.

Announcements, Presentations and Public Hearings

Open Public Hearing

There was no action on the below listed public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING - Consideration and Possible Action Concerning Abatement of Public Nuisance, at 308 DONLEY, BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720 – LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LOT 5, BLOCK 9, BOYDSTUN SUBDIVISION, BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS – OWNER: FIDEL GALVAN

Close Public Hearing

City Manager's Report

City Manager's report on the following items:

- Large Item Pickup, District 5 - November 20th
- City Holiday - November 28th & 29th - Thanksgiving

Todd Darden, City Manager, reported on the above captioned items as follows: Large Item pickup for District 5 will be on November 20, 2024; City offices will be closed on November 28th and 29th in observance of Thanksgiving; and the Festival of Lights will begin on December 1, 2024.

Consent Items

Approval of the City Council Minutes of the Special Meeting of October 21, 2024 and of the Regular Meeting of October 22, 2024.

Acknowledge Receipt of the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation Board of Director's Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 12, 2024 and of the Special Meeting of October 18, 2024

Acknowledge Receipt of the McMahon-Wrinkle Aviation Advisory Board Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 15, 2024

MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Pro Tem Tompkins to acknowledge and approve the above captioned minutes, seconded by Council Member Yanez.

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

MOTION PASSED

Vouchers

Vouchers for 10/25/24 \$ 1,201,649.31
Vouchers for 10/31/24 \$ 208,224.16

Council Member Wilkerson reviewed the above captioned vouchers.

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Wilkerson to approve the above captioned vouchers, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Tompkins.

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

MOTION PASSED

Vouchers for 11/08/24 \$ 805,169.01

Council Member Wilkerson reviewed the above captioned vouchers.

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Wilkerson to approve the above captioned vouchers, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Tompkins.

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

MOTION PASSED

Bids

Consideration and Possible Action on Awarding a Stop Loss Agreement with ISU/Companion Life and Authorizing the City Manager or His Designee to Execute any Necessary Documents

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Hughes to award the above captioned bid to ISU/Companion Option 7 at a 4.48% max cost, seconded by Council Member Wilkerson.

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

MOTION PASSED

Consideration and Possible Action on Awarding a Bid for Administration/Professional Services to Aid in the Grant Writing Process with the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program and Authorizing the City Manager or His Designee to Execute any Necessary Documents

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Hughes awarding the above captioned bid to **Public Management, Inc.,** seconded by **Mayor Pro Tem Tompkins.**

YEAS: Mayor Moore, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, 7
Council Member Hughes, Council Member Wilkerson, Mayor Pro Tem
Tompkins, Council Member Moreno

NAYS: None 0

MOTION PASSED

Consideration and Possible Action on Awarding a Bid for an 18-Foot Tandem Trailer for the Roy Anderson Sports Complex and Authorizing the City Manager or His Designee to Execute any Necessary Documents

MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Pro Tem Tompkins awarding the above captioned bid to **Big Spring Trailer Sales** in the amount of **\$6,141.75,** seconded by **Council Member Wilkerson.**

YEAS: Mayor Moore, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, 7
Council Member Hughes, Council Member Wilkerson, Mayor Pro Tem
Tompkins, Council Member Moreno

NAYS: None 0

MOTION PASSED

Consideration and Possible Action on Awarding a Bid for a 15 Foot Wing Mower for the McMahon Wrinkle Airpark and Authorizing the City Manager or His Designee to Execute any Necessary Documents

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Wilkerson awarding the above captioned bid to **South Plains Implement** in the amount of **\$31,228.75,** seconded by **Council Member Yanez.**

YEAS: Mayor Moore, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, 7
Council Member Hughes, Council Member Wilkerson, Mayor Pro Tem
Tompkins, Council Member Moreno

NAYS: None 0

MOTION PASSED

Consideration and Possible Action on Awarding a Bid for a Kubota Utility Tractor for the McMahon Wrinkle Airpark and Authorizing the City Manager or His Designee to Execute any Necessary Documents

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Hughes awarding the above captioned bid to **Kubota Utility Tractor** in the amount of **\$84,946.22,** seconded by **Council**

Member Yanez.

YEAS: Mayor Moore, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, 7
Council Member Hughes, Council Member Wilkerson, Mayor Pro Tem
Tompkins, Council Member Moreno

NAYS: None 0

MOTION PASSED

New Business

Consideration and Possible Action on Accepting A Donation from the Broughton Foundation to the Police Department.

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Hughes accepting the above captioned donation in the amount of \$50,780.00 to the police department to purchase four drones, seconded by Council Member Wilkerson.

YEAS: Mayor Moore, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, 7
Council Member Hughes, Council Member Wilkerson, Mayor Pro Tem
Tompkins, Council Member Moreno

NAYS: None 0

MOTION PASSED

Consideration and Possible Action on Accepting a Donation from Gunsight Mountain Wind Energy to the Fire Department.

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Hughes accepting the above captioned donation in the amount of \$1,500.00 to the Fire Department to purchase extra equipment, seconded by Council Member Wilkerson.

YEAS: Mayor Moore, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, 7
Council Member Hughes, Council Member Wilkerson, Mayor Pro Tem
Tompkins, Council Member Moreno

NAYS: None 0

MOTION PASSED

First Reading of a Resolution Suspending the December 19, 2024 Effective Date of Atmos energy Corp., West Texas Division's Requested Rate Change to Permit the City Time to Study the Request and to Establish Reasonable Rates; Approving Cooperation with the Cities Served by Atmos West Texas and Authorizing Intervention in Atmos West Texas' Requested Rate Change Proceedings Before the Commission; Hiring Lloyd Gosselink Attornes and Consulting Services to Negotiate with the Company and Direct any Necessary Litigation and Appeals; Requiring Reimbursement of Cities' Rate Case Expenses; Finding That the Meeting at Which this Resolution is Passed is Open to the Public as Required by Law; Requiring Notice of This Resolution to the Company and Legal Counsel

MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Pro Tem Tompkins to approve the above captioned resolution, seconded by Council Member Hughes.

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

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NAYS: None

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MOTION PASSED

First Reading of a Resolution Designating the Following as a Replacement Nominee for the Position of Director on the Howard Central Appraisal District Board of Directors for the Current Term Ending on December 31, 2025; and Providing for an Effective Date

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Hughes to approve the above captioned resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Tompkins.

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

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NAYS: None

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MOTION PASSED

First Reading of a Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program Application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the Community Development Fund; Finding and Determining that the Meetings at Which the Resolution were Discussed were Open to the Public as Required by Law; and Establishing an Effective Date

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

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

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NAYS: None

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MOTION PASSED

First Reading of a Resolution Authorizing Professional Service Provider Selection for a 2025-2026 Texas Community Development Block Grant Program - Community Development Fund Project (CDBG) Through the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA); Finding and Determining that the Meetings at Which the Resolution were Discussed were Open to the Public as Required by Law; and Establishing an Effective Date

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Hughes to approve the above captioned resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Tompkins.

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

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NAYS: None

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MOTION PASSED

First Reading of a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas Expressing Official Intent to Reimburse Costs of Lead and Copper Service Line Inventory and Replacement Projects; Finding and Determining that the Meetings at Which the Resolution was Discussed was Open to the Public as Required by Law; and Establishing an Effective Date

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

**YEAS: Mayor Moore, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, 7
Council Member Hughes, Council Member Wilkerson, Mayor Pro Tem
Tompkins, Council Member Moreno**

NAYS: None 0

MOTION PASSED

First Reading of a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas Approving Policy for Preventing Use of TikTok and Other Covered Applications in Compliance with State Law; Providing for the Repeal of Conflicting Legislation; Providing for Severability; and Finding and Determining That the Meetings at Which the Resolution Were Discussed Were Open to the Public as Required by Law; and Establishing an Effective Date.

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Hughes to approve the above captioned resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Tompkins.

**YEAS: Mayor Moore, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, 7
Council Member Hughes, Council Member Wilkerson, Mayor Pro Tem
Tompkins, Council Member Moreno**

NAYS: None 0

MOTION PASSED

First Reading of an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, Amending Ordinance Numbr 028-2024 Which Adopted the Annual Budget for the City of Big Spring, Texas for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2024 and Ending September 30, 2025 by Increasing the Airpark Fund Budget for the Purpose of Purchasing a Tractor and Bat Wing Mower Attachment; Providing for Severability; Providing for Publication; and Providing an Effective Date.

MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Pro Tem Tompkins to approve the above captioned ordinance, seconded by Council Member Yanez.

**YEAS: Mayor Moore, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, 7
Council Member Hughes, Council Member Wilkerson, Mayor Pro Tem
Tompkins, Council Member Moreno**

NAYS: None 0

MOTION PASSED

Consideration and Possible Action to Approve an EMS/Fire Coordinator & Program Management Contract with Texas Public Safety Training Academy and Authorizing the City Manager or His Designee to Negotiate and Execute Any Necessary Documents.

MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Pro Tem Tompkins to approve the above captioned contract, seconded by Council Member Hughes.

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

MOTION PASSED

Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Agreements with Cross-El Ranch Corporation Concerning Economic Development, Annexation and a Development Agreement Concerning a Parcel of Approximately 443.607 Acres, More or Less, Property ID 297545, Located within Section 4, Block 33, Howard County, Texas; Provision of Water and Sewer Utility Services to be funded primarily by United States Economic Development Administration grant funds to Certain Parts of the Parcel to be Annexed; Providing a Tax Rebate to the Parcel with Conditions as to Development and Annexation; Accepting a Donation as to Certain Public Utility Easements on the property and primarily in the Vicinity of US Highway 87; and Contingent on approval by the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors Approving an Option to the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation to Purchase, Subject to Certain Conditions, to Purchase a 40 Acre Parcel Abutting US Highway 87 and Frazier Road including the draft of the purchase agreement should such conditions occur and the option be exercised, and approval of the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation to enter as a Party into the Economic Development Agreement and Approval of the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation to enter into the Access Agreement and Authorizing the City Manager or His Designee to Execute any Necessary Documents

MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Pro Tem Tompkins to approve the above captioned agreements, seconded by Council Member Hughes.

YEAS: None **0**
NAYS: None **0**

MOTION

MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Moore to amend the above captioned motion by approving the agreements as presented in this agenda and having a stimulation that the agreements must be signed by 5:00 p.m. on November 29, 2024, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Troy Tompkins.

YEAS: Mayor Moore, Council Member Yanez, Council Member Hughes, Council Member Wilkerson, Mayor Pro Tem Tompkins **5**
NAYS: Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Moreno **2**

MOTION PASSED

MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Pro Tem Tompkins to approve the above

captioned amended motion on the above captioned agreements, seconded by Council Member Hughes.

**YEAS: Mayor Moore, Council Member Hughes, Council Member Wilkerson, 4
Mayor Pro Tem Tompkins**

**NAYS: Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, Council Member 3
Moreno**

MOTION PASSED

Consideration and Possible Action on a Lease Agreement with Foundry Digital, LLC for Building 1B and a Container Area Comprising Approximately 1.3 Acres Located at 1600 First Avenue, Big Spring McMahon-Wrinkle Airport and Industrial Park and Authorizing the City Manager or His Designee to Negotiate and Execute any Necessary Documents
No action was taken on the above captioned item.

Adjourn

Mayor Moore adjourned the City Council meeting at 6:53 p.m.



Robert H. Moore III, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tami L. Davis, City Secretary