

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

The City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, met in a REGULAR AGENDA in the City Council Chambers located at 307 E. 4th St., Big Spring, Texas, at 5:30 PM, December 10, 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
MANDY HAYNES	Municipal Judge

Open Session

Call to Order

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

Invocation

Glenn Farris, Crossroads Baptist Association, 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

One citizen thanked the staff for cleaning the drainage issue in the Indian Hills Subdivision.

Announcements, Presentations and Public Hearings

City Manager's Report

City Manager's report on the following items:

- Update - Large Item Pickup, District 5
- Large Item Pickup, District 6 - December 18, 2024
- E-Waste - March 2025
- Festival of Lights - December 1st - 31st
- Summit Meeting - January 15, 2025 @ 1:30
- Howard County Day at the Capital - February 5 & 6, 2025
- City Holidays - **Christmas** - December 24 & 25; **New Year's Day** - January 1, 2025
- Holiday Trash Schedule

Todd Darden, City Manager, reported on the above captioned items as follows: Large item pickup for District 5 picked up 7 tons of items; Large item pickup for District 6 will be on December 18, 2024; E-waste will be at the Big Sandy Landfill on March 1, 2025; Festival of Lights is going on until December 31st; The annual Summit meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2025; Howard County Day at the Capital will be on February 5 & 6, 2025; City holidays for Christmas will be on December 24th & 25th and for New Year's Day will be on January 1, 2025; Normal trash pickup will be the same during the upcoming holidays.

Consent Items

Approval of the City Council Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 12, 2024, the Second Regular Meeting of November 12, 2024 and the Special Meeting of November 26, 2024.

Acknowledge Receipt of the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation Board of Director's Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 28, 2024.

Acknowledge Receipt of the Planning and Zoning Commission Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 3, 2024.

MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Moore to approve and acknowledge the above captioned minutes, 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

Vouchers

Vouchers for 11/15/24 \$ 533,131.95

Vouchers for 11/22/24 \$ 541,383.77

Mayor Pro Tem Tompkins reviewed the above captioned vouchers.

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

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 12/06/24 \$ 1,240,076.66

Council Member Moreno reviewed the above captioned vouchers.

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Moreno 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 Bid for a 14-Yard Dump Truck for the Landfill and Authorizing the City Manager or His Designee to Execute any Necessary Documents.

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Yanez to award the above captioned bid to Rush Truck Center in the amount of \$185,522.05, seconded by Council Member Hughes.

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 72" Flail Mower for the

Street Department and Authorizing the City Manager or His Designee to Execute any Necessary Documents.

After a brief discussion, the above captioned item will be moved to the next City Council agenda for further review.

Consideration and Possible Action on Awarding a Bid for 3 Replacement HVAC Systems for Hangar 25 Museum and Authorizing the City Manager or His Designee to Execute any Necessary Documents.

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Ornelas to award the above captioned bid to SKC A/C LLC in the amount of \$41,285.00, 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 Selecting an Architecture Firm to Assist the City of Big Spring in the Redesign of the Community Center at Commanche Trail Park and Authorizing the City Manager or His Designee to Execute any Necessary Documents

MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Pro Tem Tompkins to approve and select Chapman Harvey as the Architecture Firm and authorize the City Manager to negotiate a contract and begin the preliminary design of a new Community Center, 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 Selecting a Financial Services Advisor for the Texas Water Development Board Application Process and Authorizing the City Manager or His Designee to Execute any Necessary Documents.

MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Pro Tem Tompkins to approve and select SamCo Capital as the Financial Services Advisor for the above captioned application process, seconded by Council Member Hughes.

**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 Selecting a Bond Counsel for the Texas Water Development Board Application Process and Authorizing the City Manager or His

Designee to Execute any Necessary Documents

MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Pro Tem Tompkins to approve and select Bracewell for the above captioned Bond Counsel, 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 Selecting an Engineering Firm for the Texas Water Development Board and Authorizing the City Manager or His Designee to Execute any Necessary Documents

MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Pro Tem Tompkins to approve and select Jacob Martin as the Engineering Firm for the above captioned project, seconded by Council Member Hughes.

**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

First Reading of a Resolution Joining with the State of Texas and Political Subdivisions of the State as a Party in the Texas Opioid Settlement Agreement Secured by the Office of the Attorney General Between the State of Texas and Kroger; Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Texas Settlement Subdivision Participation and Release Form; 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 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 an Ordinance Amending Ordinance Number 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 General Fund Budget for the Purpose of Purchasing Two Bunker Gear Extractors; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date.

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Hughes 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

First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Ordinance Number 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 General Fund Budget for the Purpose of Completing the Parking Lot at the All Ages All Abilities Playground; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date.

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Hughes to approve the above captioned ordinance, seconded by Council Member Ornelas.

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 Amending Ordinance Number 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 Service Center Fund Budget for the Purpose of Purchasing a Ford F-250 Pickup to be Used as a Service Truck; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date.

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

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

MOTION PASSED

Consideration and Possible Action to Amend the Big Spring Economic Development Corporations 2024-2025 Annual Budget to Address Additional Staffing Needs.

The Big Spring Economic Development Corporation requested three budget amendments to be considered in the above captioned 2024-2025 Annual Budget and the Mayor requested each item to be considered and voted on separately as follows:

1) Consideration of a final payment due to the Executive Director upon retirement of an estimated \$20,000.00 of unused vacation time.

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

captioned payment, no second motion was made. Motion dies for lack of second.

YEAS: None 0
NAYS: None 0

MOTION DIES

2) Consideration of \$10,000.00 to cover various time buybacks that the EDC is now participating in that were not addressed in the existing budget.

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Hughes to approve the above captioned budget amendment of \$10,000.00, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Troy Tompkins.

YEAS: Mayor Moore, Council Member Hughes, Council Member Wilkerson, 4
Mayor Pro Tem Tompkins
NAYS: Council Member Ornales, Council Member Yanez, Council Member 3
Moreno

MOTION PASSED

3) Consideration of hiring and training an employee for an Executive Assistant position in the amount of \$70,000.00 upon the anticipated retirement of the Executive Director in September 2025 and the possibility of the current Executive Assistant taking the place of the Executive Director.

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

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

MOTION FAILED

Consideration and Possible Action on an Interlocal Agreement with Howard County for the Use of Digital Case Management Software for the Big Spring Police Department in conjunction with the 118th District Attorney and the Howard County Attorney and Authorizing the City Manager or His Designee to Execute any Necessary Documents

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Hughes to approve the above captioned agreement, 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 Regarding a Contract Extension Amendment #9 with Vector Fleet Management and Authorizing the City Manager or His Designee to

Execute any Necessary Documents.

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Ornelas to approve the above captioned amendment, seconded by Council Member Wilkerson.

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 on Extending the Administrative Services Agreement with Texas Health Benefits Pool (TXHB) for Employee Health Insurance and Authorizing the City Manager or His Designee to Execute any Necessary Documents

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Ornelas to approve the above captioned agreement, 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 7

NAYS: None 0

MOTION PASSED

Consideration and Possible Action Approving an Agreement with AirMedCare Network for Membership Renewals 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 agreement, 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 to Approve One (1) Supplemental Point of Delivery Agreement between the City of Big Spring and Colorado River Municipal Water District, Relating to the Provision of an Additional Delivery Point for the Supply of Raw Water to the Roy Anderson Sports Complex, and One (1) Supplemental Point of Delivery Agreement between the City of Big Spring and Colorado River Municipal Water District, Relating to the Provision of Additional Delivery Points for the Supply of Raw Water and/or Treated Wastewater to Delek US 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 agreement, 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

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MOTION PASSED

Consideration and Possible Action to Accept a Gift from Borrow Source, LLC of a 30.0 Acre Tract, a 5.0 Acre Tract and a Road Easement all Located within a 117.28 Acre Tract in the Northeast Quarter of Section 15, Block 33, T-1-S, T & P RR Survey Howard County, and Authorizing the City Manager or His Designee to Execute any Necessary Documents.

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Ornelas to accept the above captioned gift from Borrow Source, LLC, seconded by Council Member Hughes.

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

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MOTION PASSED

Consideration and Possible Action to Accept a Donation of Property from Howard County of the South Half of Lot 15, Block 12, Original Town of Big Spring, Located at the Heart of the City Park and Authorizing the City Manager and the Mayor to Execute any Necessary Documents

MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Pro Tem Tompkins to accept the above captioned donation from Howard County, seconded by Council Member Ornelas.

YEAS: Mayor Moore, Council Member Yanez, Council Member Hughes, 6
Council Member Wilkerson, Mayor Pro Tem Tompkins, Council Member
Moreno

NAYS: Council Member Ornelas

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MOTION PASSED

Consideration and Possible Action Considering the Purchase of the North 25 Feet of Lot 15 and All of Los 16, Block 12, Original Town of Big Spring, at the Heart of the City Park from Big Spring Main Street, Inc. 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 purchase of property located within the Heart of the City Park, 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

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MOTION PASSED

Discussion Regarding Alcohol Sales at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

After a brief discussion the Council agreed for the staff to start the process of selling alcohol at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Adjourn

Mayor Moore adjourned the City Council meeting at 7:20 p.m.



Robert H. Moore III, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tami L. Davis, City Secretary