

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, March 25, 2025, 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
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

Chase Pinkerton, Christ Fellowship 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.

Public Comment

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Scott Emerson suggested to the Council to consider making the Benton Street Bridge a pedestrian bridge to walk across and name it after Nati Saldivar.

Announcements, Presentations and Public Hearings

Open Public Hearings and Presentation

MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Moore to open the below listed public hearings and presentation, 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

Presentation Regarding Vector Fleet Management Annual Review

Terry Good, Director of Operations with Vector Fleet Management, gave a brief presentation over their performance as the City's vehicle maintenance contractor.

PUBLIC HEARING - Consideration and Possible Action Concerning Abatement of Public Nuisance, at 711 ANNA, BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720 – LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LOT 6 BK 12 SETTLES HEIGHTS BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS – OWNER: MARIA DE LA CRUZ

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Hughes to abate the above captioned property (711 Anna), 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

PUBLIC HEARING - Consideration and Possible Action Concerning Abatement of Public Nuisance, at 700 E 15TH, BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720 – LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LOT 1 BLOCK 19 COLE & STRAYHORN BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS – OWNER: DAVID ORTIZ GONZALES JR

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Wilkerson to abate the above captioned property (700 E. 15th St.), 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

Close Public Hearings and Presentation

MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Moore to close the above captioned public hearings and presentation, 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

City Manager's Report

City Manager's report on the following items:

- Update - Large Item Pickup, District 3
- City Picnic - March 28th

Todd Darden, City Manager, reported on the above captioned items as follows: Large item pickup for District 3 picked up 9 tons of items; and the annual city picnic will be on Friday, March 28th and invited the Council to attend.

Consent Items

Approval of the City Council Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 11, 2025

Final Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 36 of the Big Spring City Code Entitled "Nuisances," Article Iv "Abandoned, Inoperative or Junked Motor Vehicles"; to Include Junked Travel/Camper Trailers and Make Additional Amendments; Providing for the 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.

Final Reading of a Resolution to Authorize the Implementation of a Pilot Program for Lateral Recruitment and Hiring of Police Officers; 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 Ornelas to approve the above captioned minutes, resolution and ordinance, 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

Vouchers for 03/14/25 \$ 479,386.18

Vouchers for 03/21/25	\$	500,241.75
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Council Member Hughes reviewed the above captioned vouchers.

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Hughes to approve the above captioned vouchers, 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

NAYS: None	0
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MOTION PASSED

Bids

Consideration and Possible Action on Awarding a Bid for an Equipment Barn at the Roy Anderson Sports Complex 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 RW Fence in the amount of \$46,100.00, 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

NAYS: None	0
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MOTION PASSED

New Business

First Reading of a Resolution to Accept a Grant Offered by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for the Funding of the Design, Bid Phase and Reconstruction of Runway 06/24 at the McMahon-Wrinkle Airport and Industrial Park; and Providing an Effective Date

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Hughes 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

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 Airpark Fund Budget for the Purpose of Appropriating \$145,000 for the Airpark's Cost Share of a \$2,900,000 Grant for the Design, Bid Phase and Reconstruction of Runway 06/24, From the Texas Department of Transportation on a 95/5 Cost Share; 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 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 Chapter 2 of the Big Spring City Code Entitled "Administration," Article VII "Boards and Commissions," Providing for the 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 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

Consideration and Possible Action to Approve a Lease Agreement with Fortitude Mining, LLC and a Termination of Lease and Release with Foundry Digital LLC both at Building 1B at 1600 First Avenue, Big Spring McMahon-Wrinkle Airport and Industrial Park, Big Spring, Texas 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, 7
Council Member Hughes, Council Member Wilkerson, Mayor Pro Tem
Tompkins, Council Member Moreno**

NAYS: None 0

MOTION PASSED

Council Input

Input

Mayor Moore expressed some problems with older kids breaking a few items on

the new All Ages All Abilities playground at Comanche Trail Park and asked the public to help take care of it; He also gave a brief overview on some of the new Texas Legislative Bills that are being considered and expressed some of his concerns of the effect that some of the bills could impose on cities.

Mayor Pro Tem Tompkins thanked Mike Feeley for the great job he is doing for the airpark; asked about the cost savings on the different trash trucks - side load vs. a front load; and asked for cameras to be placed at the new playground Council Member Moreno was in favor of the Benton St. Bridge becoming a pedestrian bridge

Adjourn

Mayor Moore adjourned the City Council meeting at 6:27 p.m.



Robert H. Moore III, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tami L. Davis, City Secretary