

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, August 12, 2025, 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 GLORIA BLACKBURN

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

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

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One citizen spoke regarding permission to put up a carport at 1210 Pennsylvania Ave. in order to protect his vehicles and one citizen spoke regarding a drive-by shooting on Carol Drive and asked the Council and staff if they could look into some squatters in an abandoned house in his neighborhood.

Announcements, Presentations and Public Hearings

Open Public Hearings

MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Moore to open the below listed public hearings, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hughes.

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

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NAYS: None

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MOTION PASSED

PUBLIC HEARING - Consideration and Possible Action Concerning Abatement of Public Nuisance, at 508 ABRAMS, BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720 – LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LOT 5, BLOCK 16, EARLES SUBDIVISION, BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS – OWNER: SAMUEL C. CASTRO

No action necessary on the above captioned abatement.

PUBLIC HEARING - Consideration and Possible Action Concerning Abatement of Public Nuisance, at 402 NE 11TH, BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720 – LEGAL DESCRIPTION: PART SE/4 OF SECTION 42, BLOCK 32, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, TRACT 15, WILLIAM B CURRIE SUBDIVISION, BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS – OWNER: ESTATE OF JAMES W. MATHEWS

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Yanez to abate the above captioned property (402 NE 11th), seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hughes.

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

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NAYS: None

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MOTION PASSED

Close Public Hearings

MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Moore to close the above captioned public hearings, seconded by Council Member Wilkerson.

YEAS: Mayor Moore, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, Mayor Pro Tem Hughes, Council Member Wilkerson, 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 2, August 20th
- School Begins - August 14th
- Work Session - August 13th
- Golf Course Recognition

Todd Darden, City Manager, reported on the above captioned items as follows: Large item pickup for District 2 will be on August 20th; Reminder that school will begin on August 14th and watch for school zones; There will be a work session with the City Council and the County Commissioners on August 13th regarding TIRZ; Recognized the Mens Association, Women Association and Chicano Association for various work done at the golf course.

Consent Items

Approval of the City Council Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 22, 2025

Final Reading of an Ordinance Annexing to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, Approximately 127 Acres Located Within the T&P RR Co Survey Howard County, Texas Survey, Abstract No. A-362, out of the Northeast Quarter of Section 9, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas, Identified as Parcels 297584 and 297585 by the Howard Central Appraisal District of Howard County, Texas, Said Tracts Being Contiguous to the City of Big Spring and Further and More Particularly Described Hereunder, on the Request of Big Spring Economic Development Corporation as Landowner; Extending the Boundary Limits of the City of Big Spring so as to Include Said Property Within the City Limits of Said City; Granting to All the Inhabitants of Said Property All the Rights and Privileges of Other Citizens; Binding Said Inhabitants by All of the Acts, Ordinances, Resolutions, and Regulations of the City of Big Spring; Adopting an Annexation Agreement; 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 Mayor Pro Tem Hughes to approve the above captioned minutes and ordinance, seconded by Council Member Ornelas.

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

NAYS: None

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MOTION PASSED

Final Reading of a Resolution Calling for a Special Election to be Held on November 4, 2025 for the Purpose of Submitting to the Voters the Question of Whether the Fire and Police Employee Relations Act Should be Adopted for the Big Spring Fire Department; Providing for the Conduct of the Election; Designating Several Polling Places; Authorizing the Mayor to Execute Notice and Have the Notice Posted for the Purpose of Notifying the Public of Said Election; and Providing for Severability

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

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

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NAYS: None

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MOTION PASSED

Vouchers

Vouchers for 07/25/25 \$ 953,323.13

Vouchers for 08/01/25 \$ 673,919.89

Vouchers for 08/08/25 \$ 456,222.66

Council Member Ornelas reviewed the above captioned vouchers.

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

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

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NAYS: None

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MOTION PASSED

Bids

Consideration and Possible Action to Award a Bid for Asbestos Abatement of Three Facilities on the West Side of the Airpark and Authorizing the City Manager or His Designee to Execute any Necessary Documents

MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Pro Tem Hughes to award the above captioned bid to 1 Priority Environmental Services in the amount of \$47,140.00, seconded by Council Member Yanez.

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

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NAYS: None

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MOTION PASSED

New Business

First Reading of a Resolution Supporting the Future Interstate Highway Formula Program; Finding and Determining that the Meetings at Which the Resolution were Discussed were Open to the Public as Required by Law; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date

First Reading of a Resolution Supporting the Future Interstate Feasibility Study for Heartland Expressway, Theodore Roosevelt Express, and a Portion of Ports-to-Plains High Priority Corridors; Finding and Determining that the Meetings at Which the Resolution were Discussed were Open to the Public as Required by Law; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date

First Reading of a Resolution Supporting Future Interstate Designation for Heartland Expressway, Theodore Roosevelt Expressway, and a Portion of Ports-to-Plains High Priority Corridors and Numbering Future Interstate Segments; Finding and Determining that the Meetings at Which the Resolution were Discussed were Open to the Public as Required by Law; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date

MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Pro Tem Hughes to approve the three above captioned resolutions all which support different portions of the Ports to Plains project, seconded by Council Member Yanez.

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

NAYS: None
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MOTION PASSED

First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 of the Big Spring City Code Entitled "Administration," Article II "City Council," Various Sections Regarding the Agenda Posting Requirements; Finding and Determining that the Meetings at Which the Ordinance Were Discussed were Open to the Public as Required by Law; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date

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

YEAS: None
NAYS: None
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MOTION

A citizens made a suggested change to the ordinance by cleaning up the wording and renumbering a section. After a brief discussion regarding the 3 business day posting requirement on agendas the following motion was made.

MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Moore to approve the amended ordinance as presented in the agenda, seconded by Council Member Wilkerson.

YEAS: Mayor Moore, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member, Yanez, Council Member Hughes, Council Member Wilkerson, Council Member Blackburn 6

NAYS: None 0

MOTION

First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 34 of the Big Spring City Code Entitled "Municipal Court," Providing for Civil Jurisdiction for the Purpose of Enforcing Ordinances on Substandard Structures and Junked Vehicles, and Authority to Issue Search Warrants for Investigating a Health and Safety or Nuisance Abatement Ordinance Violation, and Seizure Warrants to Secure, Remove, or Demolish Offending Property and Removing Debris; 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.

No action was taken on the above captioned ordinance at this time.

Consideration and Possible Action to Approve an Oil and Gas Lease Agreement with SM Energy Company and Authorizing the City Manager or His Designee to Execute any Necessary Documents

No action was taken on the above captioned agreement at this time.

Consideration and Possible Action to Approve an Agreement with Chapman Harvey Architects, Inc. for an Event Center 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 agreement, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hughes.

YEAS: Mayor Moore, Council Member Yanez, Mayor Pro Tem Hughes, Council Member Wilkerson, Council Member Blackburn 5

NAYS: Council Member Ornelas 1

MOTION PASSED

Boards and Committees

Consideration and Possible Action on the Below Listed Board Member as Follows:

Big Spring Economic Development Board of Directors

Scott Emerson - Dist. 5 Appointment - Effective October 1, 2025

Chad Wash - Dist. 4 Appointment - Effective October 1, 2025

Parks and Recreation Board

Troy Tompkins - Mayor Appointment

MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Moore to appoint the above captioned nominees to the above captioned boards, seconded by Council Member Blackburn.

**YEAS: Mayor Moore, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, 6
Mayor Pro Tem Hughes, Council Member Wilkerson, Council Member
Blackburn**

NAYS: None 0

MOTION PASSED

Council Input

Input

Council Member Yanez thanked staff for the work on the budget

Council Member Wilkerson is glad we are moving forward on Community center

Council Member Blackburn reported that she went to the newly elected council member training and one class was on respecting each other and complimented the staff on the job they do for the City

Executive Session

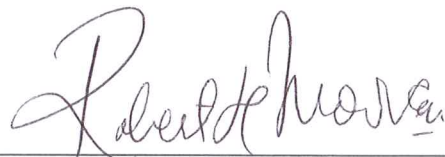
There was no executive session at this time.

ADJOURN into Executive Session in Accordance with the Purposes Permitted by the Open Meetings Act, Section 551.071, Texas Government Code, "Consultation with Attorney; Closed Meeting," and the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct, to Provide Legal Advice and Counsel with Respect to Contemplated Litigation or Pending Settlement Offer

Reconvene into Open Session and Take Any Necessary Action on Executive Session Item

Adjourn

Mayor Moore adjourned the City Council meeting at 6:21 p.m.



Robert H. Moore III, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tami L. Davis, City Secretary