

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, July 22, 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 DANIEL MORENO
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

Ricky Carstensen, First Methodist 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

Public Comment

No public comments were made at this time.

Announcements, Presentations and Public Hearings

Open Public Hearings

MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Moore to open the below listed public hearings, seconded by Council Member Yanez.

YEAS: Mayor Moore, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, Mayor Pro Tem Hughes, Council Member Wilkerson, Council Member Moreno, 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 816 W 8TH, BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720 – LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LOT 14, BLOCK 5, CEDAR CREST SUBDIVISION, BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS (Property ID 278500 and Property ID 278501) – OWNER: SHARON L. GUTIERREZ AND MANUEL GUTIERREZ

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Wilkerson to abate the above captioned property (816 W. 8th), seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hughes.

YEAS: Mayor Moore, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, Mayor Pro Tem Hughes, Council Member Wilkerson, Council Member Moreno, 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 2003 RUNNELS, BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720 – LEGAL DESCRIPTION: THE SOUTH FIFTY FEET (S/50') OF THE NORTH ONE HUNDRED FEET (N/100') OF THE NORTHWEST ONE-FOURTH (NW/4) OF BLOCK NO. TWENTY-SEVEN (27), IN COLLEGE HEIGHTS ADDITION TO THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS – OWNER: EDNA GONZALES AND ESTATE OF MANUEL GONZALES JR

MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Pro Tem Hughes to abate the above captioned property (2003 Runnels), seconded by Council Member Yanez.

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

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NAYS: None

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MOTION PASSED

PUBLIC HEARING for Consideration and Possible Action Regarding the Contemplated Annexation of a Property being 443.607 acres, more or less, in Section 4, Block 33, Howard County, Texas, Located Entirely Within the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction of and Contiguous to the City of Big Spring, and Identified as Parcel 297545 by the Howard Central Appraisal District of Howard County, Texas, and Provide Persons Interested in the Annexation the Opportunity to be Heard.

PUBLIC HEARING for Consideration and Possible Action Regarding the Contemplated Annexation of a Property being Approximately 127 acres Located Within the T&P RR Co 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 Provide Persons Interested in the Annexation the Opportunity to be Heard.

No comments were made on the above captioned public hearings regarding annexations.

Close Public Hearings

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

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

- Update - Large Item Pickup, District 1
- RFP for Texan Building
- Appointment of Board Members
- Budget Worksessions Aug. 4 - 8

Todd Darden, City Manager, reported on the above captioned items as follows: Large item pickup for District 1 picked up 46 tons of items; The RFP for the Texan Building has been posted and opening bids will be on August 13th; Still need board members on some boards and committees and prefer to use the application process; Budget work sessions and will begin on August 5th.

Consent Items

Approval of the City Council Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 8, 2025

Acknowledge Receipt of the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation Board of Director's Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 17, 2025

Acknowledge Receipt of the McMahon-Wrinkle Aviation Advisory Board Minutes for the Regular Meetings of May 15, 2025 and June 19, 2025

Final Reading of a Resolution Suspending the July 31, 2025, Effective Date of Oncor Electric Delivery Company's Request and to Establish Reasonable Rates; Approving Cooperation with the Steering Committee of Cities Served by Oncor to Hire Legal and Consulting Services and to Negotiate with the Company and Direct any Necessary Litigation and Appeals; 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 for the Steering Committee; 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 and Effective Date

Final Reading of an Ordinance Annexing to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, a Tract Approximately 443.607 Acres, More or Less, in Section 4, Block 33, Howard County, Texas, Identified as Parcel 297545 by the Howard Central Appraisal District of Howard County, Texas, Located Entirely Within the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction of and Contiguous to the City Of Big Spring, and Being Further and More Particularly Described Hereunder, on the Request of Cross-Ell Ranch 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 a Municipal Services 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 Council Member Ornelas to approve the above captioned minutes, resolution and ordinance, seconded by Council Member Yanez.

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

NAYS: None

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MOTION PASSED

Vouchers

Vouchers for 07/11/25 \$ 798,064.12
Vouchers for 07/18/25 \$ 630,608.13

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, 7
Mayor Pro Tem Hughes, Council Member Wilkerson, Council Member
Moreno, Council Member Blackburn**

NAYS: None 0

MOTION PASSED

Bids

Consideration and Possible Action to Award a Bid for a Cart Barn at the Comanche Trail Golf Course 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 R W Fence in the amount of \$120,431.00, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hughes.

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

NAYS: None 0

MOTION PASSED

New Business

First 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 ordinance, seconded by Council Member Wilkerson.

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

Moreno, Council Member Blackburn
NAYS: None

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MOTION PASSED

Consideration and Possible Action Regarding an Annexation Agreement between the City of Big Spring, Texas and Big Spring Economic Development Corporation and Authorizing the City Manager or His Designee to Execute any Necessary Documents.

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

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

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Consideration and Possible Action to Approve a Public Insurance Adjuster Contract with Jansen Adjusters International, LLC, and Authorizing the City Manager or His Designee to Execute any Necessary Documents

MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Moore to approve the above captioned contract, seconded by Council Member Wilkerson.

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

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Boards and Committees

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

Parks and Recreation Board

Johnny DeLeon - District 4 Appointment

MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Moore to appoint Johnny DeLeon to the Parks and Recreation Board, seconded by Council Member Yanez.

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

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Council Input

Input

There were no Council input at this time.

Executive Session

Mayor Moore adjourned into the below listed executive session at 6:02 p.m.

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 on:

- Contemplated litigation, and
- The Fire and Police Employee Relations Act.

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

Mayor Moore reconvened into open session at 6:52.

First 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 Pro Tem Hughes to approve the above captioned resolution, seconded by Council Member Ornelas.

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

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NAYS: None

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MOTION PASSED

Adjourn

Mayor Moore adjourned the City Council meeting at 6:54 p.m.



Robert H. Moore III, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tami L. Davis, City Secretary