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, May 13, 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
COUNCIL MEMBER DANIEL MORENO
COUNCIL MEMBER BLACKBURN (Incoming)
COUNCIL MEMBER TOMPKINS (Outgoing)

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

David Allman, Hillside Christian 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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One citizen had concerns with fluoride in the city's water system. A couple of representatives from the Friends of Historic Downtown Big Spring thanked the City and CVB for sponsoring the Cinco de Mayo event.

Announcements, Presentations and Public Hearings

Mayor Moore opened the below listed public hearings at 5:41 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING - Consideration and Possible Action Concerning Abatement of Public Nuisance, at 1103 W 5TH, BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720 – LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LOTS 5-6, BLOCK 17, JONES VALLEY SUBDIVISION, BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS – OWNER: THE ESTATE OF L. W. GREENHILL

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Ornelas to abate the above captioned property (1103 W. 5th), 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

PUBLIC HEARING - Consideration and Possible Action Concerning Abatement of Public Nuisance, at 2106 NOLAN, BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720 – LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LOT 4, BLOCK 39, COLLEGE HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS – OWNER: EDDIE ALVARADO

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Yanez to abate the above captioned property (2106 Nolan), seconded by Council Member Ornelas.

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

Mayor Moore closed the above captioned public hearings at 5:45 p.m.

City Manager's Report

City Manager's report on the following items:

- Large Item Pickup, District 5 - May 21st
- Update - Tire Drive
- Update - Cinco De Mayo

- Update - Fun Day on the Run Way
- City Holiday - Monday, May 26th Memorial Day

Todd Darden, City Manager, reported on the above captioned items as follows: The tire drive was very successful and collected 1600 tires; The Cinco de Mayo event was very successful and had around 3,000 citizens attend and thanked the Friends of Historic Downtown Big Spring for their work; The Fun Day on the Run Way was also very successful and thanked the Airpark department and the CVB department; City offices will be closed on Monday, May 26th in observance of Memorial Day.

Consent Items

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

Acknowledge Receipt of the McMahon-Wrinkle Aviation Advisory Board Minutes for the Regular Meeting of February 20, 2025

Final 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 Utility Fund Budget for the Purpose of Installing a Drive-Up Service Window for Customer Convenience; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date

Final Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 of The Big Spring City Code Entitled "Administration," Article VII "Boards and Commissions," Division 4 "Parks and Recreation Board," Section 2-295 By Deleting Subsection (E) to Activate the Parks and Recreation Board; 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 an Ordinance Amending Chapter 1 of the Big Spring City Code; Section 1-2 Entitled "Definitions and Rules Of Construction" to Define "Sport Shooting Range" to Conform to the Definition Under State Law, and Amending Chapter 38 of the Big Spring City Code, Section 38-1 Entitled "Firearms, Discharge Prohibited" and Section 38-6 Entitled "BB-Guns, Air Guns, Slingshots, Etc" to Continue to Prohibit Discharge Of Firearms, Air Guns, And Slingshots Within City Limits, and to Make Discharge of Such Only at Sport Shooting Ranges Exceptions to the Violations; 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; Providing for Publication; and Providing an Effective Date.

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

captioned minutes and ordinances, seconded by Council Member Ornelas.

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

Vouchers

Vouchers for 04/25/25 $ 563,317.46

Council Member Wilkerson reviewed the above captioned vouchers.

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

Vouchers for 05/02/25 $ 280,699.50
Vouchers for 05/07/25 $ 867,249.83

Mayor ProTem Tompkins reviewed the above captioned vouchers.

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

Bids

Consideration and Possible Action to Award a Bid for a Double Drum Asphalt Paving Roller for the Street Department 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 Yellowhouse of Midland in the amount of $59,971.00, 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 to Award a Bid for a Zero Turn Mower for the Airpark Department 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 South Plains Implement in the amount of $9,380.49, 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

New Business

Election of Mayor Pro Tem

Mayor Pro Tem Tompkins nominated Council Member Hughes to be the next Mayor Pro Tem.

MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Pro Tem Tompkins to appoint Council Member Hughes as Mayor Pro Tem, seconded by Council Member Ornelas.

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

Emergency Reading of a Resolution Canvassing the Returns and Declaring the Results of the General Election Held on the 3rd Day of May, 2025, in the City of Big Spring, Texas; Finding and Determining that the Meeting at Which this Resolution was Discussed was Open to the Public as Required by Law; and Declaring an Emergency

Mayor Moore and the City Council Members reviewed the canvass results District 5 of the General Election held on May 3, 2025 as follows:

District 5

Tony Scharbrough	**44 votes**
Gloria Blackburn	**80 votes**

Mayor - Duly Elected Unopposed

Robert H. Moore III

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Tompkins to approve the above captioned canvass resolution declaring Gloria Blackburn as City Council Member District 5, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hughes.

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

Recognition of Outgoing Council Member - Troy Tompkins
Todd Darden, City Manager, and Mayor Moore presented a plaque to Council Member Tompkins and thanked him for his years of service on the City Council.

Administer the Oath of Office to the Duly Elected Council Members for the Mayor and District Five
Judge Haynes administered the oath of office to duly elected Robert H. Moore III as Mayor and to Gloria Blackburn as City Council Member District 5 and presented them with a certificate of election.

At this time Council Member Tompkins left the Council and Gloria Blackburn took seat on the Council and participated as Council Member for District 5 for the rest of the meeting.

First Reading of an Ordinance Adopting Section 2-1 "Exemption of City Property from Execution," in Chapter 2 of the Big Spring City Code Entitled "Administration," to Exempt City Property from Execution; Moving Section 2-137 on Exemption of the City on Garnishment to Section 2-2; 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 Moore to approve the above captioned ordinance, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hughes.
YEAS: Mayor Moore, Council Member Yanez, Mayor Pro Tem Hughes, Council Member Wilkerson, Council Member Blackburn, Council Member Moreno **6**
NAYS: Council Member Ornelas **1**
MOTION PASSED

Consideration and Possible Action to Approve an Agreement with Jacob Martin for the Birdwell Lane Rebuild Project and Authorizing the City Manager or his Designee to Execute any Necessary Documents.
MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Pro Tem Hughes to approve the above captioned agreement, seconded by Council Member Wilkerson.
YEAS: Mayor Moore, Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, Mayor Pro Tem Hughes, Council Member Wilkerson, Council Member Blackburn, Council Member Moreno **7**
NAYS: None **0**

MOTION PASSED

Consideration and Possible Action Regarding the Purchase of a Public Utility Easement for Drainage at 3909 Dixon Street, Lots 13 and 14, Block 1, Suburban Heights Addition, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, and Authorizing the City Manager or His Designee to Execute any Necessary Documents.

MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Pro Tem Hughes to approve the purchase of the above captioned public utility easement with a counter offer of $7.000.00, seconded by Mayor Moore.

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

NAYS: None **0**

MOTION PASSED

Boards and Committees

Consideration and Possible Action on the Below Listed Board:

Planning & Zoning Commision

Eric Escamilla - District 6 Appointment

MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Moore to appoint Eric Escamilla to the Planning & Zoning Commission, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hughes.

Planning & Zoning Commission

Eric Escamilla - District 6 Appointment

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

NAYS: None **0**

MOTION PASSED

Council Input

Input

All Council Members expressed their gratitude to Council Member Tompkins for serving on the Council and welcomed the new Council Member Gloria Blackburn. Council Member Blackburn said she was looking forward to working with everyone.

Adjourn

Mayor Moore adjourned the City Council meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Robert H. Moore III, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tami L. Davis, City Secretary