

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, April 8, 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
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

Don Smith 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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No comments were made at this time.

Announcements, Presentations and Public Hearings

Mayor Moore opened the below listed Public Hearings at 5:32 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING - Regarding Amendments to the Zoning Regulations to Add "Indoor Gun Range" to the CA - Central Area District List of Permitted Uses

Shane Bowles, Public Works Director, explained that a request was made to amend the zoning regulations so that an indoor gun range would be permitted use in the Central Area District and that the Planning and Zoning Commission voted unanimously recommending this amendment. No further comments were made.

PUBLIC HEARING - Consideration and Possible Action Concerning Abatement of Public Nuisance, at 803 W 9TH, BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720 – LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LOTS 7-8, BLOCK 15, CEDAR CREST SUBDIVISION, BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS – OWNER: MARSHALL HORN AND JOYCE HORN

MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Pro Tem Tompkins to abate the above captioned property (803 W 9th), 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

PUBLIC HEARING - Consideration and Possible Action Concerning Abatement of Public Nuisance, at 607 W 9TH, BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720 – LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LESS W/60 OF LOT 1, BLOCK 17, CEDAR CREST SUBDIVISION, BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS – OWNER: ANTONIA BUSTAMANTE

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Hughes to abate the above captioned property (607 W. 9th), 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

Mayor Moore closed the above captioned public hearings at 5:38 p.m.

City Manager's Report

City Manager's report on the following items:

- Large Item Pickup, District 4 - April 16th
- Update - Vector Fleet Reimbursement
- Abatement Report
- Legislative Update
- City Holiday, Good Friday - April 18th

Todd Darden, City Manager, reported on the above captioned items as follows: Large item pickup for District 4 will be on April 16th; Vector Fleet Reimbursement check was around \$91,000.00 instead of & \$76,000.00 as previously reported; An abatement report was handed out to council for review; The current legislative bills are being reviewed and reminded the Council if they would like to respond to any of the bills being considered to let him know; A city holiday will be on April 18th in observance of Good Friday; and also Mr. Darden recognized Mike Feeley, Airpark Director, on receiving an award for Airport of the Year

Consent Items

Approval of the City Council Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 25, 2025

Acknowledge Receipt of the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation Board of Director's Minutes for the Regular Meeting of February 18, 2025

Final 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

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 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 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, 7
Council Member Hughes, Council Member Wilkerson, Mayor Pro Tem
Tompkins, Council Member Moreno
NAYS: None 0**

MOTION PASSED

Final 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 Mayor Pro Tem Tompkins to amend the above captioned ordinance by deleting a section within the ordinance, seconded by Council Member Hughes. Andrew Hagen, City Attorney, advised against the proposed amendment due to the fact that it is a significant change that has not been presented to the council or to the public. Mayor Pro Tem Tompkins withdrew his motion.

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

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

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NAYS: None

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MOTION PASSED

Vouchers

Vouchers for 03/27/25 \$ 203,124.39

Council Member Hughes reviewed the above captioned vouchers.

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Hughes 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

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NAYS: None

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MOTION PASSED

Vouchers for 04/04/25 \$ 321,023.31

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 Hughes.

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

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NAYS: None

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MOTION PASSED

Bids

Consideration and Possible Action to Award a Bid for the 2025 Seal Coat Project and Authorizing the City Manager or His Designee to Execute any Necessary Documents

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Wilkerson to award the above captioned bid to Ronald R. Wagner & Co. LP in the amount of \$732,671.68, 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 to Award a Bid for a Side Load Refuse Truck for the Sanitation 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 Rush Truck Centers in the amount of \$320,909.65, 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

New Business

First Reading of an Ordinance to Amend the Big Spring Zoning Regulations, Article 6 "District Regulations", Section 6-6 "Districts and Permitted Uses" by Adding "Shooting Range - Indoor Only" as a Permitted Use in the CA (Central Area District) in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas; Providing for Severability; Providing for Publication; and Providing an Effective Date

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Yanez to approve the above captioned ordinance, 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

Consideration and Possible Action Authorizing an Event Funding Request from CVB to Friends of Historic Downtown Big Spring for a Cinco de Mayo Concert and Festival

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Ornelas to approve the above captioned funding request, 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

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NAYS: None

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MOTION PASSED

Discussion on Boards and Committees Created by the City Council of Big Spring Concerning Procedures for Appointing Members, Eligibility of Members, and Rules.

Mayor Moore expressed concerns regarding some difficulties finding citizens within their district to serve on boards and commissions and made a suggestion to allow any council member to nominate citizens from another district to serve and represent their district. Council Member Ornelas reported that he has not had a problem getting citizens within his district to serve and would like to see more information regarding the boards out to the public. Mayor Moore suggests that the council think about this request and will bring it back in 6 months for review.

Boards and Committees

Consideration and Possible Action on the Below Listed Board:

Planning & Zoning Commission

Beth Henry - Mayor Appointment

MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Moore to appoint Beth Henry to the Planning and Zoning Commission, 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

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NAYS: None

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MOTION PASSED

Council Input

Input

Mayor Moore announced that there will be a dedication ceremony to honor the fallen Trooper Troy Hogue Memorial Highway on Friday, April 11th at 1:00 p.m. at the Hangar 25 Air Museum and also announced that early voting will begin on April 22nd for Council position City District 5.

Council Member Ornelas thanked city staff for taking care of a sewer issue on Canyon Dr.; Thanked the Weeks for all they are doing in the downtown area; would like to see some QR codes or other ways for citizens to file and track citizens complaints; also he visited with TxDOT regarding cleaning up the weeds and trash on some areas.

Council Member Yanez thanked several staff members and ask Code Enforcement to make sure the contractors are doing their job on abatements.

Council Member Tompkins also thanked several staff members and for taking care of a sewer issue late Saturday evening.
Council Member Moreno also suggests to create a city app for city information and complaints.

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 551.072, Texas Government Code, "Deliberation Regarding Real Property; Closed Meeting," to Deliberate the Purchase, Exchange, Lease, or Value of Real Property when Deliberation in an Open Meeting Would Have a Detrimental Effect on the Position of the Governmental Body in Negotiations with a Third Person.

Parcel 4A and Parcel 1B as Depicted on the 2024 Airport Layout Plan, Big Spring McMahon-Wrinkle Airport

Reconvene into Open Session and Take Any Necessary Action Regarding the Executive Sessions.

Adjourn

Mayor Moore adjourned the City Council meeting at 6:24 p.m.



Robert H. Moore III, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tami L. Davis, City Secretary