

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 26, 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

Mike Calley 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 thanked City Manager, Todd Darden, for his work that he does for the City and one citizen spoke in favor of the purchase and demolition of the Texas Building.

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

NAYS: None 0

MOTION PASSED

PUBLIC HEARING - Consideration and Possible Action Concerning Abatement of Public Nuisance, at 901 MAGNOLIA, BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720 – LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LOTS 2-3, BLOCK 14, CEDAR CREST SUBDIVISION, BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS – OWNER: WASL, INC

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Wilkerson to abate the above captioned property (901 Magnolia), 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

PUBLIC HEARING - Consideration and Possible Action Concerning Abatement of Public Nuisance, at 1300 JOHNSON, BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720 – LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LOTS 1-2 "C" BLOCK 19, FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS – OWNER: C & H ENTERPRISES INC

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Yanez to abate the above captioned property (1300 Johnson), 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

Close Public Hearings

MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Moore to close the above listed 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 **7**
NAYS: None **0**

MOTION PASSED

City Manager's Report

City Manager's report on the following items:

- Update - Large Item Pickup, District 2
- City Holiday - September 1st, Labor Day

Todd Darden, City Manager, reported on the above captioned items as follows: Large item pickup for District 2 picked up 14 tons of items; and City offices will be closed on Monday, September 1, 2025 in observance of Labor Day.

Consent Items

Approval of the City Council Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 12, 2025

Acknowledge Receipt of the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation Board of Director's Minutes for the Regular Meeting of July 15, 2025 and the Special Meeting of August 5, 2025

Final 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

Final 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

Final 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

Final 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 minutes, resolutions and ordinance, 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

Vouchers

Vouchers for 08/15/25 \$ 447,892.34

Vouchers for 08/22/25 \$ 551,766.01

Council Member Yanez reviewed the above listed vouchers.

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

**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 Awarding a Bid for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Grit Improvements Project 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 Texas Water and Soil Co. in the amount of \$1,360,080.00, 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

Consideration and Possible Action Awarding a Bid for the Renovation of the Training Center at McMahon-Wrinkle Airport, Converting the Facility to a First Responder Fitness Center 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 Onyx Solutions in the amount of \$479,316.93, 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

Consideration and Possible Action Awarding a Proposal Through the Sourcewell Purchasing Cooperative for Fleet Maintenance Services and Authorizing the City Manager or His Designee to Execute any Necessary Documents

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Blackburn to award the above captioned proposal to Vector Fleet Management through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program , 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

Consideration and Possible Action Awarding a Proposal by Lunes Holding, LLC for the Demolition of City Owned Property and Authorizing the City Manager and/or Mayor to Negotiate and Execute any Necessary Documents

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Ornelas to award the above captioned proposal to Lunes Holding, LLC, 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

New Business

Consideration and Possible Action on Big Spring Economic Development Corporation's 2024-2025 Annual Report and 2025-2026 Plan of Work

MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Moore to approve the above captioned reports, 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

Consideration and Possible Action Regarding the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation's Annual Budget for 2025-2026

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Wilkerson to approve the above captioned budget for 2025-2026 as presented by the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hughes.

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

NAYS: Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Yanez 2

MOTION PASSED

Consideration and Possible Action of Placing a Proposal on the September 9, 2025 City Council Agenda to Adopt the Proposed Tax Rate of \$0.708152

MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Moore to approve placing the proposed tax rate of \$0.708152 for adoption on the September 9, 2025 City Council agenda, seconded by Council Member Blackburn.

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

NAYS: Council Member Ornelas 1

MOTION PASSED

Consideration and Possible Action to Call for Public Hearings on the 2025-26 Annual Budget and the Proposed Tax Rate to be Held on Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers Located at 307 East 4th Street, Big Spring, TX

MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Moore to approve the above captioned public hearings to be presented on the September 9, 2025 agenda, 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 7

NAYS: None 0

MOTION PASSED

Consideration and Possible Action Approving a Change Order with Jacob & Martin, LLC on the 2024 Water and Sewer Line Replacement Program for Additional Water Line Replacement Along Benton St. from 6th to 4th and Authorizing the City Manager or His Designee to Execute any Necessary Documents

MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Moore to approve the above captioned change order with Jacob & Martin, LLC, 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 7

NAYS: None 0

MOTION PASSED

Consideration and Possible Action to Approve a Performance Agreement between Big Spring Economic Development Corporation and Howard County Junior College for Workforce Training

MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Moore to approve the above captioned performance agreement, seconded by Council Member Ornelas.

**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

Consideration and Possible Action Regarding an Agreement to Terminate an Agreement with Jansen Adjusters International LLC 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 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

Consideration and Possible Action to Authorize the City Manager to Negotiate And Execute Any Necessary Documents for a Pipeline Right of Way License Agreement and License Fee Agreement between the City of Big Spring and OXY USA, INC, Concerning a Proposed Pipeline Not to Exceed 15 Rods and Bisecting Martha May Road, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

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

NAYS: None 0

MOTION PASSED

Consideration and Possible Action to Authorize the City Manager to Negotiate And Execute Any Necessary Documents for an Oil and Gas Lease and a Bonus Agreement with SM Energy Company Concerning Section 18, Block 32, Township 1 South, Howard County, Texas

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

MOTION PASSED

Consideration and Possible Action to Approve an Assignment of the City Contract Number C020-2016 from Big Spring Rail System Inc. to Isomeric Rail Services LLC 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 Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, 7
Mayor Pro Tem Hughes, Council Member Wilkerson, Council Member
Moreno, Council Member Blackburn
NAYS: None 0

MOTION PASSED

Consideration and Possible Action Approving a Change Order as to the agreement with Hi Lite for the Acquisition and Installation of New Airport Guidance Signs at McMahon-Wrinkle Airport 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 change order, 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 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 Airport Fund Budget for the Purchase and Installation of Thirty-Eight (38) New Airport Guidance Signs; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date.

MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Pro Tem Hughes to approve the above captioned ordinance, 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

First Reading of an Ordinance Creating a Joint Airport Zoning Board and Investing Such Joint Board with the Powers Such Boards are Authorized to Exercise Under the

Provisions of the Airport Zoning Act, Chapter 241, Texas Local Government Code, As Amended; Amending Chapter 2 of the Big Spring City Code Entitled "Administration," Article VII, "Boards And Commissions," Division 2, to Conform to State Law; 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 Council Member Yanez.

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

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

Taylor Parks - Dist. 3 Appointment - Effective October 1, 2025

MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Moore to appoint Taylor Parks to the Big Spring Economic Development Board of Directors, 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 **7**

NAYS: None **0**

MOTION PASSED

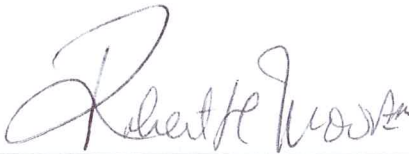
Council Input

Input

All Council Members thanked the staff for their hard work.

Adjourn

Mayor Moore adjourned the City Council meeting at 6:51 p.m.



Robert H. Moore III, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tami L. Davis, City Secretary