

STATE OF TEXAS :
COUNTY OF HOWARD :
CITY OF BIG SPRING :

The City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, met in a Special Meeting in the City Council Chambers located at 307 E. 4th St., Big Spring, Texas, at 5:30 PM, September 16, 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
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 Special City Council meeting to order at 5:48 p.m.

New Business

First Reading of an Ordinance Approving and Adopting an Annual Budget for the City of Big Spring, Texas for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2025 and Ending September 30, 2026; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date

MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Pro Tem Hughes to amend the above captioned budget without the CVB budget by cutting the abatement demolition fund from \$400,000 to \$200,000, taking out the debt service amount of \$83,438, and moving the golf course hire of equipment of \$68,000 out of the operating budget and purchase the equipment as a capital purchase, seconded by Council Member Ornelas.

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

Moreno, Council Member Blackburn
NAYS: None

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MOTION PASSED

MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Pro Tem Hughes to approve the CVB budget, seconded by Council Member Wilkerson.

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

ABSTAIN: Mayor Moore
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MOTION PASSED

First Reading of an Ordinance Fixing and Levying Municipal Ad Valorem Taxes for Said City for the Year 2025; Directing the Assessment and Collection Thereof; Providing for Severability; and Establishing an Effective Date

MOTION: "I Move that the Property Tax Rate be Increased by the Adoption of a Tax Rate of \$0.708152 per \$100 Taxable Assessed Valuation, Which is Effectively a 6.95% Increase in the Tax Rate."

After a brief discussion,

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Ornelas to approve the No New Revenue Rate of \$0.668903, seconded by Council Member Yanez.

YEAS: Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, Council Member Moreno

NAYS: Mayor Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Hughes, Council Member Wilkerson, Council Member Blackburn

MOTION FAILED

MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Moore to approve the proposed tax rate \$0.708152, seconded by Council Member Gloria Blackburn.

YEAS: Robert Moore, Cody Hughes, Homer Wilkerson, Gloria Blackburn

NAYS: Council Member Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, Council Member Moreno

MOTION FAILED DUE TO THE LACK OF A SUPER MAJORITY VOTE OF 60% OF THE COUNCIL FOR A TAX INCREASE

Mayor Pro Tem suggested to go one cent above the No New Revenue Tax Rate of 0.668903 instead of the Proposed Tax Rate of 0.708152.

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

ordinance by moving that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.678903 per \$100 taxable assessed valuation, which is effectively a 1.01108% increase in the tax rate, seconded by Council Member Yanez.

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

NAYS: Council Member Ornelas

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MOTION PASSED

First Reading of an Ordinance Ratifying the Property Tax Increase Reflected in the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget that will Require Raising More Revenue from Property Taxes than in the Prior Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget; and Providing an Effective Date

First Reading of an Ordinance Establishing the Pay Schedule for Classified Positions within the Police Department Effective October 1, 2025; Providing for Repeal of Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; and Providing for an Effective Date

First Reading of an Ordinance Establishing the Fire Department Pay Scale Effective October 1, 2025, in Accordance with Chapter 143 of the Texas Local Government Code; Providing for the Repeal of Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; and Providing an Effective Date

First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 50 of the Code of Ordinance Entitled "Utilities," Article IV Entitled "Utility Service Charges," Section 50-92 Entitled "Charges for Water Rate" Subsection B Due to Increased Costs of Operating the Water Utilities; Providing for Severability; Providing for Publication; and Providing an Effective Date;

First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 44 of the Big Spring Code of Ordinances Entitled "Solid Waste" Article 2 "Collection and Landfill Fees," Section 44-41. "Rates" to Include an Increase on Residential Rates and Commercial Rates; Providing for Severability; Providing for Publication; and Providing an Effective Date.

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Ornelas to approve the above captioned 5 ordinances, seconded by Mayor Moore.

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

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MOTION PASSED

Council Input

Input

No council input at this time.

Adjourn

Mayor Moore adjourned the Special City Council meeting at 7:24 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert H. Moore III". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "R" and "M".

Robert H. Moore III, Mayor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Tami L. Davis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "T" and "D".

Tami L. Davis, City Secretary