

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. 4<sup>th</sup> St., Big Spring, Texas, at 5:30 p.m., March 26, 2020, with the following members present in person:

SHANNON THOMASON	Mayor
CAMILLA STRANDE	Mayor Pro Tem
RAUL MARQUEZ	Councilmember
TERRY MCDANIEL	Councilmember
JIM DEPAUW	Councilmember

The following members present by telecommunication:

GLORIA MCDONALD	Councilmember
DOUG HARTMAN	Councilmember (joined the meeting after the consent items)

Same and constituting a quorum; and the following staff in person;

TODD DARDEN	City Manager
JOHN MEDINA	Assistant City Manager
CRAIG FERGUSON	Fire Chief
SHANE BOWLES	Public Works Director
TIM GREEN	Municipal Court Judge

The following staff was present by telecommunication;

ANDREW HAGEN	City Attorney
DON MOORE	Finance Director/City Secretary

## **INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Thomason gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas Flags.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jeff Ward spoke of his concerns and importance on the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation resolution that is on the agenda for Council to consider.

## **CONSENT ITEMS**

FINAL READING OF A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS, RENEWING AND EXTENDING A DECLARATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY/DISASTER ISSUED BY THE MAYOR ON MARCH 18, 2020 IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND THE UNITED STATES' "15 DAYS TO SLOW THE SPREAD" CAMPAIGN; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO TAKE SUCH STEPS AS ARE NECESSARY TO SUPPORT THE DECLARATIONS THEREIN MADE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

FIRST READING OF A RESOLUTION AMENDING CHAPTER VIII OF THE CITY OF BG SPRING PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 11 ENTITLED "EMERGENCY/DISASTER EMPLOYEE AND WORKING CONDITIONS DESIGNATION; TELECOMMUTING AND LEAVE; AND EXCEPTIONAL CONDITIONS PAID LEAVE"; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE SUCH STEPS AS ARE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT SUCH POLICIES AND PROCEDURES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Motion was made by Councilmember Marquez to approve the above captioned resolutions, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Strande, with Councilmembers Marquez, McDaniel, Thomason, McDonald and Strande voting "aye." Councilmember DePauw, being opposed, voting "nay" for passage of same. Motion passed five to one.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

FINAL READING OF A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A PROJECT AND A LOAN (AND TERMS THEREOF) IN THE AMOUNT OF UP TO SIX MILLION DOLLARS TO FINANCE INFRASTRUCTURE AND ROAD IMPROVEMENTS TO THE BIG SPRING AIRPARK, APPROVING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF LOAN DOCUMENTS RELATING THERETO, DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE PRESIDENT FO BIG SPRING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO CONSUMMATE THE LOAN AND CONTAINING OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

After a brief discussion, motion was made by Councilmember DePauw to approve the above captioned resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Strande, with Councilmembers Marquez, McDaniel, McDonald, Strande and DePauw voting "aye". Councilmembers Hartman and Thomason, being opposed, voting "nay" for passage of same. Motion passed five to two.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**APPROVAL OF THE BIG SPRING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 18, 2020 AND FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF MARCH 3, 2020**

Motion was made by Councilmember DePauw to approve the above captioned minutes, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Strande, with Councilmembers Marquez, McDaniel, Thomason, McDonald, Strande and DePauw voting "aye". Councilmember Hartman abstained.

**CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION DECLARING AN ORDINANCE AS AN URGENT PUBLIC NECESSITY TO CONSIDER WHETHER TO POSTPONE THE GENERAL ELECTION SCHEDULED FOR MAY 2, 2020 AS AN EMERGENCY**

Mayor Thomason objected to the above captioned item as being considered an emergency.

**FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS, POSTPONING THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 2, 2020 FOR THE PURPOSE PERPOSE OF ELECTING A CITY COUNCIL MEMBER FOR DISTRICT ONE AND A CITY COUNCIL MEMBER FOR DISTRICT THREE, TO NOVEMBER 3, 2020 PURSUANT TO A PROCLAMATION FROM GOVERNOR ABBOTT; PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION AND POSTING OF NOTICE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Strande to approve the above captioned ordinance, seconded by Councilmember DePauw, with Councilmembers Marquez, Hartman, McDaniel, McDonald, Strande and DePauw voting "aye." Mayor Thomason, being opposed, voting "nay" for passage of same. Motion passed six to one.

**DISCUSSION REGARDING THE REQUIREMENTS AND RAMIFICATIONS OF TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.143 (TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT)**

Mayor Thomason just wanted to remind the Councilmembers to follow the Roberts Rules.

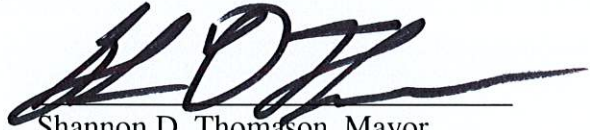
## **COUNCIL INPUT**

Mayor Thomason encouraged citizens not to panic during this time of the COVID-19 epidemic, get back to normal buying so the local stores can keep items in stock and to stay home if possible. Mayor Thomason also reminded everyone to spay or neuter your pets.

Councilmember McDonald wanted to publicly thank the truck drivers for delivering items during this COVID-19 crisis.

**ADJOURN**

Mayor Thomason adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. D. Thomason', written over a horizontal line.

Shannon D. Thomason, Mayor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tami L. Davis', written over a horizontal line.

Tami L. Davis, Assistant City Secretary