

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., April 3, 2020, with the following members present in person:

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

(Councilmember Hartman was not present at this meeting.)

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

TODD DARDEN	City Manager
JOHN MEDINA	Assistant City Manager
ANDREW HAGEN	City Attorney
CRAIG FERGUSON	Fire Chief
DON MOORE	Finance Director/City Secretary
SHANE BOWLES	Public Works Director
TIM GREEN	Municipal Court Judge

## **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.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**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 Councilmember McDaniel to approve the above captioned ordinance, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Strande. Mayor Thomason declared that the main motion to approve by Councilmember McDaniel was out of order based on the belief that this ordinance is a violation of the City Charter to move the election to November. Motion was then made by Mayor Pro Tem Strande to appeal the decision of the chair, seconded by Councilmember

DePauw and the above captioned item was open for discussion. After a lengthy discussion Mayor Thomason made a motion to sustain the appeal, Councilmembers Marquez, McDaniel, Strande, McDonald and DePauw voting “nay” to sustain the appeal, Mayor Thomason voting “aye”.

The main motion that was made by Councilmember McDaniel to approve the above captioned ordinance was back on the table, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Strande, with Councilmembers Marquez, McDaniel, McDonald, Strande and DePauw voting “aye.” Mayor Thomason, being opposed, voting “nay” for passage of same. Motion passed five to one.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

RECONSIDER MAYOR’S VETO ON 3/29/2020 ON A 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 Mayor Pro Tem Strande to approve the above captioned resolution, seconded by Councilmember McDonald, with Councilmembers Marquez, McDaniel, McDonald, Strande and DePauw voting “aye”. Mayor Thomason, being opposed, voting “nay” for passage of same. Motion passed five to one.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.074 TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS;

CITY MANAGER – CONDUCTED IN OPEN SESSION

ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.074 TO DISCUSS DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CITY ATTORNEY; AND

ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.071 TO CONSULT WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION AT 7:45 P.M.

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RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION AND TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AT 8:36 P.M.

No action was taken.

### COUNCIL INPUT

Mayor Thomason updated everyone on the number of COVID-19 tests taken in the City of Big Spring and no confirmed cases as of this date. Mayor Thomason also reminded everyone to spay or neuter your pets.

Councilmember Marquez would like for the Council to be more informed on the COVID-19 updates and try to let the citizens know that the City is doing everything they can to stay on top of the situation.

### ADJOURN

Mayor Thomason adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

  
Shannon D. Thomason, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Tami L. Davis, Assistant City Secretary