

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 p.m., May 12, 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

The following members present by telecommunication:

DOUG HARTMAN	Councilmember
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Same and constituting a quorum; and the following staff in person;

TODD DARDEN	City Manager
JOHN MEDINA	Assistant City Manager
DON MOORE	Finance Director/City Secretary
CRAIG FERGUSON	Fire Chief
JIM LITTLE	Airpark Director
ANDREW HAGEN	City Attorney
HAYLEY HERRERA	Community Services Director

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

PRESENTATION AND RECOGNITION OF RETIREMENT OF LIEUTENANT ABEL SOLIS FOR HIS 20 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE BIG SPRING FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mayor Thomason and Craig Ferguson, Fire Chief, presented a plaque and a retirement check to Able Solis for his retirement with the Big Spring Fire Department of 20 years.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Todd Darden, City Manager, discussed the possibilities of opening up the Russ McEwen Aquatic Center. After a brief discussion, the consent of the Council was to open the Aquatic Center on June 16 with several restrictions.

Mr. Darden also discussed the interest of the Howard County Election Office using the Polly Mayes Annex as their office and allowing Mr. Darden to negotiate a property agreement with them. Council agreed.

Mr. Darden also updated the Council on the following items:

- Landfill
- Distribution Lines
- Sealcoat; and
- Airpark Project and Events

CONSENT ITEMS

APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 28, 2020.

FINAL READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12 ENTITLED "MISCELLANEOUS," ARTICLE 1 "GENERAL PROVISIONS" BY REPEALING SECTION 12-11 "ONLINE PAYMENT CONVENIENCE FEE," AND BY AMENDING CHAPTER 16 ENTITLED "PUBLIC UTILITIES," ARTICLE 3 "UTILITY SERVICE CHARGES" BY REPEALING SECTION 16-71 "ONLINE PAYMENT CONVENIENCE FEE"; AND BY AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED "FINANCE" BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE 7 ENTITLED "MISCELLANEOUS," AND A NEW SECTION 17-25 ENTITLED "PAYMENT CARD FEES AND SERVICE CHARGES" TO AUTHORIZE DESIGNATED EMPLOYEES TO ACCEPT PAYMENT CARDS FOR PAYMENTS, TO REMOVE CARD REIMBURSEMENT FEES ASSOCIATED WITH PAYMENT CARD TRANSACTIONS MADE VIA THE INTERNET, ONLINE IVR (INTERACTIVE VOICE RESPONSE) OR A KIOSK LOCATION, AND TO ESTABLISH A SERVICE CHARGE FOR DISHONORED PAYMENT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

FINAL READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 8 OF THE BIG SPRING CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED "EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OF DISASTERS," SECTION 8-11 "VIOLATIONS" IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM FINE TO \$500 FOR VIOLATION OF RULES OR REGULATIONS NOT GOVERNING FIRE SAFETY, PUBLIC HEALTH, OR SANITATION AND ESTABLISHING A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$2,000 FOR VIOLATION OF RULES OR REGULATIONS GOVERNING FIRE SAFETY, PUBLIC HEALTH, OR SANITATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

APPROVAL OF THE BIG SPRING MCMAHON-WRINKLE AIRPORT AND INDUSTRIAL PARK DEVELOPMENT BOARD MINUTES OF AUGUST 29, 2019

Motion was made by Councilmember Marquez to approve the above captioned minutes and ordinances, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, with all members of the Council present voting "aye".

VOUCHERS

TABLED VOUCHERS - Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Strande to remove the following vouchers off the table, seconded by Mayor Thomason, with all members of the Council present voting "aye".

Mayor Pro Tem Strande reviewed the following vouchers.

VOUCHERS FOR 04/16/2020	\$	624,359.52
VOUCHERS FOR 04/23/2020	\$	995,816.80

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Strande to approve the above captioned vouchers, seconded by Councilmember McDonald, with all members of the Council present voting "aye."

Councilmember DePauw reviewed the following vouchers.

VOUCHERS FOR 04/30/2020	\$	405,671.74
VOUCHERS FOR 05/07/2020	\$	1,219,082.91

Motion was made by Councilmember DePauw to approve the above captioned vouchers, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Strande, with all members of the Council present voting "aye."

BIDS

AWARD BID FOR BANK DEPOSITORY SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS

Motion was made by Councilmember DePauw to award the above captioned bid to BBVA Compass, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Strande, with all members of the Council present voting "aye."

NEW BUSINESS

FIRST READING OF A RESOLUTION FINDING THAT ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY LLC'S APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO AMEND ITS DISTRIBUTION COST RECOVERY FACTOR TO INCREASE DISTRIBUTION RATES WITHIN THE CITY SHOULD BE DENIED; AUTHORIZED PARTICIPATION WITH ONCOR CITIES STEERING COMMITTEE; AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF LEGAL COUNSEL AND CONSULTING SERVICES; FINDING THAT THE CITY'S REASONABLE RATE CASE

EXPENSES SHALL BE REIMBURSED BY THE COMPANY; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW; REQUIRING NOTICE OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE COMPANY AND LEGAL COUNSEL

Motion was made by Mayor Thomason to approve the above captioned resolution, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, with all members of the Council present voting "aye."

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF A CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT FOR THE CITY OF BIG SPRING PORTION OF AIRPARK ROADS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS

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

PERMISSION TO SEEK CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION GRANT AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS

Motion was made by Councilmember McDaniel to approve the above captioned permission, seconded by Councilmember Marquez, with all members of the Council present voting "aye."

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING EMPLOYEE TELECOMMUTING POLICY IN LIGHT OF PERSONNEL POLICIES CHAPTER VIII SECTION 11(C)(5); GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT'S EXECUTIVE ORDER GA-21 OF MAY 5, 2020; AND MEMORANDUM FROM MAYOR SHANNON THOMASON AND CITY MANAGER TODD DARDEN TO CITY EMPLOYEES MAY 7, 2020 ENDING EMPLOYEE TELECOMMUTING AS OF MAY 11, 2020

Councilmember DePauw had concerns regarding the above captioned memo ending employee telecommuting from home. Mr. Darden, City Manager, explained his reasons for his decision to end employees from working from home and returning to work on May 11, 2020. After a brief discussion, there was no action taken.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPOINT A MEDICAL ADVISOR

After a brief discussion motion was made by Councilmember McDaniel to authorize the City Manager to appoint a Medical Advisor, seconded by Councilmember Marquez, with all members of the Council present voting "aye."

APPROVAL OF THE INVESTMENT REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 2020

Don Moore, Finance Director, presented the investment report for the quarter ending March 31, 2020 and added the brokerage CD's had an average weighted return of 1.22% APR. Motion was made by Mayor Thomason to approve the above captioned report, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Strande, with all members of the Council present voting "aye."

COUNCIL INPUT


All Councilmembers thanked the city staff for keeping everyone safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mayor Thomason and Fire Chief Craig Ferguson gave an update on the COVID-19 cases. Mayor Thomason also announced that the COVID-19 tests that the National Guard performed all came back negative. Mayor Thomason also reminded everyone to spay or neuter your pets.

Councilmember DePauw invited everyone to join Keep Big Spring Beautiful in the Toasty Tuesday Trash Pick Up.

ADJOURN

Mayor Thomason adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m.



Shannon D. Thomason, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tami L. Davis, Assistant City Secretary