

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 p.m., June 29, 2020, with the following members present in person:

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

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

JOHN MEDINA	Assistant City Manager
DON MOORE	Finance Director/City Secretary
SHANE BOWLES	Public Works Director
JIM LITTLE	Airpark Director
ANDREW HAGEN	City Attorney
HAYLEY HERRERA	Community Services Director

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Many citizens spoke in person and on the phone against raising the tax rate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

No announcements, presentations or public hearings at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

FIRST READING OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO DIRECT THE HOWARD COUNTY TAX APPRAISER/COLLECTOR TO CALCULATE THE VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING UNDER TEXAS TAX CODE § 26.04(C-1) USING THE SPECIAL TAXING UNIT CAP RATE OF 8% INSTEAD OF THE RECENTLY AMENDED 3.5% CAP RATE AS A RESULT OF THE DECLARATION OF DISASTER ISSUED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

AND THE TEXAS GOVERNOR; CLARIFYING TO THE CITIZENS OF BIG SPRING THAT THIS CAP RATE INCREASE DOES NOT REFLECT THE CITY COUNCIL'S INTENT TO RAISE TAXES BY 8% BUT INSTEAD TO INCREASE THE CAP AS A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE AS PERMITTED DURING TIMES OF DISASTER; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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

FIRST READING OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A NEW INFILL DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM DESIGNED TO FACILITATE PRIVATE INVESTMENT TOWARD THE CONSTRUCTION OF SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSING WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF BIG SPRING AND THEREFORE ENCOURAGE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THAT BENEFITS THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE BIG SPRING COMMUNITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Motion was made by Councilmember Marquez to approve the above captioned resolution, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel. After a brief discussion, all members of the Council present voting "aye."

FIRST READING OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AUCTION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, WITHOUT RESERVATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO DELEGATE NEGOTIATING AUTHORITY TO CITY MANAGER OVER A POSSIBLE LEASE TO ANOTHER PARTY OF BUILDING 19, AIRPARK, BIG SPRING, TX

Jim Little, Airpark Director, explained that the interested party and the City Manager were negotiating a short term lease which does not require Council approval.

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO GRANT AN EASEMENT AND RIGHT-OF-WAY TO ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY, LLC FOR PURPOSE OF IMPROVING THE VALUE OF PROPERTY AT 5412 I-20 WEST, BIG SPRING, TX

Shane Bowles, Public Works Director, asked to table this item to the next meeting to give the property owners a chance to be at the meeting. Motion was made by Councilmember Marquez to table the above captioned easement, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, with all members of the Council voting "aye."

APPROVAL OF THE BIG SPRING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 19, 2020
AND OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF JUNE 9, 2020

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

COUNCIL INPUT

All Councilmembers expressed their appreciation of all the citizens that came to the council meeting to express their concerns and encourage all of them to call their representative.

Mayor Thomason gave a COVID-19 update.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.071 AND THE TEXAS DISCIPLINARY RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT TO CONSULT WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING ANTICIPATED LITIGATION AT 8:36 P.M.:

- A. ONCOR
- B. JAKE TINER CONSTRUCTION
- C. GEO GROUP
- D. WHITING OIL

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION AND TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS AT 9:21 P.M.

Motion was made by Councilmember McDaniel to direct the City Attorney to file suit or settle, as necessary, on all above captioned items as discussed in executive session.

ADJOURN

Mayor Thomason adjourned the meeting at 9:22 p.m.


Shannon D. Thomason, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tami L. Davis, Assistant City Secretary