

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., July 14, 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
ANDREW HAGEN	City Attorney
SHANE BOWLES	Public Works Director
CRAIG FERGUSON	Fire Chief
CHAD WILLIAMS	Police Chief
JIM LITTLE	Airpark Director
HAYLEY HERRERA	Community Services Director

## **INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Jacklyn Roland with the Emergency Services Chaplain gave the invocation and Mayor Thomason led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas Flags.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments at this time.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**PUBLIC HEARING – ZONE CHANGE Z20-04 FROM (SF-3) SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT TO (SF-4) TOWNHOME LOCATED IN BLOCK 9 BAUER 300 X 300 KATE MORRISON SCHOOL, BLOCK 1, TRACT 9, 4.132 ACRES**

Motion was made by Councilmember McDaniel to open the above captioned public hearing, seconded by Councilmember Hartman with all members of the Council present voting “aye.” After a few comments, motion was made by Councilmember McDaniel to close the above

captioned public hearing, seconded by Councilmember Marquez with all members of the Council present voting “aye.”

## **CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

John Medina, Assistant City Manager, gave an update on the following:

- Boards & Committee Vacancies
- Large Item Pickup District 1 – July 15, 2020
- Reliever Route Grand Opening – August 5, 2020
- Splash Pad Opening
- Demolition Update

Report by Medical Advisor Dr. Steve Ahmed on COVID-19

**City Attorney’s Quarterly Report** – Acknowledge Receipt of the City Attorney’s Written Report on Claims Against the City (Privileged).

Motion was made by Mayor Thomason accepting receipt of the City Attorney’s written report, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Strande, with all members of the Council present voting “aye.”

## **CONSENT ITEMS**

**APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE REGULARY MEETING OF JUNE 23, 2020 AND OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF JUNE 29, 2020**

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

**APPROVAL OF THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 18, 2020**

Motion was made by Councilmember McDonald to approve the above captioned minutes and resolution, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel with all members of the Council present voting “aye.”

**FINAL 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 Mayor Pro Tem Strande. Mayor Thomason requested a few amendments to the resolution. After a brief discussion motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Strande to amend the resolution by omitting the words “and the remodeling” in the 6<sup>th</sup> Whereas and also add the

wording Gross Living Area (GLA) after each square footage in Section 5, (B), seconded by Councilmember McDaniel with all members of the Council present voting “aye.”

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

## **VOUCHERS**

Councilmember McDonald reviewed the following vouchers.

Vouchers for 06/26/2020	\$ 145,871.09
Vouchers for 07/02/2020	\$ 848,053.62
Vouchers for 07/09/2020	\$ 1,889,799.32

Motion was made by Councilmember McDonald 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 BIG SPRING MCMAHON-WRINKLE AIRPARK RUNWAY AND TAXIWAY LIGHTING TO B-C COMPANY, INC. AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS**

Motion was made by Councilmember DePauw to award the above captioned bid to B-C Company, Inc. in the amount of \$169,316.00, seconded by Councilmember McDonald with all members of the Council present voting “aye.”

**AWARD BID FOR BIG SPRING MCMAHON-WRINKLE AIRPARK PERIMETER ROAD TO DPR McHAM, LLC AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS**

Motion was made by Councilmember McDaniel to award the above captioned bid to DPR McHam, LLC in the amount of \$1,948,951.29, seconded by Councilmember McDonald with all members of the Council present voting “aye.”

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**FIRST READING OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INVESTMENT POLICY OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING**

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

**FIRST READING OF A RESOLUTION ASSERTING THAT TWO LEGAL MEMORANDA ON INTERPRETATION OF THE CHARTER WITH REGARD TO RECALL OF OFFICERS**

ARE NO LONGER SUBJECT TO CONFIDENTIALITY, PRIVILEGE, OR WORK PRODUCT

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

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED "MISCELLANEOUS," TO ADD NEW SECTIONS 12-56 ENTITLED "REMOVAL OF THE MENTAL STATE ELEMENT FOR OFFENSES PUNISHABLE BY A \$500 FINE OR LESS AND ADMINISTRATIVE SEARCH WARRANTS;" PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6 OF THE BIG SPRING CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED "CEMETERIES, PARKS, AND RECREATION," ARTICLE 5 "MOSS CREEK LAKE," SECTION 6-111 "ADMISSION REGULATION," SUBSECTION B "ADMISSIONS AND PERMIT FEES" TO INCREASE VARIOUS FEES; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

PERMISSION TO APPLY FOR THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE (BJA) GRANT AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS

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

PERMISSION TO APPLY FOR THE APACHE TREE PROGRAM GRANT AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS

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

**DISCUSSION ON BUDGET AND TAX SETTING CALENDAR, GRANT UPDATES, CITY LONG-TERM DEBT, FUND BALANCE REQUIREMENTS, AND OTHER FINANCIAL PRE-BUDGET TAX SETTING FINANCIAL ISSUES**

Don Moore updated the Council on the above captioned items and reviewed the budget calendar.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FORMING A COMMITTEE TO RECOMMEND A PUBLIC ART ORDINANCE**

After a brief discussion, Motion was made by Councilmember Marquez to direct the City Manager to create a 7-member Arts Committee, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Strande 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.

**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 AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS**

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

**ACTION TO RATIFY THE BIG SPRING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION’S BOARD OF DIRECTOR’S APPOINTMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ME. MARK WILLIS**

Mayor Thomason asked that this item be taken into executive session after the council input.

**COUNCIL INPUT**

Mayor Thomason and Craig Ferguson, Fire Chief, gave a COVID-19 update. Mayor Thomason also reminded everyone to stay safe and keep taking precautions against COVID-19 and to help control the pet population, spay or neuter your pets.

Councilmember DePauw congratulated the Big Spring Economic Development Board of Directors for hiring Mark Willis.

Mayor Pro Tem Strande reminded everyone to stay safe and help support the local businesses.

Councilmember Hartman thanked the staff for helping him with a project.

Councilmember Marquez is excited about the new resolution on the infill lots.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.074 TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS (RATIFY THE BIG SPRING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION'S BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S APPOINTMENT) AT 8:27 P.M.:

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION AND TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS AT 8:49 P.M.

Motion was made by Councilmember DePauw to ratify the appointment of the Big Spring Economic Development Executive Director to Mr. Mark Willis, seconded by Councilmember McDonald, with all members of the Council present voting "aye."

**ADJOURN**

Mayor Thomason adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.



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Shannon D. Thomason, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Tami L. Davis, Assistant City Secretary