



MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING

A WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS HELD AT CITY HALL, 710 EAST SAN AUGUSTINE STREET, DEER PARK, TEXAS ON MAY 06, 2025 BEGINNING AT 6:30 P.M., WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

JERRY MOUTON
SHERRY GARRISON
TOMMY GINN
JUSTIN LEAGUE
RON MARTIN
GEORGETTE FORD

MAYOR
COUNCILWOMAN
COUNCILMAN
COUNCILMAN
COUNCILMAN
COUNCILWOMAN

OTHER CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

SARA COSTLOW
JIM FOX
ANGELA SMITH

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
CITY ATTORNEY
CITY SECRETARY

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Mouton called the workshop to order at 6:30 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE – No comments received.

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION - PERSONNEL (551.074) - DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL MATTER RELATED TO THE APPOINTMENT OF A BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT ALTERNATE TO REPLACE A DEPARTING ALTERNATE MEMBER – Mayor Mouton recessed the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Mouton reconvened the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

2. PRESENTATION OF THE BAY AREA HOUSTON ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL REPORT – President/CEO of the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership (BAHEP), Brian Freedman presented a presentation that highlighted activities and events that took place during the past year along with updates on commercial and industrial business developments. Mr. Freedman expressed his gratitude to the city for their service and commitment to the BAHEP organization. (Exhibit A1-A4)
3. DISCUSSION TO ADOPT THE 2024 INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL BUILDING AND RESIDENTIAL BUILDING, PLUMBING, FUEL GAS, MECHANICAL, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE, ENERGY AND FIRE CODE AND THE 2023 NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE – Director of Engineering Dilcia Jimenez gave an update on the adoption of the most recent codes that are mandated by the state. By adopting the new codes, it will allow the city to stay in good standings with the Building Code Effectiveness Grading

Schedule (BC` EGS). The City presently utilizes the 2018 International Commercial Building and Residential Building, Plumbing, Fuel Gas, Mechanical, Property Maintenance, Energy and Fire Codes. It is recommended to adopt the 2024 International Building codes and the 2023 National Electrical Code. Staff will provide a grace period to ensure the public has adequate time from the effective date of the ordinance of May 06, 2025 through July 15, 2025 for transaction still in the process under the old codes. Starting July 15, 2025, all transactions must fall under the new codes adopted by the ordinance. Current projects are grandfathered in as the ordinance will only apply to new construction. (Exhibit B1-B18)

4. DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION ON LUELLA AVENUE INTERSECTIONS AND POSSIBLE REPLACEMENTS OF INTERSECTIONS ON CENTER STREET – Assistant City Manager Sara Costlow spoke of the idea presented to Council in March of 2025 on information pertaining to the beginning stages of an upgrade to the street signage and intersection lights throughout Deer Park.

Public Works Director David Van Riper along with Traffic Supervisor Billy Penick discussed the different examples of colors, sign measurements, pole bases and caps proposed for the initial upgrades to take place along Luella Avenue and Center Street. The Luella sign replacements will cost between \$1,100-\$1,300 per intersection that includes a total of 68 signs.

It was the consensus of the Council to go with Option #3 simple design for the placement pole mount and with Option #3 for the $\frac{3}{4}$ in rounded corner sign in the color maroon. (Exhibit C1-C6)

ADJOURN – Mayor Mouton adjourned the workshop meeting at 7:19 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Angela Smith, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

Jerry Mouton, Jr.
Mayor