



MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

THE 1895th REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS HELD IN CITY HALL, 710 EAST SAN AUGUSTINE STREET, DEER PARK, TEXAS ON MARCH 3, 2026 AT 7:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

JERRY MOUTON
SHERRY GARRISON
TOMMY GINN
RON MARTIN

MAYOR
COUNCILWOMAN
COUNCILMAN
COUNCILMAN

MEMBERS ABSENT:

TJ HAIGHT
JUSTIN LEAGUE
GEORGETTE FORD

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 meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

INVOCATION - The invocation was given by Councilman Elect Eric Ripley.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Councilman Ginn led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and the Texas Flag.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE - Carroll Cass, P.O. Box 842, expressed appreciation to the City for displaying flags along Center Street in observance of Texas Independence Day on March 2, 2026, and recognizing Texas Independence Day and San Jacinto Day on the community calendar - Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC).

TAX PAYER IMPACT STATEMENT

House Bill 1522, passed by the 89th Texas Legislature, amends section 551.043 of the Texas Government Code to require that the notice of a meeting required to be posted under section 551.043(a) of the Texas Open Meetings Act, at which a governmental body will discuss or adopt a budget for the governmental body, must include a taxpayer impact statement showing, for the median-valued homestead property, a comparison of the property tax bill

in dollars pertaining to the property for the current fiscal year to an estimate of the property tax bill in dollars for the same property for the upcoming fiscal year.

CITY OF DEER PARK - TAXPAYER IMPACT STATEMENT

| <i>Description</i> | <i>FY 2024-2025 Adopted Tax Rate</i> | <i>FY 2025-2026 Adopted Tax Rate</i> | <i>FY 2025-2026 No New Revenue Rate</i> |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| <i>Tax Rate per \$100 Valuation</i> | <i>\$0.720000</i> | <i>\$0.720000</i> | <i>\$0.685560</i> |
| <i>Median Taxable Value Homestead</i> | <i>\$193,254.00</i> | <i>\$198,618.00</i> | <i>\$198,618.00</i> |
| <i>Estimated Annual Tax Bill</i> | <i>\$ 1,391.43</i> | <i>\$ 1,430.05</i> | <i>\$ 1,361.65</i> |

CONSENT CALENDAR - Motion was made by Councilman Ginn and seconded by Councilman Martin to approve the consent calendar as follows:

1. APPROVAL OF THE WORKSHOP AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 17, 2026.

Motion carried 4 to 0.

NEW BUSINESS

2. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON ACCEPTANCE OF COMPLETION FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE CAST IRON WATER LINE ON PHYLLIS STREET. - Motion was made by Councilwoman Garrison and seconded by Councilman Martin to approve the completion for the replacement of the cast iron water line on Phyllis Street.

Motion carried 4 to 0.

3. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON ENTERING INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH HARRIS COUNTY TOLL ROAD AUTHORITY (HCTRA) FOR FORMAL REIMBURSEMENT PROCESS FOR RESPONSES ON TOLLWAY SYSTEM. - Motion was made by Councilman Ginn and seconded by Councilwoman Garrison to approve entering into an Interlocal Agreement with Harris County Toll Road Authority (HCTRA) for formal reimbursement process for responses on tollway system.

Motion carried 4 to 0.

4. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON ACCEPTANCE OF CERTIFICATE OF UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES AND CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE DECLARING UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES IN THE MAY 2, 2026 GENERAL CITY ELECTION BE ELECTED TO OFFICE; CANCELLING THE ELECTION. - After a proposed ordinance was read by caption, motion was made by Councilman Ginn and seconded by Councilman Martin to adopt Ordinance No. 4687 captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS, DECLARING THE UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES FOR COUNCIL POSITIONS 4, 5, AND 6 ELECTED; AND PROVIDING THAT THE MAY 2, 2026, GENERAL ELECTION SHALL NOT BE HELD.

Motion carried 4 to 0.

5. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE APPROVED 2025-2026 SALARY & CLASSIFICATION SCALES. - After a proposed ordinance was read by caption, motion was made by Councilman Martin and a second by Councilman Ginn to adopt Ordinance No. 4688 captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A RECLASSIFICATION SCALE AND PAY RANGE CHART FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK; PROVIDING A PAY RANGE CHART FOR UNCLASSIFIED SERVICE EMPLOYEES. (Part-Time OEM Administrative Coordinator.)

Motion carried 4 to 0.

6. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR THE BUILDING MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT TO FUND EXPENDITURES FOR SALARIES, SUPPLIES, AND MAINTENANCE AT THE NEW JIMMY BURKE ACTIVITY CENTER. - After a proposed ordinance was read by caption, motion was made by Councilwoman Garrison and seconded by Councilman Martin to adopt Ordinance No. 4689.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2025-2026 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS, AND APPROPRIATING THE SUMS SET UP THEREIN TO THE OBJECTS AND PURPOSES THEREIN NAMED. (Salaries, supplies, and maintenance at the new Jimmy Burke Activity Center.)

Motion carried 4 to 0.

7. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON APPROVAL TO PURCHASE ONE (1) 2025 FORD EXPLORER SUV FOR THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT THROUGH THE TIPS USA CONTRACT NO. 240901. - Motion was made by Councilman Ginn seconded by Councilman Martin to approve the purchase of one (1) 2025 Ford Explorer SUV for the Planning & Development Department through the TIPS USA Contract No. 240901.

Motion carried 4 to 0.

8. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON APPROVAL TO PURCHASE FURNITURE INSTALLATION SERVICES FROM G&L INSTALLATIONS, INC. VIA TIPS CONTRACT #230301. - Motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilman Ginn to approve the purchase of furniture installation services from G&L Installations, Inc. via TIPS Contract #230301.

Motion carried 4 to 0.

ADJOURN - Mayor Mouton adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Angela Smith, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

Jerry Mouton, Jr.
Mayor