



## 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 FEBRUARY 3, 2026 BEGINNING AT 6:15 P.M.

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

JERRY MOUTON	MAYOR
TJ HAIGHT	COUNCILMAN
TOMMY GINN	COUNCILMAN
JUSTIN LEAGUE	COUNCILMAN
RON MARTIN	COUNCILMAN
GEORGETTE FORD	COUNCILWOMAN

### MEMBER ABSENT:

SHERRY GARRISON	COUNCILWOMAN
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### OTHER CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

JAMES STOKES	CITY MANAGER
SARA COSTLOW	ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
JIM FOX	CITY ATTORNEY
ANGELA SMITH	CITY SECRETARY

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Mouton called the workshop to order at 6:15 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE - No comments received.

### WORKSHOP ITEMS

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION - BY AUTHORITY OF ARTICLE 6252-17 (SECTION 3-E, F, AND G) V.A.T.S. AND THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT, THE COUNCIL MAY ADJOURN TO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION RELATED TO THE FOLLOWING ITEM(S):

Council adjourned into Executive Session at 6:15 p.m.

- a. CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY - (551.071) INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT AGREEMENTS.

Council returned from Executive Session at 6:42 p.m.

2. DISCUSSION OF ISSUES RELATED TO CITY ORDINANCES CONCERNING E-SCOOTERS, BIKES ETC. - City Manager Jay Stokes opened the discussion regarding the increase in e-scooters and bikes and related issues concerning City ordinances. He noted that these motorized devices are being operated on City parks, trails, and streets, emphasizing the importance of ensuring safety for all citizens. Police Chief Greg Grigg reported that the City currently has three ordinances:

- Ordinance 2778 (2001): Prohibits operation of motorized vehicles on the Municipal Golf Course.
- Ordinance 2924 (2003): Prohibits skateboard, scooter, rollerblades or any like equipment within one hundred feet (100') of City facilities.
- Ordinance 2990 (2004): Limits or bans scooters on certain streets, highways, and alleys; requires children to wear helmets; and imposes penalties for violations.

Chief Grigg stated that staff reviewed regulations from surrounding Texas cities and State law, including helmet requirements by age, speed limits, and restrictions on motorized devices. He noted that motorized classifications vary and should be clearly defined in City ordinances, along with age requirements for both adults and children. Parks & Recreation Director Kenny Walsh reported interference from motorized scooters and bikes on walking trails at Dow Park. He noted that internal policies exist but need to be incorporated into an ordinance, and signage may be required to raise awareness.

Council directed staff to gather additional research on rules and regulations for motorized scooters and bikes, including any applicable exceptions, to ensure compliance with State law. The research will also define age requirements and determine helmet regulations. Mr. Stokes informed Council that staff will prepare an internal draft for review and discussion at a future Council workshop.

ADJOURN - Mayor Mouton adjourned the workshop meeting at 7:13 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Angela Smith, TRMC, CMC  
City Secretary

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Jerry Mouton, Jr.  
Mayor