



MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

THE 1896th 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 17, 2026 AT 7:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHER CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

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

SEC 551.127 VIDEO CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE - Not used.

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Mouton called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

INVOCATION - The invocation was given by Councilwoman Ford.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - San Jacinto District Boy Scout Troops 595 and 1513 led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and the Texas Flag.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE - William Hanna, 1702 N. Parkside Dr., addressed Council regarding Section 10 of the proposed ordinance regulating e-bikes. He requested consideration of allowing e-bikes in City parks to provide children the opportunity to use them and suggested implementing a City program focused on rules-of-the-road education for e-bike users.

AWARDING/REJECTING BIDS

1. AWARDING BID FOR THE LEASE FINANCING FOR A NEW PIERCE CUSTOM VELOCITY PUMPER TRUCK PUC FIRE TRUCK FROM THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIRE DISTRICT BOARD TO USBANCORP GOVERNMENT LEASING AND FINANCE. - Motion was made by Councilman Haight and seconded by Councilman League to approve the lease financing for a new Pierce Custom Velocity Pumper Truck PUC Fire Truck

from the recommendation of the Fire District Board to USBancorp Government Leasing and Finance.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

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

2. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 3, 2026.
3. ACCEPTANCE OF THE QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025.
4. ACCEPTANCE OF THE QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 FIRST QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

NEW BUSINESS

5. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 ANNUAL AUDIT. - Motion was made by Councilwoman Garrison and seconded by Councilman League to approve the authorization to accept the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Annual Audit.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

6. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON ACCEPTING COMPLETION OF THE 2026 MANHOLE REHABILITATION PROJECT. - Motion was made by Councilman Ginn and seconded by Councilman Martin to approve the completion of the 2026 Manhole Rehabilitation Project.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

7. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON ACCEPTING COMPLETION OF THE NEW FIRE STATION NO. 1 AND APPROVE THE RELEASE OF \$404,468.48 IN RETAINAGE. - Motion was made by Councilwoman Ford and seconded by Councilman League to approve the completion of the new Fire Station No. 1 and approve the release of \$404,486.48 in retainage.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

8. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON ACCEPTING COMPLETION OF THE AVON ELEVATED STORAGE TANK REPAIRS. - Motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilwoman Garrison to approve the completion of the Avon Elevated Storage Tank Repairs.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

9. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN AMENDMENT TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF DEER PARK AND EMERGICON, LLC THROUGH MARCH 10, 2029. - Motion was made by Councilman League and seconded by Councilman Ginn to approve the amendment to extend the contract between the City of Deer Park and Emergicon, LLC through March 10, 2029.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

10. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION SUSPENDING THE APRIL 18, 2026, EFFECTIVE DATE OF CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES CORP REQUESTED RATE CHANGE FOR THE MAXIMUM SUSPENSION TIME ALLOWED. - After proposed resolution was read by caption, motion was made by Councilman Ginn and seconded by Councilwoman Ford to adopt Resolution No. 2026-03.

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS SUSPENDING THE APRIL 18, 2026 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE PROPOSAL BY CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES CORP., D/B/A CENTERPOINT ENERGY ENTEX AND CENTERPOINT ENERGY TEXAS GAS – HOUSTON, TEXAS COAST, SOUTH TEXAS, AND BEAUMONT/EAST TEXAS GEOGRAPHIC RATE AREAS, TO IMPLEMENT INTERIM GRIP RATE ADJUSTMENTS FOR GAS UTILITY INVESTMENT IN 2025 AND REQUIRING DELIVERY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE COMPANY AND LEGAL COUNSEL

Motion carried 7 to 0.

11. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 62, SEC 62-192 TO 194 REGULATING MOTOR ASSISTED SCOOTERS, SELF-BALANCING TRANSPORTERS AND E-BIKES. - After proposed ordinance was read by caption, motion was made by Councilman League and seconded by Councilman Martin to adopt Ordinance No. 4690.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS, AMENDING ARTICLE VII REGULATIONS FOR MOTOR ASSISTED SCOOTERS, SELF BALANCING TRANSPORTERS AND E-BIKES, CHAPTER 62, SEC. 62-192 THROUGH 62-19, OFFENSES-MISCELLANEOUS; PLACING RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE AND OPERATION OF MOTOR ASSISTED SCOOTERS, SELF BALANCING TRANSPORTERS AND E-BIKES BY LIMITING OR PROHIBITING THE OPERATION OF MOTOR ASSISTED SCOOTERS, SELF BALANCING TRANSPORTERS AND E-BIKES ON CERTAIN STREETS, HIGHWAYS AND ALLEYS; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY FOR ADULTS, CUSTODIANS AND CHILDREN FOR THE USE OF A MOTOR ASSISTED SCOOTER, SELF-BALANCING TRANSPORTER OR E-BIKE IN A RESTRICTED OR PROHIBITED AREA; REQUIRING THAT CHILDREN WEAR A PROTECTIVE HELMET WHILE OPERATING OR RIDING A MOTOR ASSISTED SCOOTER, SELF-BALANCING TRANSPORTER OR E-BIKE; PROVIDING REPEALING, SEVERABILITY AND SAVINGS CLAUSES; PROVIDING FOR A

PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Chief Grigg’s recommendation revising the fourth paragraph by replacing “eliminate traffic” with “mitigate traffic.”)

Motion carried 7 to 0.

12. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION AND A PROPOSED ORDINANCE FROM THE REQUEST OF MELISSA MARTIN WITH LIBERTY CHRISTIAN CLASSICAL ACADEMY FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT TO OPERATE A SCHOOL AT 4325 WEST PASADENA BLVD. - After proposed ordinance was read by caption, motion was made by Councilwoman Ford and seconded by Councilman Haight to adopt Ordinance No. 4691.

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT TO LIBERTY CHRISTIAN CLASSICAL ACADEMY, TO TO HOLD A SCHOOL ON A SITE LOCATED AT 4325 WEST PASADENA BLVD, DEER PARK, TEXAS.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

13. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON THE PURCHASE OF SPLASH PAD RECOATING AND REPAIRS FOR DOW PARK SPLASHPARK FROM KRAFTSMAN COMMERCIAL PLAYGROUND & WATER PARKS VIA BUYBOARD CONTRACT #679-22. - Motion was made by Councilman Ginn and seconded by Councilman League to approve the purchase of splash pad recoating and repairs for Dow Park Splashpark from Kraftsman Commercial Playground & Water Parks via Buyboard Contract #679-22.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

ADJOURN - Mayor Mouton adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Angela Smith, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

Jerry Mouton, Jr.
Mayor