

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 MARCH 04, 2025 BEGINNING AT 7:00 P.M., WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHER CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

JAMES STOKES SARA COSTLOW JIM FOX SONIA ACOSTA CITY MANAGER ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER CITY ATTORNEY DEPUTY CITY SECRETARY

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Mouton called the workshop to order at 7:00 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE -

Brianna Garcia and Natyria Newkirk, members of the World Mission Society Church of God, invited City Council and all in attendance to the blood donation drive at 230 W. 7th Street Deer Park, Texas. The event will take place on Sunday March 9, 2025 beginning at 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

1. <u>PRESENTATION OF THE TEXAS RECREATION AND PARKS SOCIETY (TRAPS)</u> <u>GOLD MEDAL AWARD</u> – Parks and Recreation Director Kenny Walsh spoke of the 2025 Texas Recreation and Parks Society (TRAPS) Award and what the award signifies for the entire Parks and Recreation Department. Mr. Walsh explained that the TRAPS organization is committed to advancing the parks and recreation services within the state of Texas while fostering connections among professionals, among advocates for industry progress and provides resources and education. Mr. Walsh also commented on the Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jacob Zuniga and his dedication in completing his term as the President of TRAPS. Page 2, Minutes, Workshop Meeting City Council, March 04, 2025

- 2. <u>DISCUSSION OF ISSUES RELATING TO THE QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 FIRST QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024</u> Finance Director Nicole Ganey gave a summary on the General Fund with 51% of the budgeted revenue collected thru December 31, 2024. Property tax collections generally are heaviest in December and January. Ms. Ganey mentioned that 98% of the Industrial District payments have been received and that 33% of the General Fund's budgeted expenditures have been encumbered as of December 31, 2025. The property taxes collected totaled 29.14M along with an increase in sales tax by 14.9%, which is trending higher than the sales tax of 2024. The total principal debt outstanding as of October 1, 2024 is 140.6M.
- 3. <u>PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF ISSUES RELATING TO THE SALE OF</u> <u>CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2025</u> – The City's Financial Advisor John Robuck, from BOK Financial Securities, Inc., and the City's Bond Counsel, Jonathan Frels, from Bracewell LLP, presented a financing plan and schedule of events for the issuance of the Certificates of Obligation, Series 2025, in the amount not to exceed 7M for the acquisition, construction and equipment of the municipal courthouse. The presentation included the current bond market and bond buyer index, sources and uses of funds, final debt service requirements along with a schedule of the next step for the issuance of the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2025.

<u>ADJOURN</u> – Mayor Mouton adjourned the workshop meeting at 7:17 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Angela Smith, TRMC, CMC City Secretary

Tommý Ginn, Pro Tem

