



## 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 APRIL 21, 2026 BEGINNING AT 7:00 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 workshop to order at 7:00 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE - No comments were received from the public.

### WORKSHOP ITEMS

1. PRESENTATION OF THE ECONOMIC ALLIANCE HOUSTON PORT REGION ANNUAL REPORT. - President/CEO Economic Alliance Houston Port Region Chad Burke presented annual information to Council pertaining to public policy, transportation/infrastructure workforce development, quality of life, and reported on Gulf Coast industry issues and trends.

Mr. Burke mentioned that Workforce Development division has been marketing career pathway opportunities to students in Career and Technical Education (CTE) through partnerships between local industry and institutions such as San Jacinto College.

Councilman Martin inquired about Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs in schools and asked whether data is tracked on students who complete programs at San Jacinto College and transition into employment in high-level industry positions.

Mr. Burke reported that they have worked with industry and education institutions to gather data to better align with workforce demands and trends.

There were no further questions or comments from Council.

2. RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEE AWARDS FOR 1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER. - City Manager James Stokes introduced the first presenter of the Employee Awards for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter.

Director of Public Works David Van Riper presented Tomas Bitetto, Electrical/HVAC Maintenance Technician as Employee of the Quarter (Field).

Director of Planning and Development Dilcia Jimenez presented Daniel Orta, Engineering Coordinator/GIS Tech as Employee of the Quarter (Support).

Assistant City Manager Sara Costlow presented Tracy Peterson, Payroll Supervisor/Purchasing Coordinator as Supervisor of the Quarter.

Director of Parks and Recreation Kenny Walsh presented Parks and Recreation Membership Services Department: Tara Campbell, Haley D'alessandro, Sarah Walker, Averie Garner, Karrah Tippie, Clarisa Corona, Jessica Alvarado, Jaylon Fisher, Trevor Salazar, Brent Lewis, Keira Hernandez, and Ximena Bejar as Team of the Quarter.

ADJOURN - Mayor Mouton adjourned the workshop meeting at 7:26 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Angela Smith, TRMC, CMC  
City Secretary

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Jerry Mouton, Jr.  
Mayor