

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

THE 1899th 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 MAY 5, 2026 AT 7:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

JERRY MOUTON	MAYOR
SHERRY GARRISON	COUNCILWOMAN
TOMMY GINN	COUNCILMAN
JUSTIN LEAGUE	COUNCILMAN
RON MARTIN	COUNCILMAN (OUTGOING)
ERIC RIPLEY	COUNCILMAN (INCOMING)
GEORGETTE FORD	COUNCILWOMAN

MEMBER ABSENT:

TJ HAIGHT	COUNCILMAN
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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 meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

INVOCATION - The invocation was given by Councilwoman Ford.

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

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE – No comments were received from the public.

ELECTIONS

1. PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION TO COUNCIL POSITIONS 4, 5 & 6. ENTREGA DE ACTAS DE ELECCIÓN MIEMBROS DEL CONSEJO 4, 5 Y 6. - Councilman Martin stepped down from the dais following twelve (12) years of service on City Council.

Mayor Mouton presented Certificates of Election to Councilman Justin League, Position 4; Councilman Eric Ripley, Position 5; and Georgette Ford, Position 6.

2. COMPLETE THE STATEMENT OF OFFICER FORM AND ADMINSTRATING THE

OATHS OF OFFICE. COMPLETAR EL FORMULARIO DE DECLARACIÓN DE FUNCIONARIO Y TOMAR LOS JURAMENTOS DEL CARGO. – Mayor Mouton administered Statement of Officer and Oath of Office to Councilman Justin League, Position 4; Councilman Eric Ripley, Position 5; and Georgette Ford, Position 6.

3. RECOGNITION OF COUNCILMAN RON MARTIN AS DEPARTING CITY COUNCIL MEMBER. - Outgoing Councilman Martin thanked Mayor Mouton and City Council for their support and friendship throughout his twelve (12) years of service on City Council.

Councilman Martin expressed appreciation to City Manager Jay Stokes, Assistant City Manager Sara Costlow, and current and former City staff for their dedication and leadership. Councilman Martin commended Mr. Stokes for fostering employee longevity, unifying Council, and leading several City facility improvements and projects completed during his tenure.

Councilman Martin stated he will miss serving on Council and expressed confidence that the City will remain in good hands with Councilman Ripley serving the community.

Mayor Mouton recognized and presented Councilman Martin an award for his dedicated service during his tenure on City Council from 2014 through 2026.

PRESENTATIONS

4. PRESENTATION AND RECOGNITION OF SERVICE FOR OUTGOING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSIONER DON TIPPIT. - Outgoing Board of Adjustment and Planning and Zoning Commissioner Don Tippit recognized the City Council and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve the City for thirty-two (32) years. Mr. Tippit expressed confidence in leaving the Board of Adjustment and Planning and Zoning Commission in the hands of a strong group of members.

Mayor Mouton presented a proclamation and declaring May 5, 2026 as Don Tippit Day in recognition of Mr. Tippit's dedicated service to the City during his thirty-two (32) years of service.

5. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK AS MAY 17-23, 2026.- Public Works Director David Van Riper spoke regarding National Public Works Week, which begins the third week of May, and announced that Public Works employees will participate in a barbecue cook-off event this month alongside approximately twenty-five (25) teams. Mr. Van Riper stated the events provide opportunities for Public Works employees to participate in festivities recognizing National Public Works Week.

Mr. Van Riper also discussed the various divisions within the Public Works Department and the services they provide to the City. He reported that the City's Water Treatment Plant received third place recognition in Texas for best drinking water. In addition, Public Works employees were acknowledged for their work on the redesign and updates to recent street sign projects completed throughout the City.

Mayor Mouton recognized and proclaimed May 17-23, 2026 as National Public Works Week.

6. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING 57TH ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL MUNICIPAL CLERKS WEEK AS MAY 3-9, 2026. - City Secretary Angela Smith spoke regarding the statutory duties of the City Secretary's Office, noting that the position is established by state law and is not solely an administrative role. Ms. Smith discussed responsibilities of the office, including election administration, agenda management for Council and boards and commission, public information requests, records management, and registration and renewal of City fleet vehicles.

Ms. Smith introduced the full-time City Secretary's office staff, present including Gladis Sanchez, Deputy City Secretary; Jessica Rackley, Records Specialist; Monica Chavez, Clerk. Katherine Rodriguez, part-time morning receptionist; and Sara Garza, part-time afternoon receptionist, were not present.

Mayor Mouton recognized and proclaimed May 3-9, 2026 as Professional Municipal Clerks Week.

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

7. APPROVAL OF THE WORKSHOP AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 21, 2026.
8. ACCEPTANCE OF THE DEER PARK COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION'S QUARTERLY REPORT FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2026 - MARCH 31, 2026.

Motion carried 6 to 0.

NEW BUSINESS

9. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON THE DESIGNATION OF MAYOR PRO-TEM. - Motion was made by Councilman League and seconded by Councilman Ripley on the designation of Mayor Pro-Tem which covers 2026-2027 terms for Council members.

Motion carried 6 to 0.

10. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON ENTERING INTO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS WITH DPISD TO SUPPLY 14 DPISD SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS TO COVER ALL OF THE CAMPUSES IN DEER PARK, AND THREE OF THE CAMPUSES IN PASADENA FOR THE 2026/2027 SCHOOL YEAR. - Motion was made by Councilwoman Garrison and seconded by Councilwoman Ford to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with DPISD to supply 14 DPISD School Resource Officers to cover all of the campuses in Deer Park and three of the campuses in Pasadena for the 2026/2027 school year.

11. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ARDURRA GROUP, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATED TO THE PLC UPGRADES AT THE SURFACE WATER TREATMENT PLANT. - Motion was made by Councilwoman Ford and seconded by Councilman Ginn entering into an agreement with Ardurra Group, Inc. for professional services related to the PLC upgrades at the Surface Water Treatment Plant.

Motion carried 6 to 0.

12. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION; APPROVING THE PREPARATION OF A PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT; AND APPROVING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENTAL THERETO. - After a proposed resolution was read by caption, motion was made by Councilman Ginn and seconded by Councilman League to adopt Resolution No. 2026-05.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION; APPROVING THE PREPARATION OF PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT; AND APPROVING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENTAL THERETO.

Motion carried 6 to 0.

13. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING ONE MEMBER TO THE CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION DISTRICT DUE TO CHANGE IN COUNCIL. - After a proposed ordinance was read by caption, motion was made by Councilman Ripley and seconded by Councilman League to adopt Ordinance No. 4694.

AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING ONE (1) BOARD MEMBER OF THE CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS DUE TO CHANGE IN COUNCIL. (Victor White, appointed by Council member Eric Ripley.)

Motion carried 6 to 0.

14. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING ONE MEMBER TO THE FIRE CONTROL, PREVENTION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DISTRICT DUE TO CHANGE IN COUNCIL. - After a proposed ordinance was read by caption, motion was made by Councilman Ginn and seconded by Councilwoman Ford to adopt Ordinance No. 4695.

AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING ONE (1) BOARD MEMBER TO THE FIRE CONTROL, PREVENTION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS DUE TO CHANGE IN COUNCIL (Daniel Lovercheck, appointed by incoming Council Member Eric Ripley.)

Motion carried 6 to 0.

15. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING MO GHUNEIM AS MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM. - After a proposed ordinance was read by caption, motion was made by Councilman League and seconded by Councilwoman Ford to adopt Ordinance No. 4696.

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF THE PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION, PROVIDING FOR TERM, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Municipal Court Judge Mo Ghuneim.)

Motion carried 6 to 0.

16. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING ONE ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT TO COMPLETE UNEXPIRED TERM. - After a proposed ordinance was read by caption, motion was made by Councilwoman Ford and seconded by Councilman League to adopt Ordinance No. 4697.

AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING ONE (1) ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS; AND SPECIFYING THEIR TERMS. (Gracie Serrano.)

Motion carried 6 to 0.

17. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING TWO MEMBERS TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION FOR TWO-YEAR TERMS. - After a proposed ordinance was read by caption, motion was made by Councilwoman Garrison and seconded by Councilman Ripley to adopt Ordinance No. 4698.

AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING TWO MEMBERS TO THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS, AND PROVIDING TERM LENGTH. (Scott Combs and Robert Henson.)

Motion carried 6 to 0.

18. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM. - After a proposed ordinance was read by caption, motion was made by Councilman League and seconded by Councilman Ginn to adopt Ordinance No. 4698.

AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING DR. DONALD R. METZ, ANDREW METZ, JAMES J. STOKES AND DILCIA JIMENEZ AS MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH IN THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR REPEAL, AND PROVIDING FOR TERM LENGTH.


Motion carried 6 to 0.

19. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON PURCHASING THE SERVICES OF SMITH PUMP COMPANY, INC., FOR THE REHABILITATION OF TWO BOOSTER PUMPS AT THE PASADENA BLVD. WATER WELL SITE (BUY BOARD CONTRACT #770-25). - Motion was made by Councilman Ginn and seconded by Councilman League to approve purchasing the service of Smith Pump Company, Inc., for the rehabilitation of two booster pumps at the Pasadena Blvd. water well site (Buy Board Contract #770-25).

Motion carried 6 to 0.


ADJOURN - Mayor Mouton adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

ATTEST:



Angela Smith, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

APPROVED:



Jerry Mouton, Jr.
Mayor

