



## 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 MAY 19, 2026 BEGINNING AT 7:00 P.M.

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

JERRY MOUTON	MAYOR
SHERRY GARRISON	COUNCILWOMAN
TOMMY GINN	COUNCILMAN
JUSTIN LEAGUE	COUNCILMAN
ERIC RIPLEY	COUNCILMAN
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 workshop to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

### WORKSHOP ITEMS

1. PRESENTATION OF THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION (AHA) MISSION LIFELINE SILVER AWARD. - Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Chief Andrew Smith reported that the department received the 2026 Mission: Lifeline EMS Silver with Target: Heart Attack Honor Roll Achievement Award from the American Heart Association. EMS Chief Smith stated that this is the first time the EMS Department has submitted for and received the Target: Heart Attack Honor Roll recognition.

EMS Chief Smith explained the award is a national recognition program that acknowledges EMS agencies for providing rapid, evidence-based care to patients experiencing heart attacks, strokes, and other severe cardiovascular emergencies. He further stated the award is based on measurable performance data and recognizes agencies that consistently meet national standards for rapid assessment, early treatment, ECG interpretation, hospital notification, and timely transport decisions.

EMS Chief Smith acknowledged that the achievement would not have been possible without the hard work, training, and commitment of the City's EMS personnel and providers.

2. DISCUSSION OF ISSUES RELATING TO THE QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 SECOND QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31, 2026. - Director of Finance Nicole Ganey presented the quarterly financial report for the fiscal year 2025-2026 second quarter ending March 31, 2026. Ms. Ganey stated the financial reports were previously reviewed with the Finance Committee.

Ms. Ganey reported the City continues to experience strong property tax collections. Property tax bills were issued upon receipt, and taxpayers had until January 31, 2026, before penalties and interest were assessed. As of the second quarter, the City had collected 96.09% of the 2025 levied property taxes, and 98.85% of the General Fund property tax budget had been received. Ms. Ganey further stated the City collected 80% of the General Fund budgeted revenue during the second quarter, with approximately 48% attributed to property tax payments. Property taxes account for approximately 38% of the City's Fiscal Year 2026 revenue budget.

Ms. Ganey also reported Industrial District revenue exceeded expectations, with 102% of the budgeted revenue received. The City budgeted approximately \$14.1 million and collected nearly \$14.4 million, exceeding projections by approximately \$255,000.

Ms. Ganey stated General Fund expenditures are trending within budget projections. As of March 31, 2026, the General Fund had realized 42.84% of budgeted expenditures, with an additional 12.46% encumbered for future purchases. She noted property tax and Industrial District revenues collectively account for approximately 63% of the General Fund budgeted revenue and remain essential to City operations.

Ms. Ganey reported the City collected approximately \$45.6 million in property tax and Industrial District revenues during the second quarter, including approximately \$21.7 million allocated to the General Fund from property taxes, \$9.6 million allocated to the Debt Service Fund, and \$14.8 million from Industrial District payments allocated to the General Fund.

Ms. Ganey stated sales tax collections remained strong during the second quarter, despite a slight decrease of 4.16%, or approximately \$208,000, compared to the same period in 2025. She noted Fiscal Year 2025 represented the highest sales tax collection year in the City's history. Ms. Ganey further explained sales tax is collected by the State and remitted to the City with a two-month delay; therefore, the figures presented reflect four months of collections rather than six months.

Regarding Enterprise Funds, Ms. Ganey reported the Water and Sewer Fund, the City's largest enterprise fund, collected approximately \$7,030,880, representing 44% of the budgeted revenue. The Storm Water Fund collected approximately \$193,539, representing 38% of the budgeted revenue, and the Dow Activity Complex (DAC) Fund collected approximately \$345,217, representing 33% of the budgeted revenue.

Ms. Ganey stated General Fund reserves total approximately \$54,169,118, representing 90% of budgeted expenditures. Based on current operations, the City could sustain operations for approximately 329 days.

Ms. Ganey further reported that, as of October 1, 2025, the City's outstanding principal debt totaled approximately \$139,225,000. Principal payments are made annually in March, with interest payments due in March and September. Total principal payments for the fiscal year between the Debt Service Fund and Water and Sewer Fund total approximately \$8.24 million, with interest payments totaling approximately \$5.59 million.

There were no questions or comments from Council.

ADJOURN - Mayor Mouton adjourned the workshop meeting at 7:09 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Angela Smith, TRMC, CMC  
City Secretary

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Jerry Mouton, Jr.  
Mayor