



MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

THE 1848TH 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 19, 2024 AT 7:30 P.M., WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

JERRY MOUTON
SHERRY GARRISON
TJ HAIGHT
TOMMY GINN
BILL PATTERSON
RON MARTIN
GEORGETTE FORD

MAYOR
COUNCILWOMAN
COUNCILMAN
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OTHER CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

JAMES STOKES
SARA ROBINSON
JIM FOX
ANGELA SMITH

CITY MANAGER
ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
CITY ATTORNEY
CITY SECRETARY

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

INVOCATION – The invocation was given by Councilman Patterson.

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

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE – No comments received.

1. PRESENTATION TO THE CITY OF DEER PARK FOR THE 2023 PRESIDENT'S AWARD BY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS (EMAT) – Emergency Services Director Jamie Galloway explained how he was the outgoing 2023 President of EMAT and was given the opportunity to award any municipality or government agency that exemplify what good emergency management is. For this year's 2023 President's Award, Pasadena and Deer Park were awarded. Mr. Galloway spoke of the two cities working with local, state and federal partners along with each other to communicate information for the recovery operation response during the January 24, 2023 tornado.
2. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AWARDED THE BID FOR SODIUM ORTHOPHOSPHATE FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT – Motion was made by Councilman Ginn and seconded by Councilman Haight to award the bid for Sodium Orthophosphate for the Water Treatment Plant to ChemNation in the amount of \$49,788.69. Motion carried 7 to 0.

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

3. Approval of minutes of workshop meeting on March 05, 2024.
4. Approval of minutes of regular meeting on March 05, 2024.
5. Approval of strategic planning workshop meeting minutes for March 1, 2024.
6. Approval of tax refund to Texas Eastern Transmission LP in the amount of \$1,972.87 due to an overpayment.
7. Approval of tax refund to Corelogic in the amount of \$1,549.71 due to an overpayment.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

8. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A ONE (1) YEAR CONTRACT RENEWAL FOR PLATED STYLE MEALS SERVICES TO AZALEA CREEK, LLC FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT'S ART PARK PLAYERS THEATER PERFORMANCES – Motion was made by Councilwoman Garrison and seconded by Councilwoman Ford to approve a one (1) year contract renewal for plated style meals services to Azalea Creek, LLC for the Parks and Recreation Department's Art Park Players Theater performances. Motion passed 7 to 0.
9. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE TRANSFER/DONATION OF RADIO EQUIPMENT TO MATAGORDA COUNTY – Motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilman Haight to approve the transfer/donation of radio equipment to Matagorda County. Motion carried 7 to 0.
10. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION SUSPENDING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE STATEMENT OF INTENT OF CENTERPOINT ENERGY TO INCREASE RATES; APPROVING CONTINUED PARTICIPATION WITH THE GULF COAST COALITION OF CITIES; AND HIRING LEGAL COUNSEL – After a proposed resolution was read by caption, motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilman Patterson to adopt Resolution No. 24-07, captioned as follows:

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS SUSPENDING THE APRIL 10, 2024 EFFECTIVE DATE OF CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC'S REQUESTED RATE CHANGE TO PERMIT THE CITY TIME TO STUDY THE REQUEST AND TO ESTABLISH REASONABLE RATES; APPROVING CONTINUED COOPERATION WITH THE GULF COAST COALITION OF CITIES; HIRING LLOYD GOSSELINK ATTORNEYS AND CONSULTING SERVICES TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE COMPANY AND DIRECT ANY NECESSARY LITIGATION AND APPEALS; REQUIRING REIMBURSEMENT OF CITIES' RATE CASE EXPENSES; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW; REQUIRING NOTICE OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE COMPANY AND LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE GULF COAST COALITION OF CITIES.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

11. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF STEPHANIE REGISTER AS TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR – After a proposed ordinance was read by caption, motion was made by Councilwoman Ford and seconded by Councilman Patterson to adopt Ordinance No. 4505, captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF STEPHANIE REGISTER AS TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR FOR THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS; REPEALING ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

12. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH AND RESCINDING THE TERM ENDING DATE FROM ORDINANCE NO. 4370 – After a proposed ordinance was read by caption, motion was made by Councilman Ginn and seconded by Councilman Patterson to adopt Ordinance No. 4506, captioned as follows:

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, FOR A TERM FROM MARCH 19, 2024 TO MAY 31, 2026; AND REPEALING PRIOR ORDINANCE NO. 4370.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

13. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 HOTEL/MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX FUND BUDGET TO PURCHASE CHRISTMAS DECORATION SERVICES FROM DEKRA-LITE, LLC. – After a proposed ordinance was read by caption, motion was made by Councilwoman Ford and seconded by Councilman Patterson to adopt Ordinance No. 4507, captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2023-2024 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS, AND APPROPRIATING THE SUMS SET UP THEREIN TO THE OBJECTS AND PURPOSES THEREIN NAMED.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

14. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 GOLF COURSE LEASE FUND BUDGET TO LEASE GOLF CARTS FROM EZGO FOR THE BATTLEGROUND GOLF COURSE – After a proposed ordinance was read by caption, motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilman Patterson to adopt Ordinance No. 4508, captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2023-2024 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS, AND APPROPRIATING THE SUMS SET UP THEREIN TO THE OBJECTS AND PURPOSES THEREIN NAMED.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

15. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 BUDGET FOR THE GENERAL FUND IT SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO REPLACE THE AIR GAP SYSTEM – After a proposed ordinance was read by caption, motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilman Patterson to adopt Ordinance No. 4509, captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2023-2024 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS, AND APPROPRIATING THE SUMS SET UP THEREIN TO THE OBJECTS AND PURPOSES THEREIN NAMED.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

16. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE UPDATED 2023-2024 SALARY & CLASSIFICATION SCALES – After a proposed ordinance was read by caption, motion was made by Councilman Haight and seconded by Councilman Patterson to adopt Ordinance No. 4510, captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A RECLASSIFICATION SCALE AND PAY RANGE CHART FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK; PROVIDING A PAY RANGE CHART FOR UNCLASSIFIED SERVICE EMPLOYEES.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

17. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BUDGET TO RECOGNIZE THE PRESENT VALUE OF THE FUTURE PAYMENTS OF THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH STRYKER, LLC. – After a proposed ordinance was read by caption, motion was made by Councilman Ginn and seconded by Councilman Patterson to adopt Ordinance No. 4511, captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2022-2023 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS, AND APPROPRIATING THE SUMS SET UP THEREIN TO THE OBJECTS AND PURPOSES THEREIN NAMED.

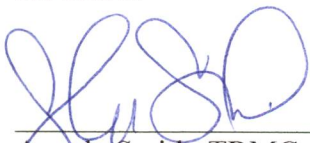
Motion carried 7 to 0.

18. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 ANNUAL AUDIT – Motion was made by Councilman Haight and seconded by Councilwoman Ford on authorization to accept of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Annual Audit. Motion carried 7 to 0.

19. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A PURCHASE OF SERVICES FROM FUQUAY, INC., THROUGH THE BUY BOARD COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM TO PERFORM THE REHABILITATION OF THE GREEN VALLEY LIFT STATION PROJECT – Motion was made by Councilman Patterson and seconded by Councilwoman Ford on the purchase of services from Fuquay, Inc., through the Buy Board Cooperative Purchasing Program to perform the Rehabilitation of the Green Valley Lift Station Project. Motion carried 7 to 0.
20. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON ENTERING INTO A LEASE WITH EZGO FOR GOLF CARTS FOR THE BATTLEGROUND GOLF COURSE – Motion was made by Councilwoman Garrison and seconded by Councilman Patterson on entering into a lease with EZGO for golf carts for the Battleground Golf Course. Motion carried 7 to 0.
21. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON THE PURCHASE AND LEASE OF CHRISTMAS LIGHT SERVICES FROM DEKRA-LITE, LLC. – Motion was made by Councilwoman Ford and seconded by Councilman Patterson on the purchase and lease of Christmas light services from Dekra-lite, LLC. Motion carried 7 to 0.
22. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON THE PURCHASE OF ELECTRONIC MARQUEE MESSAGE SIGN FOR FIRE STATION #2 LOCATED 950 W. PASADENA BLVD. FROM NATIONAL SIGN ON CHOICE PARTNERS COOP CONTRACT #22/023MJ-01 – Motion was made by Councilman Patterson and seconded by Councilman Haight on the purchase of electronic marquee message sign for Fire Station #2 located 950 W. Pasadena Blvd. from National Sign on Choice Partners Coop Contract #22/023MJ-01. Motion carried 7 to 0.
23. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON THE PURCHASE OF OFFICE FURNITURE FOR FIRE STATION #2 AND FIRE TRAINING FACILITY FROM LETOURNEAUKELLER ON OMNIA PARTNERSHIP CONTRACT #R91804 – Motion was made by Councilman Ginn and seconded by Councilman Haight on the purchase of office furniture for Fire Station #2 and Fire Training Facility from LetourneauKeller on Omnia Partnership Contract #R91804. Motion carried 7 to 0.

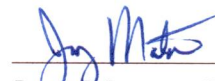
ADJOURN – Mayor Mouton adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

ATTEST:



Angela Smith, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

APPROVED:



Jerry Mouton, Jr.
Mayor