

**MINUTES
AGENDA
PUBLIC MEETING
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THE TOWN OF HORIZON CITY, TEXAS
Tuesday, October 14, 2025, 6:00 PM**

Notice is hereby given that a Regular City Council Meeting of the Town of Horizon City, Texas was held on **Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 6:00 PM**, at City Council Chambers Room, 15001 Darrington Road, Horizon City, TX 79928, at which time the following was discussed and considered:

1. Call to order; Pledge of Allegiance; Establishment of Quorum

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm. City Council Member Ames arrived after item # 6 was taken. Quorum established.

2. Open Forum:

Horizon City Resident Ron Comeon signed up to speak regarding animal welfare.

CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed under the CONSENT AGENDA are considered routine and will be enacted in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member(s) of the City Council requests one or more items be removed from the CONSENT AGENDA to the REGULAR AGENDA for separate discussion and action prior to the City Council's vote to adopt the CONSENT AGENDA.

3. Approval of Minutes from:

Mayor/City Clerk

9/10/25 Regular City Council Meeting.

4. Request to Excuse Absent Council Members:

5. Approval of Consent Agenda Items:

A motion was made by Council Member Quiroz and seconded by Council Member Mendoza to excuse absent Council Member Ames and approve the remainder of the consent agenda. The City Clerk polled the council : G. Ortega - Aye, Quiroz – Aye, R. Ortega – Aye, Avila – Aye, Ames – Not Present, Gardea – Aye, Mendoza - Aye. Motion Passed.

REGULAR AGENDA

6. Discussion and Action:

Mayor/CIP Manager

On an update on the Capital Improvement Program.

CIP Manager, Terry Quezada spoke regarding item.

A motion was made by Council Member Quiroz and seconded by Council Member Gardea to accept the report as presented. The City Clerk polled the council : G. Ortega - Aye, Quiroz – Aye, R. Ortega – Aye, Avila – Aye, Ames – Aye, Gardea – Aye, Mendoza - Aye. Motion Passed.

7. Discussion and Action:

Mayor/CIP Manager

This item was postponed at the September 10, 2025 regular city council meeting. On the approval of Change Order No. 10 to Dantex General Contractors for a deduction of \$13,181.20 for the deletion of 2 manholes originally included in the sanitary sewer design on the Municipal Facilities Phase 1 Project (Solicitation 23-101).

CIP Manager, Terry Quezada spoke regarding item.

A motion was made by Council Member Quiroz and seconded by Council Member R. Ortega to approve Change Order No. 10 to Dantex General Contractors for a deduction of \$13,181.20 for the deletion of 2 manholes originally included in the sanitary sewer design on the Municipal Facilities Phase 1 Project (Solicitation 23-101). The City Clerk polled the council : G. Ortega - Aye, Quiroz – Aye, R. Ortega – Aye, Avila – Aye, Ames – Aye, Gardea – Aye, Mendoza - Aye. Motion Passed.

8. **PUBLIC HEARING:**

Mayor/Finance Director

2nd Reading of Ordinance _____, an Ordinance regarding the Town of Horizon City's Texas Municipal Retirement System benefits to increase the City's matching ratio to 6.66%.

Finance Director, Lily Gaytan spoke regarding this item. No one from the public spoke.

9. **Discussion and Action:**

Mayor/Finance Director

2nd Reading of Ordinance _____, an Ordinance regarding the Town of Horizon City's Texas Municipal Retirement System benefits to increase the City's matching ratio to 6.66%.

Finance Director, Lily Gaytan spoke regarding this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Gardea and seconded by Council Member R. Ortega to approve the Ordinance regarding the Town of Horizon City's Texas Municipal Retirement System benefits to increase the City's matching ratio to 6.66%. The City Clerk polled the council : G. Ortega - Aye, Quiroz – Aye, R. Ortega – Aye, Avila – Aye, Ames – Aye, Gardea – Aye, Mendoza - Nay. Motion Passed.

Items #10 and #11 were taken together

10. **Discussion & Action:**

Mayor

Regarding the ongoing stray dog issue in Horizon City and clarification of the responsibilities of El Paso County Animal Welfare services.

11. **Discussion and Action.**

Mayor/Finance Director

On a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a First Option to Renew an Interlocal Agreement with the County of El Paso for Animal Welfare Services on behalf of Horizon City. Compensation for services provided by the County of El Paso will be \$55,318.00 per year beginning October 1, 2025. The term of the Agreement is October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026.

Police Chief, Marco Vargas, El Paso County Animal Welfare Interim Director, Crystal Reyes and Horizon City Resident, Ron Comeon spoke regarding this item.

A motion was made by Council Member G. Ortega and seconded by Council Member R. Ortega to approve the Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a First Option to Renew an Interlocal Agreement with the County of El Paso for Animal Welfare Services on behalf of Horizon City. Compensation for services provided by the County of El Paso will be \$55,318.00 per year beginning October 1, 2025. The City Clerk polled the council: G. Ortega - Aye, Quiroz – Aye, R. Ortega – Aye, Avila – Aye, Ames – Aye, Gardea – Aye, Mendoza - Aye. Motion Passed.

12. **Discussion and Action:**

Mayor

Regarding rescheduling the Regular City Council Meeting from November 11, 2025 to November 12, 2025.

Mayor, Andres Renteria spoke regarding this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Gardea and seconded by Council Member Avila to approve the rescheduling of the Regular City Council Meeting from November 11, 2025 to November 12, 2025. The City Clerk polled the council: G. Ortega - Aye, Quiroz – Aye, R. Ortega – Aye, Avila – Aye, Ames – Aye, Gardea – Aye, Mendoza - Aye. Motion Passed.

13. Discussion and Action:

Mayor/Planning Director

On the submitted Preliminary Replat application for Horizon Manor Unit Three Replat "A" (Case No. SUC25-0004), legally described as a portion of Lot 19, Block 9, Horizon Manor Unit Three, Horizon, El Paso County, Texas. Containing 2.2603 acres ±. Applicant/Representative: SLI Engineering.

Planning Director, Art Rubio spoke regarding this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Gardea and seconded by Council Member Avila to approve the submitted Preliminary Replat application for Horizon Manor Unit Three Replat "A" (Case No. SUC25-0004). The City Clerk polled the council: G. Ortega - Aye, Quiroz – Aye, R. Ortega – Aye, Avila – Aye, Ames – Aye, Gardea – Aye, Mendoza - Aye. Motion Passed.

14. Discussion and Action:

Mayor/Planning Director

On the resubmitted Combination—Preliminary & Final Subdivision Plat application for Rancho Desierto Bello Unit 16 (Case No. SUC25-0006) and to authorize the Mayor to sign the recording plat, legally described as A Portion of Leigh Clark Survey No. 297, Town of Horizon City, El Paso County, Texas. Containing 21.481 ± acres. Application submitted by Applicant/Representative: TRE & Associates.

Planning Director, Art Rubio spoke regarding this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Gardea and seconded by Council Member Mendoza to approve the resubmitted Combination—Preliminary & Final Subdivision Plat application for Rancho Desierto Bello Unit 16 (Case No. SUC25-0006) and to authorize the Mayor to sign the recording plat. The City Clerk polled the council: G. Ortega - Aye, Quiroz – Aye, R. Ortega – Aye, Avila – Aye, Ames – Aye, Gardea – Aye, Mendoza - Aye. Motion Passed.

15. Discussion and Action:

Mayor/Planning Director

On a resolution ratifying the contract for construction services with El Paso Underground Construction Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.

Planning Director, Art Rubio spoke regarding this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Mendoza and seconded by Council Member Avila to approve the resolution ratifying the contract for construction services with El Paso Underground Construction Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$50,000. The City Clerk polled the council: G. Ortega - Aye, Quiroz – Aye, R. Ortega – Aye, Avila – Aye, Ames – Aye, Gardea – Aye, Mendoza - Aye. Motion Passed.

16. Discussion and Action:

Mayor/Planning Director

On the Final Subdivision Plat application for Verdancia Unit 1 (Case No. SDF25-0001) to reaffirm and ratify approval and to allow recording of the plat prior to the completion of all required improvements secured by sufficient bond and to ratify the Subdivision Construction Agreement between the Town of Horizon City and Hunt Communities GP, LLC authorizing the Mayor to sign the agreement and recording plats. The subject property is legally described as being All of Tract 1, 2F, 3D, and 3H, and a Portion of Tract 2, 3 and 3B, Section 30, Block 78, Township 3, Texas and Pacific Railway Company Survey and Vacating Portions of Town of Horizon City Right-Of-Way, El Paso County, Texas. Containing 103.068 acres ±. Application submitted by Applicant/Representative: CEA Group.

Planning Director, Art Rubio spoke regarding this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Avila and seconded by Council Member Mendoza to approve the Final Subdivision Plat application for Verdancia Unit 1 (Case No. SDF25-0001) to reaffirm and ratify approval and to allow recording of the plat prior to the completion of all required improvements secured by sufficient bond and to ratify the Subdivision Construction Agreement between the Town of Horizon City and Hunt Communities GP, LLC authorizing the Mayor to sign the agreement and recording plats. The City Clerk polled the council: G. Ortega - Aye, Quiroz - Aye, R. Ortega - Aye, Avila - Aye, Ames - Aye, Gardea - Aye, Mendoza - Aye. Motion Passed.

17. Discussion and Action:

City Attorney

On a resolution of the City Council of the Town of Horizon City, authorizing participation with the State of Texas, through the office of the Attorney General, in the latest global opioid settlements; approving and ratifying settlement participation form submission to the Attorney General's office; authorizing the execution of all related documents; and providing for an effective date.

Asst. City Atty, Sylvia Firth spoke regarding this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Gardea and seconded by Council Member R. Ortega to approve the resolution of the City Council of the Town of Horizon City, authorizing participation with the State of Texas, through the office of the Attorney General, in the latest global opioid settlements; approving and ratifying settlement participation form submission to the Attorney General's office; authorizing the execution of all related documents. The City Clerk polled the council: G. Ortega - Aye, Quiroz - Aye, R. Ortega - Aye, Avila - Aye, Ames - Aye, Gardea - Aye, Mendoza - Aye. Motion Passed.

18. Discussion and Action.

Mayor/EDC Executive Director

That the Mayor of Horizon City be allowed to sign a Service Agreement by and between the Town of Horizon City, Texas and the Town of Horizon City Economic Development Corporation to promote efficiency of personnel and administrative services.

EDC Executive Director Eddie Garcia spoke regarding this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Avila and seconded by Council Member Mendoza allowing the Mayor of Horizon City to sign a Service Agreement by and between the Town of Horizon City, Texas and the Town of Horizon City Economic Development Corporation to promote efficiency of personnel and administrative services. The City Clerk polled the council: G. Ortega - Aye, Quiroz - Aye, R. Ortega - Aye, Avila - Aye, Ames - Aye, Gardea - Aye, Mendoza - Aye. Motion Passed.

A motion was made by Council Member Gardea and seconded by Council Member Avila to adjourn into Executive Session **at 7:53 pm**. The City Clerk polled the council: G. Ortega - Aye, Quiroz - Aye, R. Ortega - Aye, Avila - Aye, Ames - Aye, Gardea - Aye, Mendoza - Aye. Motion Passed.

19. **Executive Session**

The City Council of the Town of Horizon City reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices,) and 551.087 (Economic Development).

19A. Mayor/EDC Executive Director

Deliberation regarding potential economic development incentives for Project Claw, being considered for location within the municipal boundaries of the Town of Horizon City. 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) and 551.087 (Economic Development).

The Mayor and Council Reconvened into Open Session at 8:27 PM.

19A. Mayor/EDC Executive Director

Deliberation regarding potential economic development incentives for Project Claw, being considered for location within the municipal boundaries of the Town of Horizon City. 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) and 551.087 (Economic Development).

A motion was made by Council Member Gardea and seconded by Council Member Mendoza to authorize the Horizon City Economic Development Corporation to secure consulting services to continue structuring a development and incentive proposal for Project Claw as discussed in closed session. The City Clerk polled the council: G. Ortega - Aye, Quiroz – Aye, R. Ortega – Aye, Avila – Aye, Ames – Aye, Gardea – Aye, Mendoza - Absent. Motion Passed.

Mayor, Andres Renteria announced that Funeraria Del Angel was having a Groundbreaking Ceremony on Thursday, October 23, 2025 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at 460 N. Kenazo and everyone was invited.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Mendoza and seconded by Council Member Avila to adjourn at 8:28 PM.

Approved this ____ day of _____, 20__.

Attest:

Elvia Schuller, City Clerk

Andres Renteria, Mayor