

**MINUTES
AGENDA
PUBLIC MEETING
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THE TOWN OF HORIZON CITY, TEXAS
Tuesday, September 10, 2024, 6:00 PM**

Notice is hereby given that a Regular City Council Meeting of the Town of Horizon City, Texas was held on **Tuesday, September 10, 2024 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 6:00 pm. City Council Members Walter Miller and Scott Quiroz were absent. Councilwoman Randeel arrived after item # 6 was taken. Quorum Established

2. Open Forum:

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
August 27, 2024 Special City Council Meeting.

4. Discussion and Action:

Mayor/CIP Manager
On a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an interlocal cooperation agreement between the Town of Horizon City, and Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI), a member of The Texas A&M University System, an agency of the State of Texas for various transportation studies, research, evaluations, and such other transportation related services.

5. Request to Excuse Absent Council Members:

6. Approval of Consent Agenda Items:

A motion was made by Councilman Padilla and seconded by Councilwoman Ortega to excuse Councilmen Miller and Quiroz and approve the remainder of the consent agenda. The CITY CLERK polled the Council: MILLER – Absent; QUIROZ – Absent; ORTEGA – Aye; RANDLEEL – Not Present; URRUTIA – Aye; PADILLA – Aye; MENDOZA – Aye. Motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA

7. Discussion:

Mayor/Finance Director
1st Reading of Ordinance No. _____, An ordinance approving a 100% exemption from ad valorem property taxes for qualifying child-care facility properties located within the town of horizon city, establishing an effective date and severability clauses.

EDC Asst. Director, Rafael Arellano spoke regarding this item.

8. **PUBLIC HEARING:**

Mayor/Finance Director

2nd Reading of Ordinance No. _____ An Ordinance of the Town of Horizon City, Texas enacting the municipal budget for 2024-2025 fiscal year; funding municipal purposes; authorizing expenditures; providing for repealer and severability clauses.

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

9. **Discussion and Action:**

Mayor/Finance Director

2nd Reading of Ordinance No. _____ An Ordinance of the Town of Horizon City, Texas enacting the municipal budget for 2024-2025 fiscal year; funding municipal purposes; authorizing expenditures; providing for repealer and severability clauses.

Finance Director, Lilia Gaytan spoke regarding this item.

A motion was made by Councilman Padilla and seconded by Councilwoman Urrutia to approve the Ordinance of the Town of Horizon City, Texas enacting the municipal budget for 2024-2025 fiscal year. The CITY CLERK polled the Council: MILLER – Absent; QUIROZ – Absent; ORTEGA – Aye; RANDLEEL – Aye; URRUTIA – Aye; PADILLA – Aye; MENDOZA – Aye. Motion passed.

10. **Discussion and Action:**

Mayor/Finance Director

On ratifying the property tax increase reflected in the adopted annual budget for Fiscal Year 2024/2025.

Finance Director, Lilia Gaytan spoke regarding this item.

A motion was made by Councilman Padilla and seconded by Councilwoman Urrutia to approve ratifying the property tax increase reflected in the adopted annual budget for Fiscal Year 2024/2025. The CITY CLERK polled the Council: MILLER – Absent; QUIROZ – Absent; ORTEGA – Aye; RANDLEEL – Aye; URRUTIA – Aye; PADILLA – Aye; MENDOZA – Aye. Motion passed.

11. **PUBLIC HEARING:**

Mayor/Finance Director

Public Hearing on the Proposed Tax Rate - On the proposed 2024 tax rate of \$0.559362, which is an increase to the total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year of \$594,763 or 7.20%. Individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

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

12. **PUBLIC HEARING:**

Mayor/Finance Director

2nd Reading of Ordinance _____, An Ordinance of the City Council of the Town of Horizon City, Texas, approving the 2024 ad valorem tax rate and levy of assessed valuation of all taxable property within the corporate limits of the city; providing for penalties and interest; and providing for the following: findings of fact; severability; savings clause; publication and effective date.

No one from the public spoke.

13. **Discussion and Action:**

Mayor/Finance Director

2nd Reading of Ordinance _____, An Ordinance of the City Council of the Town of Horizon City, Texas, approving the 2024 ad valorem tax rate and levy of assessed valuation of all taxable property within the corporate limits of the city; providing for penalties and interest; and providing for the following: findings of fact; severability; savings clause; publication and effective date.

A motion was made by Councilman Padilla and seconded by Councilwoman Urrutia to approve the Ordinance of the City Council of the Town of Horizon City, Texas, approving the 2024 ad valorem tax rate and levy of assessed valuation of all taxable property within the corporate limits of the city. The CITY CLERK polled the Council: MILLER – Absent; QUIROZ – Absent; ORTEGA – Aye; RANDLEEL – Aye; URRUTIA – Aye; PADILLA – Aye; MENDOZA – Aye. Motion passed.

14. **Discussion and Action:**

Mayor/Finance Director

On the approval of the City's Investment Policy.

Finance Director, Lilia Gaytan spoke regarding this item.

A motion was made by Councilman Mendoza and seconded by Councilwoman Urrutia to approve the City's Investment Policy. The CITY CLERK polled the Council: MILLER – Absent; QUIROZ – Absent; ORTEGA – Aye; RANDLEEL – Aye; URRUTIA – Aye; PADILLA – Aye; MENDOZA – Aye. Motion passed.

15. **PUBLIC HEARING:**

Mayor/CIP Manager

On a Resolution adopting the updated Capital Improvement Program for FY 2025 - FY 2027.

CIP Manager, Terry Quezada spoke regarding this item. No one from the public spoke.

16. **Discussion and Action:**

Mayor/CIP Manager

On a Resolution adopting the updated Capital Improvement Program for FY 2025 - FY 2027.

A motion was made by Councilman Mendoza and seconded by Councilwoman Urrutia to approve the Resolution adopting the updated Capital Improvement Program for FY 2025 - FY 2027. The CITY CLERK polled the Council: MILLER – Absent; QUIROZ – Absent; ORTEGA – Aye; RANDLEEL – Aye; URRUTIA – Aye; PADILLA – Aye; MENDOZA – Aye. Motion passed.

17. **Discussion and Action:**

Mayor/CIP Manager

On a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an Interlocal/Project Development Agreement with the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority for the Rezoning of a Transit Oriented Development, described in said Agreement.

CIP Manager, Terry Quezada spoke regarding this item.

A motion was made by Councilman Padilla and seconded by Councilwoman Urrutia to approve the resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an Interlocal/Project Development Agreement with the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority for the Rezoning of a Transit Oriented Development, described in said Agreement. The CITY CLERK polled the Council: MILLER – Absent; QUIROZ – Absent; ORTEGA – Aye; RANDLEEL – Aye; URRUTIA – Aye; PADILLA – Aye; MENDOZA – Aye. Motion passed.

18. **Discussion and Action:**

Mayor/Chief Planner

On the acceptance of the roadway and drainage improvements as constructed with the Rancho Desierto Bello Unit Fourteen subdivision for maintenance and to accept the required maintenance bond and to release the performance bond.

Chief Planner, Art Rubio spoke regarding this item.

A motion was made by Councilman Padilla and seconded by Councilman Mendoza to approve the acceptance of the roadway and drainage improvements as constructed with the Rancho Desierto Bello Unit Fourteen subdivision for maintenance and to accept the required maintenance bond and to release the performance bond. The CITY CLERK polled the Council: MILLER – Absent; QUIROZ – Absent; ORTEGA – Aye; RANDLEEL – Aye; URRUTIA – Aye; PADILLA – Aye; MENDOZA – Aye. Motion passed.

19. **Discussion:**

Mayor/Chief Planner

1st Reading of Ordinance No. _____, An Ordinance Adopting a Zoning Change Within the Municipal Limits of the Town of Horizon City, Texas; Rezoning 11 Parcels.

Parcel 1 from R-3 (Single-Family Residential) to C-2 (Heavy Commercial) zoning district for commercial development. This parcel is located North of Eastlake Blvd. and East of Desert Mist Dr., and legally described as 20.401 Acre Tract of Land Situated in the Section No. 30, Block 78, Township 3, Texas and Pacific Railway Company, Town of Horizon City, El Paso County, Texas;

Parcel 2 from C-1 (General Commercial) and R-3 (Single-Family Residential) to S-1 (Open Space) zoning district for open space. This Parcel is located North of Eastlake Blvd. and West of Andover Dr, and legally described as 3.288 Acre Tract of Land Situated in the Section No. 30, Block 78, Township 3, Texas and Pacific Railway Company, Town of Horizon City, El Paso County, Texas;

Parcel 3 from C-1 (General Commercial) to R-3 (Single-Family Residential) zoning district for residential development. This parcel is located North of Eastlake Blvd. and West of Andover Dr, and legally described as 0.048 Acre Tract of Land Situated in the Section No. 30, Block 78, Township 3, Texas and Pacific Railway Company, Town of Horizon City, El Paso County, Texas;

Parcel 4 from R-3 (Single-Family Residential) to C-1 (General Commercial) zoning district for commercial development. This parcel is located North of Eastlake Blvd. and West of Andover Dr., and legally described as 0.636 Acre Tract of Land Situated in Section No. 30, Block 78, Township 3, Texas and Pacific Railway Company Surveys, Town of Horizon City, El Paso County, Texas;

Parcel 5 from R-3 (Single-Family Residential) to C-2 (Heavy Commercial) zoning district for commercial development. This parcel is located South of Eastlake Blvd. and East of Kenazo Ave, and legally described as 6.993 Acre Tract of Land Situated in the Section No. 30 and Section No. 31, Block 78, Township 3, Texas and Pacific Railway Company, Town of Horizon City, El Paso County, Texas;

Parcel 7 from C-1 (General Commercial) and R-3 (Single-Family Residential) to C-2 (Heavy Commercial) for commercial development. This parcel is located South of Eastlake Blvd. and East of Kenazo Ave., and legally described as 27.061 Acre Tract of Land Situated in the Section No. 30 and Section No. 31, Block 78, Township 3, Texas and Pacific Railway Company, Town of Horizon City, El Paso County, Texas;

Parcel 8 from R-3 (Single-Family Residential) to C-2 (Heavy Commercial) zoning district for commercial development. This parcel is located South of Eastlake Blvd. and North of Horizon Blvd., and legally described as 11.072 Acre Tract of Land Situated in the Section No. 32, Block 78, Township 3, Texas and Pacific Railway Company, Town of Horizon City, El Paso County, Texas;

Parcel 9 from R-3 (Single-Family Residential) to S-1 (Open Space) for open space. This Parcel is located South of Eastlake Blvd. and East of Kenazo Ave., and legally described as 3.857 Acre Tract of Land Situated in the Section No. 32, Block 78, Township 3, Texas and Pacific Railway Company, Town of Horizon City, El Paso County, Texas;

Parcel 11 from R-3 (Single-Family Residential) to C-2 (Heavy Commercial) for commercial development. This Parcel is located North of Horizon Blvd. and East of Eastlake Blvd., and legally described as 7.830 Acre Tract of Land Situated in the Section No. 32, Block 78, Township 3, Texas and Pacific Railway Company, Town of Horizon City, El Paso County, Texas;

Parcel 12 from C-2 (Heavy Commercial) to R-3 (Single-Family Residential) for residential development. This Parcel is located North of Horizon Blvd. and West of Eastlake Blvd. and is legally described as 0.859 Acre Tract of Land Situated in the Section No. 32, Block 78, Township 3, Texas and Pacific Railway Company, Town of Horizon City, El Paso County, Texas;

Parcel 13 from R-3 (Single-Family Residential) to C-2 (Heavy Commercial) for commercial development. This Parcel is located North of Horizon Blvd. and West of Eastlake Blvd. and is legally described as 1.775 Acre Tract of Land Situated in the Section No. 32, Block 78, Township 3, Texas and Pacific Railway Company, Town of Horizon City, El Paso County, Texas. Located North of Horizon Blvd and West of Eastlake Blvd.

Authorizing the Notation of the Change on the Official Zoning Map of the Town; Providing for the Following: Findings of Fact; Repealer; Severability; and Proper Notice and Hearing.

Chief Planner, Art Rubio and Hunt Communities Development Manager, Jose Lares spoke regarding this item.

20. **Discussion:**

Mayor/Chief Planner

1st Reading of Ordinance No. _____, An Ordinance Adopting a Zoning Change Within the Municipal Limits of the Town of Horizon City, Texas; Rezoning Parcels 6 From R-3 (Single-Family Dwelling) to A-1 (Apartments) Zoning District; Containing Approximately 10.011 Acres; and legally described as 10.011 Acre Tract of Land Situated In The Section No 30 and 31, Block 78, Township 3, Texas and Pacific Railway Company, Town of Horizon City, El Paso County, Texas.; Located South of Eastlake Blvd and East of Desert Mist Dr.; and Authorizing the Notation of the Change on the Official Zoning Map of the Town; Providing for the Following: Findings of Fact; Repealer; Severability; and Proper Notice and Hearing.

Chief Planner, Art Rubio spoke regarding this item.

21. **Discussion:**

Mayor/Chief Planner

1st Reading of Ordinance No. _____, An Ordinance Adopting a Zoning Change Within the Municipal Limits of the Town of Horizon City, Texas; Rezoning Parcels 10 From R-3 (Single-Family Dwelling) to A-1 (Apartments) Zoning District; Containing Approximately 9.998 Acres; and legally described as 9.998 Acre Tract of Land Situated In The Section No 32, Block 78, Township 3, Texas and Pacific Railway Company, Town of Horizon City, El Paso County, Texas.; Located East of Eastlake Blvd and North of Horizon Blvd; and Authorizing the Notation of the Change on the Official Zoning Map of the Town; Providing for the Following: Findings of Fact; Repealer; Severability; and Proper Notice and Hearing.

Chief Planner, Art Rubio spoke regarding this item.

22. **Discussion and Action:**

Mayor/Asst. City Atty

On the nomination or appointment/reappointment of a person for a seat on the El Paso Central Appraisal District Board.

Mayor, Andres Renteria spoke regarding this item.

A motion was made by Councilman Padilla and seconded by Councilwoman Urrutia to appoint Councilman Walter Miller for a seat on the El Paso Central Appraisal District Board. The CITY CLERK polled the Council: MILLER – Absent; QUIROZ – Absent; ORTEGA – Aye; RANDLEEL – Aye; URRUTIA – Aye; PADILLA – Aye; MENDOZA – Aye. Motion passed.

23. **Discussion and Action:**

Mayor/EDC Executive Director

On a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a Consultant Services Agreement between the Town of Horizon City Type 4B Economic Development Corporation and Mark Smith.

EDC Executive Director, Eddie Garcia spoke regarding this item.

A motion was made by Councilman Mendoza and seconded by Councilwoman Urrutia to approve the resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a Consultant Services Agreement between the Town of Horizon City Type 4B Economic Development Corporation and Mark Smith. The CITY CLERK polled the Council: MILLER – Absent; QUIROZ – Absent; ORTEGA – Aye; RANDLEEL – Aye; URRUTIA – Aye; PADILLA – Aye; MENDOZA – Aye. Motion passed.

The Mayor and Council Adjourned Open Session for Executive Session at 6:52 PM.

24. **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 551.086 (Economic Development).

24A. Mayor/EDC Executive Director

On Economic Development Incentives for Project Cricket located in Horizon City, Texas (551.072).

The Mayor and Council Reconvened into Open Session at 7:19 PM.

Upon returning to Open Session no action was taken on this item.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Mendoza and seconded by Councilwoman Urrutia to adjourn at 7:20 PM.

Approved this ____ day of _____, 20__.

Attest:

Elvia Schuller, City Clerk

Andres Renteria, Mayor