

**MINUTES
AGENDA
PUBLIC MEETING
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THE TOWN OF HORIZON CITY, TEXAS
Tuesday, April 14, 2026, 6:00 PM**

Notice is hereby given that a Regular City Council Meeting of the Town of Horizon City, Texas was held on **Tuesday, April 14, 2026 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 Scott Quiroz was absent. Quorum established.

2. Open Forum:

No one signed up to speak.

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
March 10, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting.

4. Discussion and Action:

Mayor/Planning Director
On the appointment of Jorge Ojeda by Alderman Ruben Mendoza (Place 7) to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

5. Discussion and Action:

Mayor/Planning Director
On the appointment of Jesse Sanchez by Andres Renteria, Mayor as an alternate to the El Paso Area Transportation Service (EPATS), LGC, El Paso Transit Authority (ETA).

6. Request to Excuse Absent Council Members:

7. Approval of Consent Agenda Items:

A motion was made by Council Member Gardea and seconded by Council Member Ames to excuse absent Council Member Quiroz and approve the remainder of the consent agenda. Council Member Avila asked if the motion could be amended to add pulling Item #4 and be heard under the regular agenda. Council Member Gardea amended his motion to include pulling Item #4 to his original motion as requested by Council Member Avila. Council Member Ames seconded the amended motion. The City Clerk polled the council : G. Ortega - Aye, Quiroz – Absent, R. Ortega – Aye, Avila – Aye, Ames – Aye, Gardea – Aye, Mendoza - Aye. Motion Passed.

REGULAR AGENDA

4. **Discussion and Action:**

Mayor/Planning Director

On the appointment of Jorge Ojeda by Alderman Ruben Mendoza (Place 7) to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

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 appointment of Jorge Ojeda by Alderman Ruben Mendoza (Place 7) to the Planning and Zoning Commission. The City Clerk polled the council : G. Ortega - Aye, Quiroz – Absent, R. Ortega – Aye, Avila – Aye, Ames – Aye, Gardea – Aye, Mendoza - Aye. Motion Passed.

8. **Presentation:**

Mayor/Police Chief

On a Proclamation declaring April 22, 2026 as Administrative Professional's Day.

Asst. Police Chief, Jose Kluge spoke regarding this item.

9. **Presentation:**

Mayor/Chief Vargas

On a Proclamation declaring April 12 - April 18, 2026 as Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

Communications Manager, Elva Ramos and Asst. Communications Manager, Irlanda Huerta spoke regarding this item.

10. **Presentation:**

Mayor/EDC Executive Director

Introductory presentation on the proposed expansion of the boundaries of the Horizon Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #1 and the recalibration of the associated Project and Finance Plan.

EDC Executive Director, Eddie Garcia and Petit and Ayala Consulting Reps, David Petit and Natalie Ayala Hall spoke regarding this item.

11. **Discussion and Action:**

Mayor/Finance Director

On the acceptance of findings of the Town of Horizon City audit prepared by SBNG, PC for FY2025.

SBNG Partner, Tello Cabrera spoke regarding this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Gardea and seconded by Council Member Mendoza to accept the findings of the Town of Horizon City audit prepared by SBNG, PC for FY2025. The City Clerk polled the council : G. Ortega - Aye, Quiroz – Absent, R. Ortega – Aye, Avila – Aye, Ames – Aye, Gardea – Aye, Mendoza - Aye. Motion Passed.

12. **Discussion and Action:**

Mayor/Finance Director

That the Mayor be authorized to sign the revised Interlocal Agreement with the City of El Paso for Public Health Services in FY 2026 and the HIPAA Business Associate Agreement on behalf of the Town of Horizon City and that payment in the amount of \$210,555.00 as specified therein is also authorized.

Finance Director, Lily Gaytan spoke regarding this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Mendoza and seconded by Council Member G. Ortega to authorize the Mayor to sign the revised Interlocal Agreement with the City of El Paso for Public Health Services in FY 2026 and the HIPAA Business Associate Agreement on behalf of the Town of Horizon City and that payment in the amount of \$210,555.00 as specified therein is also authorized. The City Clerk polled the council : G. Ortega - Aye, Quiroz – Absent, R. Ortega – Aye, Avila – Aye, Ames – Aye, Gardea – Aye, Mendoza - Aye. Motion Passed.

The Mayor called for a 5 minute recess at 7:34 pm to 7:40 pm.

13. Public Hearing:

Mayor/Finance Director

2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 0323 Amendment No. 01, An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 0323 (Amendment No. 01) of The Town of Horizon City, Adopting the Municipal Budget for the 2026 Fiscal Year, to allow for the budgeting and expenditure of funds for Police Department vehicles and lease payments for the Administrative Building; and Providing repealer and severability clauses.

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

14. Discussion and Action:

Mayor/Finance Director

2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 0323 Amendment No. 01, An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 0323 (Amendment No. 01) of The Town of Horizon City, Adopting the Municipal Budget for the 2026 Fiscal Year, to allow for the budgeting and expenditure of funds for Police Department vehicles and lease payments for the Administrative Building; and Providing repealer and severability clauses.

A motion was made by Council Member Mendoza and seconded by Council Member R. Ortega to approve the Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 0323 (Amendment No. 01) of The Town of Horizon City, Adopting the Municipal Budget for the 2026 Fiscal Year, to allow for the budgeting and expenditure of funds for Police Department vehicles and lease payments for the Administrative Building. The City Clerk polled the council : G. Ortega - Aye, Quiroz – Absent, R. Ortega – Aye, Avila – Aye, Ames – Aye, Gardea – Aye, Mendoza - Aye. Motion Passed.

15. Discussion and Action:

Mayor/CIP Manager

On an update on the Capital Improvement Program.

CIP Manager, Jesse Sanchez spoke regarding this item.

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

16. Discussion and Action:

Mayor/CIP Manager

On the approval of a bid for the project titled "120-foot Self Support Tower", Request for Quote Solicitation No. 2026-104 to Mobile Communications America in the amount of \$250,328.00 for the turnkey installation of a new 120-foot self-support tower with concrete foundation and wrought-iron security fence. The work shall be paid for by 2023 Certificates of Obligation. The project completion time is forty-five (45) calendar days from receipt of a Notice to Proceed.

CIP Manager, Jesse Sanchez spoke regarding this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Mendoza and seconded by Council Member R. Ortega to approve the bid for the project titled "120-foot Self Support Tower", Request for Quote Solicitation No. 2026-104 to Mobile Communications America in the amount of \$250,328.00 for the turnkey installation of a new 120-foot self-support tower with concrete foundation and wrought-iron security fence. The City Clerk polled the council : G. Ortega - Aye, Quiroz – Absent, R. Ortega – Aye, Avila – Aye, Ames – Aye, Gardea – Aye, Mendoza - Aye. Motion Passed.

Items #17 & #18 were taken together.

17. Discussion and Action:

Mayor/Planning Director

On a Resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign and execute a Master Interlocal Agreement (MILA) with Region One Education Service Center (ESC1) Cooperative.

18. Discussion and Action:

Mayor/Planning Director

Authorizing staff to procure grant writing services using ESC1 RFP-25-0165 Professional consulting Services and authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract with GilFlo in an amount not to exceed \$70,000.00 for the FY 2026 Safe Streets and Roads for All Program.

Planning Director, Art Rubio spoke regarding items #17 & #18.

A motion was made by Council Member Gardea to authorize the Mayor to sign and execute a Master Interlocal Agreement (MILA) with Region One Education Service Center (ESC1) Cooperative and authorize staff to procure grant writing services using ESC1 RFP-25-0165 Professional consulting Services and authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract with GilFlo in an amount not to exceed \$70,000.00 for the FY 2026 Safe Streets and Roads for All Program. Council Member Gardea amended his motion to add “as long as funding is available” to his original motion. The amended motion was seconded by Council Member R. Ortega. The City Clerk polled the council : G. Ortega - Aye, Quiroz – Absent, R. Ortega – Aye, Avila – Aye, Ames – Aye, Gardea – Aye, Mendoza - Aye. Motion Passed.

19. Discussion and Action:

Mayor/Planning Director

On a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign and grant a Perpetual Easement Agreement between the Town of Horizon City ("Grantor") and Hunt Horizon Mesa, LLC ("Grantee") necessitated to permit subdivision signage on City Right-of-Way.

Planning Director, Art Rubio spoke regarding this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Ames and seconded by Council Member R. Ortega to approve the resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign and grant a Perpetual Easement Agreement between the Town of Horizon City ("Grantor") and Hunt Horizon Mesa, LLC ("Grantee") necessitated to permit subdivision signage on City Right-of-Way. The City Clerk polled the council : G. Ortega - Aye, Quiroz – Absent, R. Ortega – Aye, Avila – Aye, Ames – Aye, Gardea – Aye, Mendoza - Aye. Motion Passed.

20. Discussion and Action:

Mayor/Planning Director

On a Resolution authorizing the Town of Horizon City to sponsor Clint Independent School District on their Run Sober, Run Safe 5K and 1K mile walk by waving the Special Event Permit application fee.

Planning Director, Art Rubio made a floor amendment to this item swapping Clint Independent School District with the Officer Jacob Arellano Foundation. Sgt. Heli Sierra also spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Council Member R. Ortega and seconded by Council Member Avila to approve the resolution authorizing the Town of Horizon City to sponsor the Officer Jacob Arellano Foundation on their Run Sober, Run Safe 5K and 1K mile walk by waving the Special Event Permit application fee. The City Clerk polled the council : G. Ortega - Aye, Quiroz – Absent, R. Ortega – Aye, Avila – Aye, Ames – Aye, Gardea – Aye, Mendoza - Aye. Motion Passed.

21. Discussion and Action:

Mayor/Planning Director

On a Resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign a First Amendment to the Inter local Agreement by and between the Town of Horizon City and the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority for the Dilley, Delake & Transit Center Project to allow for the completion of certain environmental activities as well as the design services necessary for the addition of Cross River Drive and a detention basin to the project plans.

Planning Director, Art Rubio spoke regarding this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Mendoza and seconded by Council Member Ames to approve the resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a First Amendment to the Inter local Agreement by and between the Town of Horizon City and the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority for the Dilley, Delake & Transit Center Project to allow for the completion of certain environmental activities as well as the design services necessary for the addition of Cross River Drive and a detention basin to the project plans. The City Clerk polled the council : G. Ortega - Aye, Quiroz – Absent, R. Ortega – Aye, Avila – Aye, Ames – Aye, Gardea – Aye, Mendoza - Aye. Motion Passed.

22. Public Hearing:

Mayor/Planning Director

On the submitted Final Replat application for Horizon Manor Unit Three Replat "A" (Case No. SDR26-0001), and authorize the Mayor to sign the recording plat. Legally described as a portion of Lot 19, Block 9, Horizon Manor Unit Three, Horizon City, El Paso County, Texas. Containing 2.2603 acres ±. Applicant/Representative: SLI Engineering.

Planner, David Ruiz spoke regarding this item. No one from the public spoke.

23. Discussion and Action:

Mayor/Planning Director

On the submitted Final Replat application for Horizon Manor Unit Three Replat "A" (Case No. SDR26-0001), and authorize the Mayor to sign the recording plat. Legally described as a portion of Lot 19, Block 9, Horizon Manor Unit Three, Horizon City, El Paso County, Texas. Containing 2.2603 acres ±. Applicant/Representative: SLI Engineering.

Planner, David Ruiz spoke regarding this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Ames and seconded by Council Member R. Ortega to approve the Final Replat application for Horizon Manor Unit Three Replat "A" (Case No. SDR26-0001), and authorize the Mayor to sign the recording plat. The City Clerk polled the council : G. Ortega - Aye, Quiroz – Absent, R. Ortega – Aye, Avila – Aye, Ames – Aye, Gardea – Aye, Mendoza - Aye. Motion Passed.

24. Discussion and Action:

Mayor/Planning Director

On the acceptance of the roadway and drainage improvements as constructed with the Verdancia Unit 1 Subdivision Construction Phase 2 and 3 for maintenance and to accept the required maintenance bond and a partial release of the performance bond.

Planner, David Ruiz spoke regarding this item.

A motion was made by Council Member R. Ortega and seconded by Council Member Mendoza to accept the roadway and drainage improvements as constructed with the Verdancia Unit 1 Subdivision Construction Phase 2 and 3 for maintenance and to accept the required maintenance bond and a partial release of the performance bond. The City Clerk polled the council : G. Ortega - Aye, Quiroz – Absent, 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 Mendoza to adjourn into Executive Session **at 9:12 pm**. The City Clerk polled the council: G. Ortega - Aye, Quiroz – Absent, R. Ortega – Aye, Avila – Aye, Ames – Aye, Gardea – Aye, Mendoza - Aye. Motion Passed.

25. 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).

25A. Deliberation regarding Real Estate acquisition — TOD drainage, ponding and storm water management.
551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) and 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property)

The Mayor and Council Reconvened into Open Session at 9:40 PM.

25A. Deliberation regarding Real Estate acquisition — TOD drainage, ponding and storm water management.
551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) and 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property)

A motion was made by Council Member Gardea and seconded by Council Member Mendoza authorize the City's Real Estate Consultant to negotiate as discussed in closed session. The City Clerk polled the council: G. Ortega - Aye, Quiroz – Absent, R. Ortega – Aye, Avila – Aye, Ames – Aye, Gardea – Aye, Mendoza - Aye. Motion Passed.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Mendoza and seconded by Council Member Avila to adjourn at **9:41 PM**.

Approved this ____ day of _____, 20__.

Attest:

Elvia Schuller, City Clerk

Andres Renteria, Mayor