

**MINUTES
AGENDA
PUBLIC MEETING
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THE TOWN OF HORIZON CITY, TEXAS
Tuesday, August 11, 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, August 11, 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 Ruben Mendoza was absent. Quorum established. Deputy City Clerk, Armando Bustillos sat in for City Clerk, Elvia Schuller.

2. Open Forum:

Horizon City Resident, Carlos Lujan spoke regarding his opposition to the City's proposed property tax increase.

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:

August 4, 2026 Special City Council Meeting.

4. Discussion and Action:

Mayor/EDC Executive Director

On the re-appointment of Aurelio Sillas to the Horizon City Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors.

5. Request to Excuse Absent Council Members:

6. Approval of Consent Agenda Items:

City Clerk, Elvia Schuller requested item #3 be deleted, excusing Council Member Mendoza's absence and approval of remainder of consent agenda.

A motion was made by Council Member Gardea, seconded by Council Member Quiroz to delete Item #3, excuse absent Council Member Mendoza and approve the remainder of the consent agenda. The Deputy City Clerk polled the Council: G. Ortega – Aye, Quiroz – Aye, R. Ortega – Aye, Avila – Aye, Ames – Aye, Gardea – Aye, Mendoza – Absent. Motion Passed.

REGULAR AGENDA

7. Presentation:

Mayor

On recognition of the Horizon Elite 14u Little League Baseball Team for playing in the State Championship.

Mayor, Andres Renteria and Council Member Guillermo Ortega spoke regarding this item and presented the baseball team with Certificates and a commemorative baseball.

8. 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 Quiroz and seconded by Council Member Gardea to accept the report as presented. The Deputy City Clerk polled the Council: G. Ortega – Aye, Quiroz – Aye, R. Ortega – Aye, Avila – Aye, Ames – Aye, Gardea – Aye, Mendoza – Absent. Motion Passed.

9. Discussion and Action:

Mayor/CIP Manager

That the Mayor be authorized to sign and deliver the Consultant Services Agreement for Professional Services - Municipal Facilities Phase 2 Public Works with ASA Architects, P.C. for the Architectural Design and Construction Support Services Municipal Facilities Phase 2 Public Work, (Town Project No. BLDG 0004) with a total compensation of One Hundred Sixty Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$160,000.00).

CIP Manager, Jesse Sanchez spoke regarding this item and made a floor amendment changing Phase 2 in the name of the project to Phase 1.

A motion was made by Council Member Quiroz to authorize the Mayor to sign and deliver the Consultant Services Agreement for Professional Services. Council Member Gardea asked Council Member Quiroz to amend his motion to include approval of the floor amendment changing Phase 2 in the name of the agreement to Phase 1. Council Member Quiroz amended his motion to include the approval of the floor amendment and authorize the Mayor to sign and deliver the Consultant Services Agreement for Professional Services - Municipal Facilities Phase 1 Public Works with ASA Architects, P.C. for the Architectural Design and Construction Support Services Municipal Facilities Phase 1 Public Work, (Town Project No. BLDG 0004) with a total compensation of One Hundred Sixty Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$160,000.00). The amended motion was seconded by Council Member Ames. The Deputy City Clerk polled the Council: G. Ortega – Aye, Quiroz – Aye, R. Ortega – Aye, Avila – Aye, Ames – Aye, Gardea – Aye, Mendoza – Absent. Motion Passed.

Item #10 was taken after Item #7.

10. Discussion and Action:

Mayor/Police Chief

On the approval of the FY2027 El Paso County 911 District annual budget.

Police Chief, Marco Vargas and El Paso County 911 District Executive Director, Scott Calderwood spoke regarding this item.

A motion was made by Council Member R. Ortega and seconded by Council Member Ames to approve the FY2027 El Paso County 911 District annual budget. The Deputy City Clerk polled the Council: G. Ortega – Aye, Quiroz – Aye, R. Ortega – Aye, Avila – Aye, Ames – Aye, Gardea – Aye, Mendoza – Absent. Motion Passed.

11. Discussion and Action:

Mayor/Police Chief

Approve and authorize the purchase of an AFIS MBIS Workstation for use by Police Department using funds from the Information Technology account in an amount not to exceed \$55,000.

Police Chief, Marco Vargas spoke regarding this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Avila and seconded by Council Member R. Ortega to approve and authorize the purchase of an AFIS MBIS Workstation for use by Police Department using funds from the Information Technology account in an amount not to exceed \$55,000. The Deputy City Clerk polled the Council: G. Ortega – Aye, Quiroz – Aye, R. Ortega – Aye, Avila – Aye, Ames – Aye, Gardea – Aye, Mendoza – Absent. Motion Passed.

12. **ANNOUNCEMENT:**

Mayor/Finance Director

The Public Hearing on the Proposed FY 2026 - 2027 Budget will be conducted on August 25, 2026 and the Public Hearing on the Proposed Tax Rate will be conducted on September 8, 2026 at 6:00 pm at 15021 Darrington Road. The adoption of the FY 2027 Budget and Tax Rate will be on September 8, 2026.

Finance Director, Lily Gaytan spoke regarding this item.

13. **Discussion and Action:**

Mayor/Finance Director

On a motion to authorize the Finance Director to publish notice of the intent of the City Counsel to adopt the Voter-Approval Tax Rate of \$0.595788 for FY 2026-2027.

Finance Director, Lily Gaytan spoke regarding this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Quiroz and seconded by Council Member Ames to authorize the Finance Director to publish notice of the intent of the City Counsel to adopt the Voter-Approval Tax Rate of \$0.595788 for FY 2026-2027. The Deputy City Clerk polled the Council: G. Ortega – Aye, Quiroz – Aye, R. Ortega – Nay, Avila – Aye, Ames – Aye, Gardea – Aye, Mendoza – Absent. Motion Passed.

14. **Discussion:**

Mayor/Finance Director

1st Reading of Ordinance _____, An Ordinance of the City Council of the Town of Horizon City, Texas, approving the 2026 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.

Finance Director, Lily Gaytan spoke regarding this item.

15. **Discussion:**

Mayor/Finance Director

1st Reading of Ordinance No. _____, An Ordinance of the Town of Horizon City, Texas enacting the municipal budget for fiscal year 2026-2027; funding municipal purposes; authorizing expenditures; providing for repealer and severability clauses.

Finance Director, Lily Gaytan spoke regarding this item.

16. **Discussion and Action:**

Mayor/Planning Director

On the Vacation application request (Case No. SDV26-0001), to vacate a portion of a 10' Utility Easement of Lot 59, Block 20, Rancho Desierto Bello Unit 12A, Town of Horizon City, El Paso County, Texas.

Deputy Clerk, Armando Bustillos informed Council that staff requested postponement of this item until the next regular City Council meeting.

A motion was made by Council Member Gardea and seconded by Council Member Avila to postpone this item until the next regular City Council meeting as requested by staff. The Deputy City Clerk polled the Council: G. Ortega – Aye, Quiroz – Aye, R. Ortega – Aye, Avila – Aye, Ames – Aye, Gardea – Aye, Mendoza – Absent. Motion Passed.

17. Discussion and Action:

Mayor/Planning Director

On the Final Subdivision Plat application for Verdancia Unit 3 (Case No. SDF26-0001), and to authorize the Mayor to sign the recording plat. Legally described as Being a Portion of Land Situated in Section 30, Block 78, Township 3, Texas and Pacific Railway Company Survey, Town of Horizon City, El Paso County, Texas. Containing 45.399-acres ±. Application submitted by Applicant/Representative: CEA Group.

Planner, David Ruiz and CEA Group Project Engineer, Jorge Grajeda spoke regarding this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Quiroz and seconded by Council Member R. Ortega to approve the Final Subdivision Plat application for Verdancia Unit 3 (Case No. SDF26-0001), and to authorize the Mayor to sign the recording plat. The Deputy City Clerk polled the Council: G. Ortega – Aye, Quiroz – Aye, R. Ortega – Aye, Avila – Aye, Ames – Aye, Gardea – Aye, Mendoza – Absent. Motion Passed.

18. Discussion and Action:

Mayor/Planning Director

On the Preliminary Subdivision Plat application for Verdancia Unit 5 (Case No. SDP26-0001), legally described as Being a Portion of Land Situated in Section 32, Block 78, Township 3, Texas and Pacific Railway Company Survey, Town of Horizon City, El Paso County, Texas. Containing 42.27-acres ±. Application submitted by Applicant/Representative: CEA Group.

Planner, David Ruiz and CEA Group Project Engineer, Jorge Grajeda spoke regarding this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Quiroz and seconded by Council Member Gardea to approve the Preliminary Subdivision Plat application for Verdancia Unit 5 (Case No. SDP26-0001). The Deputy City Clerk polled the Council: G. Ortega – Aye, Quiroz – Aye, R. Ortega – Aye, Avila – Aye, Ames – Aye, Gardea – Aye, Mendoza – Absent. 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).

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Gardea and seconded by Council Member Avila to adjourn at 8:00 PM.

Approved this ____ day of _____, 20__.

Attest:

Elvia Schuller, City Clerk

Andres Renteria, Mayor