

MINUTES
AGENDA
PUBLIC MEETING
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THE TOWN OF HORIZON CITY, TEXAS
Tuesday, January 13, 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, January 13, 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 Members Guillermo Ortega and Scott Quiroz were 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:

December 9, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting.

4. Discussion and Action:

Mayor/EDC Executive Director

On the re-appointment of Walter Miller to the Horizon City Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors.

5. Discussion and Action:

Mayor/EDC Executive Director

On the re-appointment of Jerry Garcia to the Horizon City Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors.

6. Discussion and Action:

Mayor/EDC Executive Director

On the re-appointment of Taniesha Chalmers to the Horizon City Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors.

7. Request to Excuse Absent Council Members:

8. Approval of Consent Agenda Items:

A motion was made by Council Member Gardea and seconded by Council Member Avila to excuse absent Council Members Guillermo Ortega and Scott Quiroz and approve the remainder of the consent agenda. The City Clerk polled the council : G. Ortega - Absent, Quiroz – Absent, R. Ortega – Aye, Avila – Aye, Ames – Aye, Gardea – Aye, Mendoza - Aye. Motion Passed.

REGULAR AGENDA

9. PRESENTATION:

Mayor

On recognition of the El Paso Border Youth Little League baseball team.

City Clerk, Elvia Schuller corrected the name of the team to the Horizon City Little League. Mayor, Andres Renteria spoke regarding this item and congratulated the players on the baseball team on a job well done.

10. PRESENTATION:

Mayor/Police Chief

Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation to Lt. Kaycee Valdez for 20 years of service and Cpl. Victor S. Vasquez for 10 years of service to the Town of Horizon City as members of the Horizon City Police Department.

Police Chief, Marco Vargas and Horizon City Police Cpl., Victor Vasquez spoke regarding this item.

11. Discussion and Action:

Mayor/Police Chief

On a resolution authorizing Chief Marco Vargas to sign a Mutual Aid Agreement for Complex Emergency Response and Investigation Planning between the Texas Department of Public Safety, the El Paso County Sheriff's Department and the Town of Horizon City Police Department related to active attack incidents at the primary and secondary school facilities in El Paso County, Texas.

Police Chief, Marco Vargas spoke regarding this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Mendoza and seconded by Council Member Gardea to approve the resolution authorizing Chief Marco Vargas to sign a Mutual Aid Agreement for Complex Emergency Response and Investigation Planning between the Texas Department of Public Safety, the El Paso County Sheriff's Department and the Town of Horizon City Police Department related to active attack incidents at the primary and secondary school facilities in El Paso County, Texas. The City Clerk polled the council : G. Ortega - Absent, Quiroz – Absent, R. Ortega – Aye, Avila – Aye, Ames – Aye, Gardea – Aye, Mendoza - Aye. Motion Passed.

12. Discussion and Action:

Mayor/Police Chief

On a Resolution to Review, approve and authorize the Chief of Police to submit the 2025 Horizon City Police Department Racial Profiling Report to the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas in accordance with Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Article 2B.0055 (Compilation and Analysis of Information Collected), Article 2B.0054 (Reports Required for Motor Vehicle Stops) and Article 2B.0053 (Law Enforcement Policy on Racial Profiling).

Police Chief, Marco Vargas and Police Lieutenant, JC Rodriguez spoke regarding this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Mendoza and seconded by Council Member R. Ortega to approve the resolution to review, approve and authorize the Chief of Police to submit the 2025 Horizon City Police Department Racial Profiling Report to the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas in accordance with Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Article 2B.0055 (Compilation and Analysis of Information Collected), Article 2B.0054 (Reports Required for Motor Vehicle Stops) and Article 2B.0053 (Law Enforcement Policy on Racial Profiling). The City Clerk polled the council : G. Ortega - Absent, Quiroz – Absent, R. Ortega – Aye, Avila – Aye, Ames – Aye, Gardea – Aye, Mendoza - Aye. Motion Passed.

13. Discussion and Action:

Mayor/Chief Vargas

Regarding a Resolution authorizing the creation of a Horizon City Police Department Reserve Officer Program.

Assistant Police Chief, Jose Kluge spoke regarding this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Gardea and seconded by Council Member Ames to approve the resolution authorizing the creation of a Horizon City Police Department Reserve Officer Program. The City Clerk polled the council : G. Ortega - Absent, Quiroz – Absent, R. Ortega – Aye, Avila – Aye, Ames – Aye, Gardea – Aye, Mendoza - Aye. Motion Passed.

14. Discussion and Action:

Mayor/Project Manager

On an update on the Capital Improvement Program.

Planning Director, Art Rubio and Project Manager, Jesse Sanchez spoke regarding this item.

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

15. Discussion:

Mayor/Planning Director

1st Reading of Ordinance No. _____, An Ordinance Amending the Municipal Code of the Town of Horizon City, Texas, Chapter 14 (Zoning), Exhibit A (Zoning Ordinance), to revise and amend the Following: Chapter 10 (Sign Regulations), Section 1016 (Exemptions) to add an exemption for civic use signs on City Right-of-Way; Proper Notice; and Effective Date; the Penalty Being as Provided in Section 810 of the Zoning Ordinance (No. 0102) of the Town of Horizon City, Texas, Creating a Misdemeanor Punishable by a Fine not to Exceed \$2,000.

Planning Director, Art Rubio spoke regarding this item.

16. Discussion and Action:

Mayor/Planning Director

On the acceptance of the roadway and drainage improvements as constructed with the Rancho Desierto Bello Unit 16 subdivision for maintenance and to accept the required maintenance bond and to release the performance bond.

Planning Director, Art Rubio spoke regarding this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Ames and seconded by Council Member R. Ortega to accept the roadway and drainage improvements as constructed with the Rancho Desierto Bello Unit 16 subdivision for maintenance and to accept the required maintenance bond and to release the performance bond. The City Clerk polled the council : G. Ortega - Absent, Quiroz – Absent, R. Ortega – Aye, Avila – Aye, Ames – Aye, Gardea – Aye, Mendoza - Aye. Motion Passed.

17. Discussion and Action:

Mayor/Planning Director

On the Final Subdivision Plat application for Rancho Desierto Bello Unit 19 (Case No. SDF25-0004) 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 16.576 acres ±. Application submitted by Applicant/Representative: TRE & Associates.

Planner, David Ruiz spoke regarding this item.

A motion was made by Council Member R. Ortega and seconded by Council Member Avila to approve the Final Subdivision Plat application for Rancho Desierto Bello Unit 19 (Case No. SDF25-0004) and to authorize the Mayor to sign the recording plat. The City Clerk polled the council : G. Ortega - Absent, Quiroz – Absent, R. Ortega – Aye, Avila – Aye, Ames – Aye, Gardea – Aye, Mendoza - Aye. Motion Passed.

18. Discussion and Action:

Mayor/Deputy City Clerk

On a proposal to consider the closure of City Hall and Courts Administrative offices on December 21, 22 and 23, 2026.

Deputy City Clerk, Armando Bustillos spoke regarding this item. Council Member Gardea requested that in addition to city office postings, staff post the closure notice on city websites and social media pages.

A motion was made by Council Member Avila and seconded by Council Member Mendoza to approve the closure of City Hall and Courts Administrative offices on December 21, 22 and 23, 2026. The City Clerk polled the council : G. Ortega - Absent, Quiroz – Absent, R. Ortega – Aye, Avila – Aye, Ames – Aye, Gardea – Aye, Mendoza - Aye. Motion Passed.

Before adjourning into Executive Session, the Mayor announced that he and City Council were invited to serve as judges at a debate tournament hosted by Horizon High School on Saturday, January 17, 2026.

A motion was made by Council Member Gardea and seconded by Council Member Mendoza to adjourn into Executive Session **at 7:34 pm.** The City Clerk polled the council: G. Ortega - Absent, Quiroz – Absent, 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. Deliberation regarding potential economic development incentives for Project Hornet, 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 8:34 PM.

19A. Deliberation regarding potential economic development incentives for Project Hornet, 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 Economic Development Corporation to continue negotiations an incentive agreement and hire a consultant to create a TIRZ for Project Hornet as discussed in closed session. The City Clerk polled the council : G. Ortega - Absent, 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 **8:37 PM.**

Approved this ____ day of _____, 20__.

Attest:

Elvia Schuller, City Clerk

Andres Renteria, Mayor