

**MINUTES
AGENDA
PUBLIC MEETING
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THE TOWN OF HORIZON CITY, TEXAS
Tuesday, January 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, January 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 6:00 pm. Councilwoman Urrutia 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:

December 10, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting.

4. Discussion and Action:

Mayor/Asst. City Atty

Authorizing the Mayor to sign a Participation and Release Form on behalf of the Town of Horizon City to receive a proportionate share of funds from the Kroger Opioid Settlement negotiated by the Texas Attorney General.

5. Discussion and Action:

Mayor/EDC Executive Director

That the City Council approve the Town's revised Stormwater Management Program for renewal of coverage under the Small MS4 General Permit and authorize the Mayor to sign the Notice of Intent, all to be submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

6. Discussion and Action:

Mayor/EDC Executive Director

On the appointment of Rafael Padilla to the EDC Board of Directors Committee.

7. Discussion and Action:

Mayor/Chief Vargas

On authorization for the Mayor to sign the FY 2024 (3007410) Operation Stonegarden Grant Interlocal Agreement with El Paso County.

8. Request to Excuse Absent Council Members:

9. Approval of Consent Agenda Items:

Councilwoman Randleed requested Items #5 and #7 be pulled from consent for discussion under the regular agenda.

A motion was made by Councilman Padilla and seconded by Councilman Mendoza to pull items #5 and #7 from consent for discussion under the regular agenda, excuse absent Councilwoman Urrutia and approve the remainder of the consent agenda. The CITY CLERK polled the Council: MILLER – Aye; QUIROZ – Aye; ORTEGA – Aye; RANDLEEL – Aye; URRUTIA – Absent; PADILLA – Aye; MENDOZA – Aye. Motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA

5. **Discussion and Action:**

Mayor/EDC Executive Director

That the City Council approve the Town's revised Stormwater Management Program for renewal of coverage under the Small MS4 General Permit and authorize the Mayor to sign the Notice of Intent, all to be submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Chief Planner, Art Rubio spoke regarding this item.

A motion was made by Councilman Padilla and seconded by Councilman Mendoza to approve the Town's revised Stormwater Management Program for renewal of coverage under the Small MS4 General Permit and authorize the Mayor to sign the Notice of Intent, all to be submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. The CITY CLERK polled the Council: MILLER – Aye; QUIROZ – Aye; ORTEGA – Aye; RANDLEEL – Aye; URRUTIA – Absent; PADILLA – Aye; MENDOZA – Aye. Motion passed.

7. **Discussion and Action:**

Mayor/Chief Vargas

On authorization for the Mayor to sign the FY 2024 (3007410) Operation Stonegarden Grant Interlocal Agreement with El Paso County.

A floor amendment was requested our Asst. City Atty to amend the posted language from El Paso County to the State of Texas.

A motion was made by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilman Padilla to accept the floor amendment amending the posted language from El Paso County to the State of Texas and authorize the Mayor to sign the FY 2024 (3007410) Operation Stonegarden Grant Interlocal Agreement. The CITY CLERK polled the Council: MILLER – Aye; QUIROZ – Aye; ORTEGA – Aye; RANDLEEL – Aye; URRUTIA – Absent; PADILLA – Aye; MENDOZA – Aye. Motion passed.

10. **Discussion and Action:**

Mayor/Finance Director

On a report regarding the Horizon City Annual Christmas Parade held 12/7/24.

Finance Director, Lily Gaytan spoke regarding this item.

A motion was made by Councilman Padilla and seconded by Councilman Mendoza to accept the report as presented. The CITY CLERK polled the Council: MILLER – Aye; QUIROZ – Aye; ORTEGA – Aye; RANDLEEL – Aye; URRUTIA – Absent; PADILLA – Aye; MENDOZA – Aye. Motion passed.

11. **Discussion and Action:**

Mayor/Chief Vargas

On a Resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to sign all documents necessary to accept a grant in the amount \$248,352.40 from the Office of the Governor of the State of Texas to provide additional personnel; crisis intervention programs; re-entry and violence prevention programs; software or other forms of technology needed for threat assessment programs; case management and information sharing solutions and specialized training for court; behavioral health and law enforcement personnel in accordance with the grant application and budget submitted by the Horizon City Police Department.

Emergence Health Network Reps, Krista Weindorf and Rhonda Ross and Police Lieutenant Kaycee Valdez and Police Chief, Marco Vargas spoke regarding this item.

A motion was made by Councilman Padilla and seconded by Councilman Quiroz to approve the Resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to sign all documents necessary to accept a grant in the amount \$248,352.40 from the Office of the Governor of the State of Texas to provide additional personnel; crisis intervention programs; re-entry and violence prevention programs; software or other forms of technology needed for threat assessment programs; case management and information sharing solutions and specialized training for court; behavioral health and law enforcement personnel in accordance with the grant application and budget submitted by the Horizon City Police Department. The CITY CLERK polled the Council: MILLER – Aye; QUIROZ – Aye; ORTEGA – Aye; RANDLEEL – Aye; URRUTIA – Absent; PADILLA – Aye; MENDOZA – Aye. Motion passed.

12. Discussion and Action:

Mayor/Chief Vargas

On a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an Interlocal Agreement between the Town of Horizon City and El Paso County MHMR D/B/A Emergency Health Network to establish the procedures and responsibilities for deploying a Crisis Intervention Team to assist persons in mental health crises and persons diagnosed or suspected of mental illness and/or intellectual disability. The amount paid by the City for a mental health clinician shall be \$73,971.00 per year.

Police Chief Marco Vargas spoke regarding this item.

A motion was made by Councilman Padilla and seconded by Councilman Quiroz to approve the Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an Interlocal Agreement between the Town of Horizon City and El Paso County MHMR D/B/A Emergency Health Network to establish the procedures and responsibilities for deploying a Crisis Intervention Team to assist persons in mental health crises and persons diagnosed or suspected of mental illness and/or intellectual disability. The CITY CLERK polled the Council: MILLER – Aye; QUIROZ – Aye; ORTEGA – Aye; RANDLEEL – Aye; URRUTIA – Absent; PADILLA – Aye; MENDOZA – Aye. Motion passed.

13. Discussion and Action:

Mayor/CIP Manager

On an update on the Capital Improvement Program.

CIP Manager, Terry Quezada spoke regarding this item.

A motion was made by Councilman Padilla and seconded by Councilman Mendoza to accept the report as presented. The CITY CLERK polled the Council: MILLER – Aye; QUIROZ – Aye; ORTEGA – Aye; RANDLEEL – Aye; URRUTIA – Absent; PADILLA – Aye; MENDOZA – Aye. Motion passed.

14. Discussion and Action:

Mayor/CIP Manager

Update on the ARPA Program.

CIP Manager, Terry Quezada spoke regarding this item.

A motion was made by Councilman Mendoza and seconded by Councilman Quiroz to accept the report as presented. The CITY CLERK polled the Council: MILLER – Aye; QUIROZ – Aye; ORTEGA – Aye; RANDLEEL – Aye; URRUTIA – Absent; PADILLA – Aye; MENDOZA – Aye. Motion passed.

15. Discussion and Action:

Mayor/CIP Manager

On change order no. 2 to Dantex General Contractors for \$48,999.19 for the Municipal Facilities Phase 1 project (Solicitation 23-101).

CIP Manager, Terry Quezada spoke regarding this item.

A motion was made by Councilman Mendoza and seconded by Councilman Quiroz to approve change order no. 2 to Dantex General Contractors for \$48,999.19 for the Municipal Facilities Phase 1 project (Solicitation 23-101). The CITY CLERK polled the Council: MILLER – Aye; QUIROZ – Aye; ORTEGA – Aye; RANDLEEL – Aye; URRUTIA – Absent; PADILLA – Aye; MENDOZA – Aye. Motion passed.

16. 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 development of Howard Lowe Pedestrian project, described in said Agreement.

CIP Manager, Terry Quezada spoke regarding this item.

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

17. Discussion and Action:

Mayor/Asst. City Atty

On a Resolution ordering an election by the qualified voters of the Town of Horizon City, Texas on May 3, 2025 for the purpose of electing four Aldermen places 1, 2, 4, and 6 to four-year terms.

Asst. City Atty, Sylvia Firth spoke regarding this item and requested Council approval on a floor amendment for this item amending the posted language to “On a Resolution ordering an election by the qualified voters of the Town of Horizon City, Texas on May 3, 2025 for the purpose of electing Council Members for places 1, 2, 4, and 6 for four year terms and a special election on the same date to fill the vacancy in place 5 for the remainder of the term expiring in May of 2027”.

A motion was made by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilman Mendoza to approve the floor amendment amending the posted language to “On a Resolution ordering an election by the qualified voters of the Town of Horizon City, Texas on May 3, 2025 for the purpose of electing Council Members for places 1, 2, 4, and 6 for four year terms and a special election on the same date to fill the vacancy in place 5 for the remainder of the term expiring in May of 2027” and approve the Resolution as amended. The CITY CLERK polled the Council: MILLER – Aye; QUIROZ – Aye; ORTEGA – Aye; RANDLEEL – Aye; URRUTIA – Absent; PADILLA – Aye; MENDOZA – Aye. Motion passed.

18. Discussion:

Mayor/Asst. City Atty

1st Reading of Ordinance No. _____. An Ordinance calling a special election by the qualified voters of the Town of Horizon City, Texas on May 3, 2025, for the purpose of submitting a proposition on the reauthorization of the local sales and use tax in the Town of Horizon City at the rate of one-quarter (1/4) of one percent (1%) to continue providing revenue for maintenance and repair of municipal streets; making provision for the conduct of such election; resolving other matters incident and related to such election; providing for invalidity, proper notice and public meeting and an effective date. The tax will expire on the fourth (4th) anniversary of the date of the election unless the imposition of the tax is reauthorized.

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

19. Discussion and Action:

Mayor/Asst. City Atty

On the Contract for Election Services with the El Paso County Elections Administrator for the May 3, 2025, General Election.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilman Mendoza to approve the Contract for Election Services with the El Paso County Elections Administrator for the May 3, 2025, General Election. The CITY CLERK polled the Council: MILLER – Aye; QUIROZ – Aye; ORTEGA – Aye; RANDLEEL – Aye; URRUTIA – Absent; PADILLA – Aye; MENDOZA – Aye. Motion passed.

20. **Discussion and Action:**

Mayor/Asst. City Atty

On the appointment of the election officials and election judges for the General Election on May 3, 2025.

A motion was made by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilman Mendoza to approve the appointment of the election officials and election judges for the General Election on May 3, 2025. The CITY CLERK polled the Council: MILLER – Aye; QUIROZ – Aye; ORTEGA – Aye; RANDLEEL – Aye; URRUTIA – Absent; PADILLA – Aye; MENDOZA – Aye. Motion passed.

21. **Discussion and Action:**

Mayor/Chief Planner

On a **Preliminary & Final Subdivision Plat** applications for **Kenazo Subdivision (Case No. SUC24-0003)**, and to authorize the Mayor to sign the recording plat, legally described as Two Portions of Section 31, Block 78, Township 3, Texas and Pacific Railroad Surveys, Town of Horizon City, El Paso County, Texas. Containing 4.0031 acres ±. Application submitted by Applicant/Representative JLJ Designs.

Chief Planner, Art Rubio spoke regarding this item.

A motion was made by Councilman Padilla and seconded by Councilman Quiroz to approve the **Preliminary & Final Subdivision Plat** applications for **Kenazo Subdivision (Case No. SUC24-0003)**, and to authorize the Mayor to sign the recording plat. The CITY CLERK polled the Council: MILLER – Aye; QUIROZ – Aye; ORTEGA – Aye; RANDLEEL – Aye; URRUTIA – Absent; PADILLA – Aye; MENDOZA – Aye. Motion passed.

22. **Discussion and Action:**

Mayor/Chief Planner

On a Resolution authorizing the Town of Horizon City to sponsor Clint Independent School District on their Senior Scholarship 5K Run/Walk by reducing the Special Event Permit application fee to \$100.00.

Chief Planner, Art Rubio spoke regarding this item.

A motion was made by Councilman Mendoza and seconded by Councilman Quiroz to approve the Resolution authorizing the Town of Horizon City to sponsor Clint Independent School District on their Senior Scholarship 5K Run/Walk by reducing the Special Event Permit application fee to \$100.00. The CITY CLERK polled the Council: MILLER – Aye; QUIROZ – Aye; ORTEGA – Aye; RANDLEEL – Aye; URRUTIA – Absent; PADILLA – Aye; MENDOZA – Aye. Motion passed.

23. **Discussion and Action:**

Mayor/Chief Planner

On a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign and grant a Perpetual Easement Agreement between the Town of Horizon City ("Grantor") and the El Paso Electric Company ("Grantee") necessitated by the Municipal Facilities Project.

Chief Planner, Art Rubio spoke regarding this item.

A motion was made by Councilman Padilla and seconded by Councilman Quiroz to approve the Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign and grant a Perpetual Easement Agreement between the Town of Horizon City ("Grantor") and the El Paso Electric Company ("Grantee") necessitated by the Municipal Facilities Project. The CITY CLERK polled the Council: MILLER – Aye; QUIROZ – Aye; ORTEGA – Aye; RANDLEEL – Aye; URRUTIA – Absent; PADILLA – Aye; MENDOZA – Aye. Motion passed.

Items #24 and #25 were taken together

24. PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor/Finance Director

2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 0313 Amendment No. 01, An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 0313 of the Town of Horizon City, adopting the municipal budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, to allow for the transfer of funds in the 2025 Police Department Budget to the 2025 Executive Officials Budget; and providing for repealer and severability clauses.

25. Discussion and Action:

Mayor/Finance Director

2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 0313 Amendment No. 01, An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 0313 of the Town of Horizon City, adopting the municipal budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, to allow for the transfer of funds in the 2025 Police Department Budget to the 2025 Executive Officials Budget; and providing for repealer and severability clauses.

The City Clerk, Elvia Schuller informed Council that the Mayor requested deletion of items #24 and #25.

A motion was made by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilman Mendoza to delete items #24 and #25 as requested by the Mayor. The CITY CLERK polled the Council: MILLER – Aye; QUIROZ – Aye; ORTEGA – Aye; RANDLEEL – Aye; URRUTIA – Absent; PADILLA – Aye; MENDOZA – Aye. Motion passed.

26. Discussion and Action:

Mayor/City Clerk

On a proposal to consider the closure of City Hall and Courts Administrative offices on December 22, 23 & 26 2025.

City Clerk, Elvia Schuller spoke regarding this item.

A motion was made by Councilman Padilla and seconded by Councilman Quiroz to approve the closure of City Hall and Courts Administrative offices on December 22, 23 & 26 2025. The CITY CLERK polled the Council: MILLER – Aye; QUIROZ – Aye; ORTEGA – Aye; RANDLEEL – Aye; URRUTIA – Absent; PADILLA – Aye; MENDOZA – Aye. Motion passed.

27. 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).

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Mendoza and seconded by Councilman Miller to adjourn at 7:02 PM.

Approved this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Attest:

Elvia Schuller, City Clerk

Andres Renteria, Mayor