

**MINUTES  
AGENDA  
PUBLIC MEETING  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
THE TOWN OF HORIZON CITY, TEXAS  
Tuesday, August 13, 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, August 13, 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 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  
8/6/24 Special City Council Meeting.

**4. Discussion and Action:**

Mayor/CIP Manager  
On change order #2 to Allied Paving for \$28,987.72 for the Oxbow, Pawling & Breaux project.

**5. Discussion and Action:**

Mayor/Chief Vargas  
That the City Council accepts the sum of \$3,802.40 as forfeited funds subject to the rules and regulations of Article 59 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure and approves the expenditure of the sum of \$3,813.12 to purchase the firearms and other equipment described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein.

**6. Request to Excuse Absent Council Members:**

**7. Approval of Consent Agenda Items:**

A motion was made by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilman Mendoza to excuse Councilman Quiroz and approve the remainder of the consent agenda. The CITY CLERK polled the Council: MILLER – Aye; QUIROZ – Absent; ORTEGA – Aye; RANDLEEL – Aye; URRUTIA – Aye; PADILLA – Aye; MENDOZA – Aye. Motion passed.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**8. Discussion and Action:**

Mayor/Chief Vargas  
On the approval of the FY2025 El Paso County 911 District annual budget.

911 District Executive Director, Scott Calderwood spoke regarding this item.

A motion was made by Councilman Padilla and seconded by Councilwoman Urrutia to approve the FY2025 El Paso County 911 District annual budget. The CITY CLERK polled the Council: MILLER – Aye; QUIROZ – Absent; ORTEGA – Aye; RANDLEEL – Aye; URRUTIA – Aye; PADILLA – Aye; MENDOZA – Aye. Motion passed.

9. **ANNOUNCEMENT:**

Mayor/Finance Director

The Public Hearing on the Proposed FY 2024 - 2025 Budget will be conducted on August 27, 2024 and the Public Hearing on the Proposed Tax Rate will be conducted on September 10, 2024 at 6:00 pm at 15001 Darrington Road. The adoption of the FY 2024 Budget and Tax Rate will be on September 10, 2024.

Finance Director, Lilia Gaytan spoke regarding this item.

10. **Discussion and Action:**

Mayor/Finance Director

Announcement of the intent to adopt the Voter-Approval Tax Rate of \$0.559362 for FY 2024-2025 and publication of notice.

Finance Director, Lilia Gaytan spoke regarding this item.

A motion was made by Councilman Padilla and seconded by Councilwoman Urrutia to approve the adoption of the Voter-Approval Tax Rate of \$0.559362 for FY 2024-2025 and publication of notice. The CITY CLERK polled the Council: MILLER – Aye; QUIROZ – Absent; ORTEGA – Aye; RANDLEEL – Aye; URRUTIA – Aye; PADILLA – Aye; MENDOZA – Aye. Motion passed.

11. **Discussion:**

Mayor/Finance Director

**1st 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.

Finance Director, Lilia Gaytan spoke regarding this item.

12. **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 2024-2025; funding municipal purposes; authorizing expenditures; providing for repealer and severability clauses.

Finance Director, Lilia Gaytan; Municipal Judge, Mario Gonzalez and Asst. City Atty, Sylvia Firth spoke regarding this item. This item was temporarily tabled and brought back for discussion after item #15.

13. **Discussion and Action:**

Mayor/Finance Director

That the Mayor is authorized to sign the Interlocal Agreement between the Town of Horizon City ("City") and Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool ("TMLIRP") to procure Cyber Liability & Data Breach Response Coverage 2024-2025.

Finance Director, Lilia Gaytan spoke regarding this item.

A motion was made by Councilman Mendoza and seconded by Councilwoman Urrutia to authorize the Mayor to sign the Interlocal Agreement between the Town of Horizon City ("City") and Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool ("TMLIRP") to procure Cyber Liability & Data Breach Response Coverage 2024-2025. The CITY CLERK polled the Council: MILLER – Aye; QUIROZ – Absent; ORTEGA – Aye; RANDLEEL – Aye; URRUTIA – Aye; PADILLA – Aye; MENDOZA – Aye. Motion passed.

**14. 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 – Absent; ORTEGA – Aye; RANDLEEL – Aye; URRUTIA – Aye; PADILLA – Aye; MENDOZA – Aye. Motion passed.

**15. Discussion and Action:**

Mayor/CIP Manager

Update on the ARPA Program.

CIP Manager, Terry Quezada spoke regarding this item.

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

***Item #16 was taken after Item #12.***

**16. Discussion and Action:**

Mayor/CIP Manager

On the selection of a transit plaza site.

CIP Manager, Terry Quezada and Able City Consultant, Carlos Gallinar spoke regarding this item.

A motion was made by Councilman Padilla and seconded by Councilman Mendoza to approve the transit plaza site recommended by Able City. The CITY CLERK polled the Council: MILLER – Aye; QUIROZ – Absent; ORTEGA – Aye; RANDLEEL – Aye; URRUTIA – Aye; PADILLA – Aye; MENDOZA – Aye. Motion passed.

**17. Discussion and Action:**

Mayor/Chief Vargas

To approve a collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Horizon City and the Horizon City Police Officer's Association for a term commencing October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2029.

Police Chief, Marco Vargas and Horizon City Police Association President, Abel Labrado spoke regarding this item.

A motion was made by Councilman Padilla and seconded by Councilman Mendoza to approve the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Horizon City and the Horizon City Police Officer's Association for a term commencing October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2029.. The CITY CLERK polled the Council: MILLER – Aye; QUIROZ – Absent; ORTEGA – Aye; RANDLEEL – Aye; URRUTIA – Aye; PADILLA – Aye; MENDOZA – Aye. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilwoman Urrutia to adjourn into Executive Session at **7:51 PM**. The CITY CLERK polled the Council: MILLER – Aye; QUIROZ – Absent; ORTEGA – Aye; RANDLEEL – Aye; URRUTIA – Aye; PADILLA – Aye; MENDOZA – Aye. Motion passed.

18. **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).

a. **Discussion:**

On real estate discussions for the TOD/Town Center.

***The Mayor and Council Reconvened into Open Session at 8:14 PM.***

Upon returning to Open Session the following action was taken:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Urrutia and seconded by Councilman Mendoza that the Horizon City Council allow the Mayor to sign the purchase agreement for the acquisition of eighteen (18) parcels of land located within the Town of Horizon City's TOD area. The CITY CLERK polled the Council: MILLER – Aye; QUIROZ – Absent; ORTEGA – Aye; RANDLEEL – Aye; URRUTIA – Aye; PADILLA – Aye; MENDOZA – Aye. Motion passed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilwoman Urrutia to adjourn at 8:15 PM.

Approved this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

**Attest:**

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Elvia Schuller, City Clerk

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Andres Renteria, Mayor