

City Council Meeting - Hybrid (In-Person & Electronic) (Tuesday, September 24, 2024)

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1. Opening Items.

Procedural: 1.01 Call To Order

Mayor Hernández called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Procedural: 1.02 Roll Call

PRESENT:

Mayor - Norma L. Hernández

Council Members – Paul Jessup; Michael Cleveland; Tito Espinoza; Loren Peterson; Melodie Williams; Monica Boyle

Staff- City Administrator, Michael Rizzitiello; City Attorney, Rea Culwell; Finance Director, Brian Carleton; Public Works Director, Robert McAndrews; Community Development Director, Jon Rickard; City Clerk, Maryelizabeth Garcia

Also Present -

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Council Member Schermann

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Procedural: 1.03 Pledge of Allegiance

Information: 1.04 Public Comment - None.

2. Consent Agenda.

Action (Consent): 2.01 AB 24212 - Approve Agenda for September 24, 2024 Meeting.

Action (Consent), Minutes: 2.02 AB 24213 - Approve Council Minutes for September 10, 2024

Action (Consent), Minutes: 2.03 AB 24214 - Approve Council Workshop Minutes for September 3, 2024

Action (Consent): 2.04 AB 24215 - July Financial Report

Action (Consent): 2.05 Excusing the Absence of Council Member Schermann

Action (Consent): 2.06 Approve Consent Agenda - Our adopted rules of Parliamentary Procedure, The Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure, provide for a consent agenda listing several items for approval of the Council by a single motion. Most of the items listed under the consent agenda have gone through previous review either during the budget process, at a workshop, or by subcommittee review and recommendation. Documentation concerning these items has been provided to all Council Members and the public in advance to assure an extensive and thorough review. Items may be removed from the consent agenda at the request of any Council Member.

Council Member Boyle made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Member Espinoza and the motion passed 6-0.

3. Presentations

Information: 3.01 AB 24221 - 2025 Preliminary Budget Review - Mr. Carleton

Mr. Carleton gave the first preliminary budget review of the year.

Discussion ensued.

4. Public Hearings - None

Procedural: 4.01 Procedure for Public Testimony

5. Action Items.

Action: 5.01 AB 24216 - Engineering Sprinkler Contract (Whitman Drive) - Mr. Rizzitiello

Mr. Rizzitiello presented the engineering agreement with JUB Engineers, including the trees and accompanying irrigation system, which will use potable water. Council Member Williams requested the City of College Place works with JUB Engineers to design an alternate water connection so we can switch to reclaimed water in the future when public infrastructure can support that switch.

Discussion ensued.

Council Member Jessup made a motion to adopt Resolution #24-066 which permits City Administrator to sign the engineering agreement with JUB Engineers for \$85,000 to design irrigation system for new street trees along Whitman Drive multi-use path. Second by Member Cleveland and the motion passed 6-0.

Action: 5.02 AB 24217 - Resolution of Support Energy Efficiency Grants (Commerce) - Mr. Rizzitiello

Mr. Rizzitiello informed the Council that the City is researching grant funding that supports capital endeavors for the City, noting that the grant will be filed on 9/25/2024 if it passes this evening.

Council Member Espinoza made a motion to adopt Resolution #24-067 which supports the City's application into the State Energy Efficiency Program for City Hall and Fire Station improvements. Second by Member Peterson and the motion passed 6-0.

Action: 5.03 AB 24218 - 2026 Periodic Update Grant Application - Mr. Rickard

Mr. Rizzitiello, on behalf of Mr. Rickard, updated the Council on progress and plans related to the State Growth Management Grant.

Council Member Williams made a motion to adopt Resolution #24-068 which permits City Administrator to sign grant agreement with the State Department of Commerce pertaining to a Growth Management Plan. Second by Member Boyle and the motion passed 6-0.

Action: 5.04 AB 24219 - Tyler EPL Change Order - Mr. Carleton

Mr. Carleton informed the Council that Tyler consultants need an additional 227 hours to complete the software switchover relating to the Community Development module.

Discussion ensued.

Council Member Cleveland made a motion to approve the Tyler Technologies EPL change order for \$27,500 to complete the implementation of the Community Development Module, and allow the Finance Director to sign the order change. Second by Member Peterson and the motion passed 6-0.

Action: 5.05 AB 24220 - Lemons Law Office Defense Contract - Ms. Culwell

Mr. Rizzitiello, on behalf of Ms. Culwell, informed the Council that Defense Attorney Rachel Cortez is starting her own private practice, and Attorney Rebecca Lemons will replace her. Mr. Rizzitiello described the litigation that has led to this change and stated that it will likely put pressure on the Current Expense budget as the City grows. Indigent Defense will be discussed at an upcoming Council Workshop Meeting.

Discussion Ensued.

Council Member Williams made a motion to adopt Resolution #24-069 which supports the Mayor to sign Indigent Defense Contract with Rebecca Lemons. Second by Member Jessup and the motion passed 6-0.

6. Administrative Reports - None.

7. Informational Reports -

Information: 7.01 Community Development Department Monthly Report

Information: 7.02 Police Department Monthly Report

8. Executive Session - None

9. Closing Items

Discussion, Information: 9.01 Good of the Order?

Mr. Rizzitiello informed Council that 116 additional responses have been received to the community survey, and predicted that number will increase as more outreach is completed.

Action: 9.02 Conclusion - Motion to Conclude the Meeting.

Council Member Boyle made a motion to conclude the meeting at 7:57PM. Second by Member Williams and with no objection, the meeting concluded.

Approved:

Signed by:

Norma L. Hernández

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Norma L. Hernández – Mayor

Attest:

Signed by:

Maryelizabeth Garcia

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Maryelizabeth Garcia - City Clerk

The foregoing minutes are the official record of the City Council meeting that occurred September 24, 2024. Further detail may be obtained by reviewing the actual audio recording made during this session.