

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CALLED MEETING OF  
THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS  
May 14, 2025**

A regular called meeting of the City Council of the City of Tyler, Texas, was held Wednesday, May 14, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the City Council Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of City Hall, Tyler, Texas, with the following present:

Mayor:	Don Warren
Mayor Pro Tem:	Lloyd Nichols
Councilmembers:	Stuart Hene Petra Hawkins Shonda Marsh James Wynne Brad Curtis
City Manager:	Edward Broussard
Deputy City Manager:	Stephanie Franklin
Asst. City Manager:	Heather Nick
Asst. City Manager:	Keidric Trimble
City Attorney:	Deborah G. Pullum
Deputy City Attorney:	Steve Kean
Senior Asst. City Attorney:	April Earley
Senior Asst. City Attorney:	Alesha Buckner
City Prosecutor:	James Craig
Director of Organizational Development:	Regina Y. Moss
Airport Manager:	Stephen Thompson
Main Street Director:	Amber Varona
Planning Director:	Kyle Kingma
Chief Information Officer:	Benny Yazdanpanahi
City Fire Chief:	David Coble
City Librarian:	Ashley Taylor
Code Enforcement Manager:	Chris Lennon
Compliance Engineer:	Paul Neuhaus
Operations Manager of Neighborhood Services:	Prentice Butler
Police Chief:	Jimmy Toler
City Engineer:	Darin Jennings
Traffic Engineer:	Cameron Williams
Project Engineer:	Jacob Yanker
Director of Utilities:	Kate Dietz
Director of Parks & Recreation:	Leanne Robinette
Director of Solid Waste, Transit:	Leroy Sparrow
Transit Manager:	Russ Jackson
Senior Management Analyst:	Blake Cathey
City Clerk:	Cassandra Brager

**INVOCATION**

The Invocation was given by Pastor Nathan Cravens, Zion Baptist Church, Overton

## MINUTES

Motion by Councilmember Wynne to approve the March 26, 2025 minutes; seconded by Councilmember McKellar; motion carried 7 - 0 & approved as presented.

## ELECTION

- E-1** Request that the City Council consider canvassing the returns of the Tyler City Council Election held May 3, 2025, for Districts No. 1 and 3, and affirming the cancellation of the Election and designation of the unopposed winner for the Tyler City Council Election for District 5 that would have been held on May 3, 2025, and adopting an Ordinance declaring the results. **(O-2025-21)**

### **District No. 1, For City Councilmember**

<b>Stuart Hene</b>	<b>375 Votes (86.01%)</b>
<b>Max Stuart</b>	<b>61 Votes (13.99%)</b>

### **District No. 3, For City Councilmember**

<b>Shonda Marsh</b>	<b>247 Votes (87.90%)</b>
<b>Write in candidate</b>	<b>27 Votes ( 9.61%)</b>

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Hene; seconded by Councilmember Curtis; motion carried 7 - 0 & approved as presented.

- E-2** Request that a Certificate of Election and the Oath of Office be administered to the re-elected City Councilmembers for Districts 1 and 5.

Judge Amy McCullough administered the Oath of Office to reappointed Councilmember Stuart Hene and reappointed Councilmember Lloyd Nichols.

- E-3** Request that a Certificate of Election and the Oath of Office be administered to the newly elected City Councilmember for District No. 3.

Bishop DeMarcus Pierson administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Councilmember Shonda Marsh.

(NOTE: New City Council member takes seat on the dais)

- E-4** Request that the City Council consider electing a Mayor Pro Tem.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Hene to appoint Councilmember Lloyd Nichols as Mayor Pro Tem; seconded by Councilmember Curtis; motion carried 7 - 0 & approved as presented.

## PRESENTATION

- P-1** Request that the City Council consider receiving a presentation on an opportunity to issue approximately \$45,000,000 in revenue bonds to facilitate regulatory

compliance water and sewer projects, consider any appropriate action related thereto, and provide general guidance to staff regarding authorization to proceed with this opportunity to issue revenue bonds.

**Paul Jason, Specialized Public Finance**, - Gave a presentation on an opportunity to issue approximately \$45,000,000 in revenue bonds to facilitate regulatory compliance water and sewer projects.

## **RESOLUTION**

- R-1** Request that the City Council consider approving an amended Resolution R-24-04 nominating Hiland Dairy to the Office of the Governor, Economic Development and Tourism through the Economic Development Bank for designation as an Enterprise Project under the Texas Enterprise Zone Program under the Texas Enterprise Act, Chapter 2303, Texas Government Code, and authorize the City Manager to sign all documents necessary to implement the amended Resolution. **(R-2025-30)**

Motion by Councilmember Wynne; seconded by Councilmember Curtis; motion carried 7 - 0 & approved as presented.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

- M-1** Request that the City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to execute a Engineering Services Agreement in the amount of \$607,200 with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for the SL 124 Utility Relocation and adopt a Resolution reserving the right to reimburse expenditures with proceeds of future debt. **(R-2025-31)**

Motion by Councilmember Curtis; seconded by Councilmember Hawkins; motion carried 7 - 0 & approved as presented.

## **CONSENT**

(These items are considered to be routine or have been previously discussed, and can be approved in one motion, unless a Council Member asks for separate consideration of an item.)

- C-A-1** Request that the City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to execute and add Amendment #01 to Work Order #01 of the Master Services Agreement with Elledge Engineering Corp. for the design and construction phase services, as they relate to the Stormwater Repair Projects 2025 for \$20,500.00 for a total of \$132,500.00.
- C-A-2** Request that the City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to execute Change Order No. 1 for the 2024 Water Meter Replacement Program to increase the total contract amount by 15% from \$3,450,000 to \$3,967,500 for approximately 3,000 additional meter replacements.
- C-A-3** Request that the City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to declare a Ford Explorer as surplus property and approve the inter-local agreement authorizing the sale to Hemphill ISD for a total purchase price of \$11,000.00.

- C-A-4** Request that the City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to execute a new Hangar/Operator Lease to The Albert Hall Co., LLC (John D Crow), for a portion of Tract 2 currently leased by Term Properties, at Tyler Pounds Regional Airport.
- C-A-5** Request that the City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to execute a Consent to Assignment & Amendment of F.B.O. Lease for Term Properties, assigning a 0.352- acre portion of 7.03 acres of Tract 2 to The Albert Hall Co., LLC (John D. Crow) at Tyler Pounds Regional Airport.
- C-A-6** Request that the City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to execute a mutual agreement between the City of Tyler and Lindale Rural Water Company for the purpose of clarifying the rights, obligations and regulatory fees of the Parties regarding the provision of sanitary sewer services to customers that the Parties have in common and to the extent allowed under State and Federal Law.
- C-A-7** Request that the City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to execute the proposal with Eagle Airport Marking, Inc., for \$79,968.23 to repaint the surface painted markings on Runway 13-31 at Tyler Pounds Regional Airport. **(pulled)**
- C-A-8** Request that the City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to approve the addition of an Exhibit C to the City of Whitehouse Interlocal Agreement, and to approve additional equipment expenditures per that agreement up to \$50,000 during the Fiscal Year.

Motion by Councilmember Wynne to approve the entire consent agenda except item C-A-7; seconded by Councilmember Curtis; motion carried 7 - 0 & approved as presented except C-A-7.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

1. A couple of items of note. On the Shiloh Road improvements, we're having an open house. Engineering staff, along with our Consultant Halff Associates will be having an open house this Thursday, May 15, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the UT Tyler Alumni Center to discuss potential future improvements on Shiloh Road and receive feedback from the public. This is part of the preliminary engineering report for Shiloh Road from State Highway 110 to Old Omen Road. This represents the last steps of this phase of the project. Please make sure to join us and provide feedback on this important project.
2. And then finally regarding our Airport. In honor of Autism Awareness Month, Tyler Junior College's Student Physical Therapist Assistant Organization partnered with Tyler Pounds Regional Airport, TSA, and Envoy Airlines to host Onboard for Adventure, an immersive airport experience designed for individuals on the autism spectrum and their families. The event was praised for its warmth, professionalism, and meaningful impact. As Professor Amanda Storer shared, your willingness to help create such a welcoming and supportive environment is not only commendable, it's life changing. And so, we're appreciative of our Tyler Airport staff. Steve and his crew do a great job of looking at ways to continue to improve the lives of our citizens and our passengers out at the Airport.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** - City Council went into executive session at 9:33 a.m.

The City Council may go into Executive Session regarding any item posted on the Agenda as authorized by Title 5, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. Notice is hereby given that the City Council may go into Executive Session in accordance with the following provision of the Government Code:

Under Tex. Gov't Code Section 551.071 "Litigation", deliberation regarding the following:

Pending or contemplated litigation or settlement offer involving. Sorto et al v. City of Tyler, Cause 23-1947- A.

Litigation is, by its nature, an ongoing process, and questions may arise as to trial tactics, or settlement offers which need to be explained to the City Council. Upon occasion, the City Council may need information from the City Attorney as to the status of the pending or contemplated litigation and or settlement offers related to the litigation matters listed above.

Any final action by the City Council will be taken in open session.

City Council reconvened from executive session at 9:57 a.m. with the following action.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Nichols to settle the Sorto et al Versus City of Tyler lawsuit for the amount of 25,000 be approved; seconded by Councilmember Curtis; motion carried 7 - 0 & approved as presented.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Nichols to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 a.m; seconded by Councilmember Hene; motion carried 7- 0 & meeting adjourned.



DONALD P. WARREN, MAYOR OF  
THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS

ATTEST:

  
CASSANDRA BRAGER, CITY CLERK

