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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CALLED MEETING OF
THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS
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A regular called meeting of the City Council of the City of Tyler, Texas, was held Wednesday, June 11, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the City Council Chambers, 2nd 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
Asst. City Manager: Keidric Trimble
City Attorney: Deborah G. Pullum
Deputy City Attorney: Steve Kean
Director of Organizational Development: Regina Y. Moss
Planning Director: Kyle Kingma
City Fire Chief: David Coble
Police Chief: Jimmy Toler
City Engineer: Darin Jennings
Traffic Engineer: Cameron Williams
Transit Manager: Russ Jackson
Senior Management Analyst: Blake Cathey
City Clerk: Cassandra Brager

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Councilmember Hene.

MINUTES

Motion by Councilmember Wynne to approve the April 30, 2025, minutes; seconded by Councilmember Hawkins; motion carried 7 - 0 & approved as presented.

RESOLUTION

R-1 Request that the City Council consider adopting a Resolution of support authorizing and directing the City Manager or the City Manager's designees to participate with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in the design of a safety project on State Highway 110 from north of Aberdeen Drive to County Road 2123.

(R-2025-36)

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

- R-2** Request that the City Council consider supporting the Transportation Alternative Set - Aside (TA) grant application for the City of Tyler Midtown to Downtown Shared Use Path and committing the local matching funds. **(R-2025-37)**

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

ORDINANCE

- O-1** Request that the City Council consider adoption of an Ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget for various projects relating to Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ 3, TIRZ 4), and the Rose Complex. **(O-2025-26)**

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

- O-2** Request that the City Council consider approving the sale of Tyler Water and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, New Series 2025. **(O-2025-27)**

Paul Jason, Specialized Public Finance- Gave a brief update on the Water and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, New Series 2025.

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

Latonia Gaston-Bell, 12622 County Road, 1114 Tyler Texas, 75709 – Stated that she was here speaking on behalf of someone else. She received an email from Christy Jones, and she lives at 1027 Crosby. So, it says, “Dear City of Tyler's Water Company, I have no idea what's going on with y'all, but it's not okay. I am very disappointed. I am a very disappointed customer. You need to get things together. I paid my bill on the actual due date, May 27th, which should have put my balance at zero because I have not missed one payment. Your automated system said that I had a balance of 113. I called and spoke with a representative and I was told that there was not a generated bill for this month, which said that the bill ended up being sent out two weeks late. But y'all still want me to pay them on time. Here is what I just paid my bill on May 27th, and it said that I have another bill on June 29. That's insane. It is not okay. Our bills are already high, and then you turn around and make mistakes like this. You really need to do better.” So, this is not the first time she said that she's had this problem. So, I'm speaking on behalf of her because she was not able to come today.

City Manager, Edward Broussard – Stated that we can have Keidric reach out to her. What was her name again?

Latonia Gaston Bell - Stated that her name is Christy Williams. She lives at 1027 Crosby. She also stated that someone else had reached out to her as well, but he did not make a statement. His name is Adam Scott. He is also a business owner here in Tyler. It happened with his residence, as well as his shop.

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 adopting the updated Title VI policy for the Tyler Transit System that will assist Tyler Transit in maintaining compliance with all Federal and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) standards and recommendations.
- C-A-2 Request that the City Council consider authorizing payment to the Texas Department of Transportation in the amount of \$51,668.17 for the 2020 Highway Safety Improvement Project entitled W MLK Jr. Blvd Signal and Crosswalk Improvements.
- C-A-3 Request that the City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to approve the partial release of the water easement on the Bellwood Addition Unit 1 that has been verified as no longer needed after construction of a new line.
- C-A-4 Request that the City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to ratify the expenditure of \$59,535.00 for the emergency replacement of two submersible lift station pumps located at the Lake Palestine Water Treatment Plant.
- C-A-5 Request that the City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to execute a Capital Improvement Project (CIP) contract with Striping Technology, LP for the Old Jacksonville Highway and Capital Drive Traffic Signal project, for \$192,353.65.
- C-A-6 Request that the City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to approve a reconciliation change order that will reduce the contract amount by \$90,074.36 and the release of final retainage payment in the amount of \$9,198.50 to Reynolds & Kay, LTD for the 2021 Creek Crossing Reroutes & Repairs.
- C-A-7 Request that the City Council consider adopting a Resolution consenting to the addition of territory to the boundaries of the East Texas Municipal Utility District of Smith County. **(R-2025-38)**
- C-A-8 Request that the City Council consider adopting a Resolution consenting to the addition of territory to the boundaries of the East Texas Municipal Utility District of Smith County. **(R-2025-39)**

Motion by Councilmember Curtis to approve the entire consent agenda as written; seconded by Councilmember Hawkins; motion carried 7 - 0 & approved as presented.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Our Tyler Fire Department is not somebody you want to mess with. They recently, back in May, they showcased their excellence at the Southwest Regional Firefighter Challenge

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Classic in Baton Rouge. A team of eight dedicated Firefighters, ranging in impressive age from 19 to 59 years of age, competed in various categories over the three-day event. The open team comprising of Bryce Driver, Jeran Driver, Scott Dodgen, Patrick Mayo, and Joe Mojica displayed unwavering determination that they claimed First Place in the Southwest Region Fire Department showdown, and Second Place overall. The grit was evident as they also secured Second Place in the Fire Department relay. And there are several individual awards that were earned. Bryce Driver got Third Place overall, Division I under 40. Jeran Driver got first place overall, Division II under 40. Patrick Mayo, Second Place, Regional over 40. Jeremy Driver, Third Place, Regional over 40. Jeremy Driver also received a Lion's Den recognition for being over 40 and running the course in less than two minutes. And then everyone on the open team, including Tate Coomer and Terry Hawkins, received various medals for their tandem races. And so, Terry Hawkins, especially Terry, if you all have known Terry, he's been with our department for decades and has always participated in this. And the whole team did incredible work on this as far as representing Tyler at this contest.

2. So, it is summer, and it is one despite the rain, the sun does come out eventually, and we are also having ways that we kick off the summer throughout the City. The Library had officially kicked off summer for 2025. They put on a spectacular event, hosting over 1,200 people with 885 registrations completed, including 628 children and 257 adults. There were games, bouncy houses, art stations, and some trucks that were there. We're grateful for the hard work of the Library staff and their volunteers in making this such a fun event for our Library and getting people ready to read for this summer.
3. Also, we have on Saturday the grand opening of the Miracle League Field over at Faulkner Park. And so that will be something we, as a community, have been working hard on and are just excited about its grand opening. We're also then next week, we have the grand reopening of Debbie E. Winters Park, and that will be on June 17, and it's something we're very excited about for next Tuesday.
4. And then finally, we're excited to announce that Tyler has been named the Second-Best Place to Live in Texas, with the article recently. We were evaluated on affordability, access to nature, health care, education, and safety, and so we were between Houston and Austin. Actually, Austin's number one. Houston was number three. Obviously, Tyler should be number one based on who we're being compared to. But we're very excited about that. Just kind of Tyler continues to just kind of get its name out there throughout the State and the nation. We're very proud of that.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Curtis to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 am, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Nichols; motion carried 7 - 0 & meeting adjourned.

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

ATTEST

CASSANDRA BRAGER, CITY CLERK

