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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, July 23, 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 (absent)
James Wynne
Brad Curtis

City Manager: Edward Broussard
Deputy City Manager: Stephanie Franklin
Asst. City Manager: Heather Nick
City Attorney: Deborah G. Pullum
Senior Asst. City Attorney: Alesha Buckner
Director of Organizational Development: Regina Y. Moss
Planning Director: Kyle Kingma
Chief Information Officer: Benny Yazdanpanahi
Police Chief: Jimmy Toler
City Engineer: Darin Jennings
Director of Parks & Recreation: Leanne Robinette
Director of Solid Waste, Transit: Leroy Sparrow
Transit Manager: Russ Jackson
City Clerk: Cassandra Brager

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Councilmember Wynne.

MINUTES

Motion by Councilmember Wynne to approve the June 11, 2025 minutes; seconded by Councilmember Hawkins; motion carried 6 - 0 & approved as presented.

AWARDS

A-1 Request that the City Council consider recognizing the following employees for their years of service and commitment to the City of Tyler. They represent 100 years of service with the City of Tyler.

Luis Aparicio, Police Officer XI, 20 years of service
J.H. Burge, Police Sergeant IV, 20 years of service
Adam Parker, Police Sergeant III, 20 years of service
Jason Shields, Police Officer XI, 20 years of service
Bradley Smith, Police Officer XI, 20 years of service

ZONING

Z-1

PD25-011 GENECOV WEST MUD CREEK, LLC (8751 PALUXY DRIVE)
Request that the City Council consider adoption of an Ordinance approving a zone change from R-1A, Single-Family Residential District to PUR, Planned Unit Residential District with final site plan. **(O-2025-40)**

Mayor Pro Tem Nichols – Stated that it shows more of the development. We still get the questions from the people of Wilder Way. Will that ever show a cut through? And it doesn't show that it will ever cut through to Wilder Way. There's no plans whatsoever for that. Correct?

Trey Brewer- Stated, "That is correct."

Councilmember Curtis- Stated, "I know that traffic has been raised as a primary issue about this project, and I know that the City had a setback 15 years or so ago, where the City wanted to develop the road there, and that effort was pushed back. So, we're going to be in catch-up mode now, and I just hope we'll do as good a job as we can as a City to get that done and handle the traffic that they definitely have out there. But I don't feel like we should be penalizing the developer for what happened 15 years ago. So, with that, I move to approve Z1."

Motion by Councilmember Curtis; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Nichols; motion carried 6 - 0 & approved as presented.

Z-2

S25-001 DRAKE CANDY PARK LLC (1210 BENNETT AVENUE)
Request that the City Council consider adoption of an Ordinance approving a Special Use Permit to allow for a wireless communications facility with a monopole communications tower up to 150 feet in height. **(O-2025-41)**

Motion by Councilmember Hawkins; seconded by Councilmember Wynne; motion carried 6 - 0 & approved as presented.

Z-3

Z25-016 DRAKE EQUITY PARTNERS, LP (A PORTION OF 2571 WEST GRANDE BOULEVARD)
Request that the City Council consider adoption of an Ordinance approving a zone change from AG, Agricultural District to C-2, General Commercial District. **(O-2025-42)**

Motion by Councilmember Hawkins; seconded by Councilmember Wynne; motion carried 6 - 0 & approved as presented.

Z-4

C25-002 SAMUEL BANKS (AN UNIMPROVED PORTION OF BUDDIE STREET)
Request that the City Council consider adoption of an Ordinance approving the closure of an unimproved portion of Buddie Street. **(O-2025-43)**

Motion by Councilmember Hawkins; seconded by Councilmember Curtis; motion carried 6 - 0 & approved as presented.

RESOLUTION

- R-1** Request that the City Council consider adopting a Resolution to suspend the original July 31, 2025 effective date of ONCOR Electric Company's requested rate change to permit the City time to study the request and establish reasonable rates. **(R-2025-43)**

Motion by Councilmember Curtis; seconded by Councilmember Hawkins; motion carried 6 - 0 & approved as presented.

ORDINANCES

- O-1** Request that the City Council consider adopting an Ordinance amending Tyler City Code Chapter 2 to adopt amended guidelines and criteria for tax abatement. **(O-2025-44)**

Motion by Councilmember Curtis; seconded by Councilmember Wynne; motion carried 6 - 0 & approved as presented.

- O-2** Request that the City Council consider the adoption of an Ordinance amending Tyler City Code Chapter 1 by removing unnecessary wording relating to Code amendments, categorizing the Neighborhood Revitalization Board as a Regular Board, listing the Tax Reinvestment Zone Board Number 4 as a Periodic Board, updating the Review Process for City Board applications, amending the provision related to City Board Attendance/Status Reports, clarifying the adoption of Internal Board Operating Rules, updating the City Penalty Clause to include Airport Zoning and Height Hazard Regulations, updating the advisory group membership provisions in the Appeal Process to the City Manager or designee, and making other minor clean-up and formatting changes. **(O-2025-45)**

Motion by Councilmember Curtis; seconded by Councilmember Hawkins; motion carried 6 - 0 & approved as presented.

MISCELLANEOUS

- M-1** Request that the City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement providing for the transfer of a building and lot located at 2000 West Gentry Parkway Tyler, Texas and a one-time grant in the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) to the Tyler Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce.

Sandra Burns, Executive Director of Tyler Metro Chamber Commerce – Thanked the City Council for their support and the opportunity to support the small businesses.

Motion by Councilmember Hawkins; seconded by Councilmember Wynne; motion carried 6 - 0 & approved as presented.

- M-2** Request that the City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to execute a

construction contract for the Information Technology Infrastructure Relocation Project with Watson Commercial Construction, Ltd., for \$3,050,000 (Bid No. 25-035), and approve an allowance of \$430,000 for furniture, appliances, and server racks.

Motion by Councilmember Curtis; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Nichols; motion carried 6 - 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 purchase one (1) new SCL 1000 track loader for Storm Water from Lowe Tractor and Equipment Sourcewell Contract 112624-KBa for \$34,053.55.
- C-A-2** Request that the City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to purchase one (1) new M4wd cab tractor to replace unit 16414, from Lowe Tractor Sourcewell contract 082923-kba for \$53,001.11.
- C-A-3** Request that the City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to apply for and accept Smith County 9 -1-1 District participation funding for various equipment upgrades for the Tyler Police Department, in the amount of \$94,238.53.
- C-A-4** Request that the City Council consider ratifying a payment of \$ 54,843.00 to Capps-Capco Construction, Inc., for the emergency repair of the street failure of Lake Forest Dr. at Lake Lee.
- C-A-5** Request that the City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to execute and add Addendum #1 to the Work Order #02 to the Master Services Agreement with The C.T. Brannon Corporation for the design and construction phase services, as they relate to the 2025 Structure Flooding Projects for \$42,300.00.
- C-A-6** Request that the City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to approve a reconciliation change order that will decrease the final project cost by \$65.30 and the release of retainage in the amount of \$16,562.47 to A-10 Construction for the Lake Palestine Water Treatment Plant Erosion Control Project Bid No. 25-006.
- C-A-7** Request that the City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to execute a Capital Improvement Project (CIP) contract in the amount of \$263,062.00 for the Private Service Relocation Bid No. 25-039 to Rub-A-Dub Plumbing and adopt a Resolution reserving the right to reimburse expenditures with proceeds of future debt. **(R-2025-44)**
- C-A-8** Request that the City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to execute an Agreement for Access across City-owned property at Lake Tyler to Jimmy L. Green.

- C-A-9** Request that the City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to execute an Engineering Services Agreement with Pape Dawson Consulting Engineers, LLC for the Gilley Creek Lift Station Force Main Replacement in the amount of \$732,600.00 and adopt a Resolution reserving the right to reimburse expenditures with proceeds of future debt. **(R-2025-45)**
- C-A-10** Request that the City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to award the Private Lateral Group 3 Program Construction for Consent Decree Remediation Work in the amount of \$ 997,024.00 to C&A Construction, LLC and to adopt a Resolution reserving the right to reimburse expenditures with proceeds of future debt. **(R-2025-46)**

Motion by Councilmember Curtis to approve the entire consent agenda as presented; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Nichols; motion carried 6 - 0 & meeting adjourned.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Tuesday, August 5: If anyone needs an excuse to go to Stanley's, they will be hosting a Give-Back Day for the Friends of the Tyler Public Library on August 5, starting at 11 a.m. Don't forget to text a copy of your receipt to 903-245-1701.
2. So, one of the projects we have been working on for over a year now has been on the Legacy Trail Phase 2, and you'll see the trailhead there on 155. It's pretty well complete, TXDOT was able to give us as far as clearance on that last week, which now allows us to do demo the garage and work on the house. That is part of the trailhead and future Stewart Park that is located there. So, we have to give some time there for kind of the garage to get full clearance for the demolition, but we should be within the next 30 days be able to take that out, and you'll just be able to see quite a bit of work. If the trail isn't officially open yet, you do get a chance to go through it, and we highly encourage this. This is just a wonderful ability to kind of go through different neighborhoods and ultimately get to Pete Elementary. And so, it's probably about four miles back and forth.
3. And then finally the Consent Decree line A is beginning. Back in February City Council approved a major milestone in our Consent Decree capacity program, which is the award of a 28.2-million-dollar sewer site 13a2 improvements project to Belt Construction, which marks the launch of our capacity group two effort. This large-scale project, often referred to as the line A sewer upgrade is designed to increase sewer system capacity and reliability along sewage in the City's critical infrastructure systems. And so, since the contract is awarded, Belt Construction has hit the ground running. And so, they have materials that have started arriving on the site, and the first phase of installation is now underway. Work began at the downstream end of the alignment, where crews have already installed approximately 2000 linear feet of a 42-inch sanitary sewer main. One key coordination effort has been working with Rail Pros to ensure continuous observation of the bore underneath the Union Pacific Railroad, a vital safety and regulatory requirement. Meanwhile, the project team is closely working with the City's transportation department to implement carefully phased traffic control plans, balancing construction needs with the flow of daily life through our City streets. Those are now the project and are approximately 15% complete, and we encourage momentum and strong partnership across the teams. So, you remember this is the line that actually starts up and kind of towards Delek in that area, comes through the hospital district and ultimately will come into downtown. So, it is a very large project and will be one that's seen and impacting many, as far as people coming through our community, or people living

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in our community, and our businesses. So, we'll do our best to kind of keep everyone aware of that project as it continues moving forward.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Nichols to adjourn the meeting at 9:57 a.m.; seconded by Councilmember Hawkins; motion carried 6 - 0 & meeting adjourned.



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

ATTEST:



CASSANDRA BRAGER, CITY CLERK

