

July 9, 2025

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CALLED MEETING OF
THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS
July 9, 2025**

A regular called meeting of the City Council of the City of Tyler, Texas, was held Wednesday, July 9, 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
Deputy City Manager: Stephanie Franklin
City Attorney: Deborah G. Pullum
Deputy City Attorney: Steve Kean
Director of Organizational Development: Regina Y. Moss
Planning Director: Kyle Kingma
Chief Information Officer: Benny Yazdanpanahi
City Fire Chief: David Coble
City Librarian: Ashley Taylor
Manager Wastewater Treatment Systems: Mike Norris
Police Chief: Jimmy Toler
Traffic Engineer: Cameron Williams
Director of Parks & Recreation: Leanne Robinette
Director of Solid Waste, Transit: Leroy Sparrow
City Clerk: Cassandra Brager

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Mayor Warren.

MINUTES

Motion by Councilmember Wynne to approve the May 28, 2025 minutes; seconded by Councilmember Hawkins; motion carried 7 - 0 & approved as presented.

RESOLUTION

R-1 Request that the Tyler City Council consider adoption of a Resolution expressing support for the submission of an Intent to Bid to host the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation (TAAF) Summer Games of Texas 2029-2030 by Visit Tyler. SPORTyler, the City of Whitehouse, Whitehouse Independent School District (WISD), and Whitehouse-Tyler Metro Track Organization. **(R-2025-41)**

Mark Lord, Executive Director, Lornonda Brown, Metro Track Club, and Wade Washmon were all in attendance to support the Resolution and ask the City Council for their blessing in considering adopting a Resolution expressing

support for the submission of an intent to bid to host the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation Summer Games of Texas 2029-2030.

Mayor Warren -Stated that he had the opportunity to meet with these three guys last night, with Wade and Coach Brown, and Mark. And I think the main thing that may be on everybody's mind is, is there, at this point in the game, a financial commitment on behalf of the City? And the answer is no. All we are doing if we sign this letter of support is throwing our name in the hat as a candidate to possibly be a host City, so it's no commitment on our part other than it's something that we would support that could happen in 29 and 30.

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

- R-2** Request that the City Council consider adoption of a Resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) for a Local Parks Grant for Golden Road Park and authorizing the City Manager to take all actions needed to receive and expend grant funds. **(R-2025-42)**

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

ORDINANCE

- O-1** Request that the City Council consider adoption of Ordinances amending and updating fees and other applicable adjustments to Tyler City Code Chapter 8 relating to Fun Forest Pool, Athletic Tournaments, Glass Recreation Center, and the Tyler Senior Center. **(O-2025-39)**

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

MISCELLANEOUS

- M-1** Request that the City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to approve the Northeast Texas Regional Materials Recovery Facility (NETX) (RMF) as the successful bidder for Bid 25-071 Curbside Recycle.

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

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

- B-1** Request that the City Council consider reappointing and appointing members to the Half Cent Sales Tax Board for Districts 1, 3, 4 and 5.

District 1 - will serve until May 2027 – Thomas Smith

District 3 - will serve until May 2027 – Archie Castleberry

District 4 - will serve until May 2028 – Ron Schoenbrun

District 5 - will serve until May 2027 – Bob Westbrook

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Nichols to appoint the slate of names mentioned;
seconded by Councilmember Curtis; 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 Chief of Police to enter a Memorandum of Understanding with Grace Community Schools to establish a collaborative partnership to ensure a coordinated response to emergencies.
- C-A-2** Request that the City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to ratify a reconciliation change order that will increase the contract amount by \$28,700.00 and the release of final retainage payment in the amount of \$33,874.10 to Gracon Construction, Inc. for the construction of the Southside Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements.
- C-A-3** Request that the City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to accept the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Grant 56 for Passenger Boarding Bridge replacement in the amount of \$2,055,090.00 at Tyler Pounds Regional Airport.
- C--A-4** Request that the City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to award Tyler Bid No. 25-021 to GEMS Technical Services, Inc., for the Passenger Boarding Bridge Replacement Project at Tyler Pounds Regional Airport in the amount not to exceed \$1,935,994.50.
- C-A-5** Request that the City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to approve a reconciliation change order that will increase the contract amount by \$ 2,102.47 and the release of final retainage payment in the amount of \$115,308.70 to Precision Civil, LLC for the Consent Decree Group 5 - Remedial Measures Pipeline by Reroute, Bid 23-053.
- C-A-6** Request that the City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to approve a reconciliation change order that will decrease the contract amount by \$21,651.51 and the release of final retainage payment in the amount of \$ 11,817.44 to Zone Industries for the Consent Decree Gilley & Greenbriar Lift Station Bypass Pumps.

Motion by Councilmember Curtis to approve the entire Consent Agenda as
presented; seconded by Councilmember Wynne; motion carried 7 - 0 & approved as
presented.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

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1. Mayor, Council, it's kind of odd that sometimes it's rare for us to see kudos on the Rants and Raves social media stuff. But there was one, our Gallery Main Street's newest exhibit, the Caldwell Zoo Wild Expressions, was an exception. And the first kudos went on to talk about the fact that, "I went to the Plaza Building in Downtown Tyler to see the art exhibit that some animals at the Caldwell Zoo painted. It was worth the trip to see them; they have all sold, and we picked up after the exhibit closed. All the money goes to the Zoo to help with the upkeep of the animals." If you haven't been through Plaza Tower to see the paintings that our local elephants, different penguins, giraffes, etc. have a ton. It actually is kind of pretty impressive. We have some very artistic animals at the Caldwell Zoo. This is a great opportunity to network with Caldwell Zoo and to show off kind of their highlights as well as to be able to have that up as an art exhibit. And they were true, pretty much everything out there has been sold out, our human artists are jealous.
2. Tyler Beautiful hosted Bee Day in the garden on June 21st of the Goodman LeGrand Museum, marking the fourth year of this buzzing celebration. Previously held at the Tyler Rose Garden, the event has found a new home at the Goodman since the relocation of the Observation Hive in early 2024. So, families enjoyed local vendors, kids' activities, pollinator-themed crafts, educational booths, and treats from local food trucks. The event served as a celebration and a learning opportunity about our bees here in the community.
3. The Texas Water Development Board has taken a proactive approach in helping Tyler Water Utilities with a Volumetric and Sedimentation Survey. As part of the survey, Project Engineer, Nikki Ingram participated in a video sharing how the project will help Tyler Water Utilities look at the long-term future of Lake Tyler and what kind of infrastructure improvements we need to make around the Lake. For more information you can visit our website, and actually the Texas Water Development Board's Website to learn more about the Lake Tyler Hydro Survey which will provide important reservoir data to the City of Tyler.
4. Then finally the annual July 4 celebration at Lindsey Park was a success despite the crazy weather that popped up right there at the very end. Thousands of people gathered to enjoy the game area, food vendors, DJ, and of course, the fireworks display. Thank you to all the hard-working city staff that we had to help make this possible, to the planning and execution on July 4th. This truly was a team effort. We had Parks, Police, Fire, Transit, and Solid Waste to make sure this was an incredible event for our citizens and for our community.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Wynne to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 a.m.; seconded by Councilmember Hene; motion carried 7 - 0 & approved as presented.



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

ATTEST:



CASSANDRA BRAGER, CITY CLERK

