

CITY OF PALACIOS, TEXAS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING and BUDGET
WORKSHOP

MINUTES

July 13, 2023

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A regular City Council meeting and Budget Workshop was held by the City Council of the City of Palacios on July 13, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., in Council Chambers located at 311 Henderson, Palacios, Texas 77465.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jim Gardner called the City Council meeting to order at 6:00PM.

CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

Mayor Jim Gardner certified a quorum was present.

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

*Mayor, Jim Gardner, Present
Councilmember Place 6, Donna Schulman, Present
Councilmember Place 5, Jason Hink, Present
Councilmember, Place 4, Margie Wier, Absent
Councilmember Place 3, Chip Woolf, Present
Councilmember, Place 2, Sharon Trainor, Present
Councilmember Place 1, Larry Glenn, Present*

CITY STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

*Cynthia Raleigh, City Manager
Aleigha Galvan, City Secretary
Anne Marie Odefey, City Attorney
Tammy McDonald, HR / Grant Manager
Maria Ayala, Office/ Finance Manager
Tobie Bias, Palacios Police Chief
Ryan Adams, Public Works Director
Manuel Guevara, Public Works Foreman*

INVOCATION & PLEDGES

Mayor Gardner led the Council, Staff, and Citizens in prayer and pledges to the U.S., Texas, and Palacios Flags.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Mayor's Announcements ~ *Mayor announced the annual Texas Municipal League Conference would take place in October and encouraged Council to contact City Hall to register for the event. Mayor stated there was a need to appoint a Fire Marshall and encouraged any interested applicants to apply at City Hall. The City will also be accepting applications for a Charter Review Committee to be filled by 5 registered voters who are not elected officials.*
- *Council Members Announcements ~ none*

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION FORUM:

None in person or on ZOOM

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. **Minutes** Approve the regular City Council meeting minutes of June 22, 2023.

2. **Ratify Resolution No. 2022-R-19** Ratify Resolution No. 2022-R-19 to be renamed to 2022-R-23.
Presented by City Secretary, Aleigha Galvan

Mayor Pro Tem Woolf made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Councilmember Schulman seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **First Reading of Golf Cart Ordinance No. 2023-O-11** Discuss and approve Ordinance No. 2023-O-11 amending Ordinance No. 2022-O-14, to-wit: An Ordinance regulating the use of golf carts, neighborhood vehicles, and other types of recreational off-highway vehicles; providing for codification; fixing a penalty for failure to comply with such ordinance; repealing any conflicting ordinances; and setting an effective date. *Presented by Councilmember Donna Schulman. Councilmember Schulman made a recommendation to take no action after researching her request further. Council took no action on this item.*

EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION

- Executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.087 (1) to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the City of Palacios has received from a business prospect that the City of Palacios seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in the City of Palacios and with which the City of Palacios is conducting economic development negotiations; and/or (2) to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect described by Subdivision (1).
- Texas Government Code § 551.072, to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property interests, due to the fact that deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City in negotiations with a third party.

Council recessed into Executive/ Closed session at 6:12pm

Mayor Gardner closed Executive Session at 7:14pm

RECONVENE REGULAR/OPEN SESSION

- City Council shall reconvene in Open Session and may discuss, consider, and take possible action on any item listed above that was considered and discussed in Executive/Closed Session (If necessary).

Council reconvened into Regular/Open session at 7:15pm and took No Action on both items.

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING

Regular meeting by Mayor Gardner at 7:16pm.

WORKSHOP

- **FY 23-24 Budget Workshop** Discuss and consider goals and plans for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. *Presented by City Manager, Cynthia Raleigh. Raleigh presented to Council the first proposed budget for FY 2032-24 and overview of the plans for the City of Palacios. Raleigh asked Council to review and explained they would go over the proposed budget in more detail at the next workshop.*

ADJOURNMENT OF WORKSHOP

Mayor Gardner adjourned the budget workshop at 7:57pm

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned by Mayor Gardner at 7:57 PM.

ATTEST:

Aleigha Galvan
Aleigha Galvan, CITY SECRETARY

Jim Gardner
Jim Gardner, MAYOR

