

# CITY OF ANGLETON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES 120 S. CHENANGO STREET, ANGLETON, TEXAS 77515 TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2025 AT 6:00 PM

THE FOLLOWING REPRESENTS THE ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE ANGLETON CITY COUNCIL IN THE ORDER THEY OCCURRED DURING THE MEETING. THE CITY COUNCIL OF ANGLETON, TEXAS CONVENED IN A MEETING ON TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2025, AT 6:00 P.M., AT THE CITY OF ANGLETON COUNCIL CHAMBERS LOCATED AT 120 S. CHENANGO STREET ANGLETON, TEXAS 77515.

# DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Mayor Wright called the Council Meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

### **PRESENT**

Mayor John Wright
Mayor Pro-Tem Travis Townsend
Council Member Cecil Booth
Council Member Tanner Sartin
Council Member Christiene Daniel
Vacant Position No. 3

City Manager Chris Whittaker City Attorney Grady Randle City Secretary Michelle Perez

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Daniel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **INVOCATION**

Council Member Booth led the invocation.

## CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS CITY COUNCIL

There were no speakers.

#### **CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS**

- 1. Presentation of the Professional Municipal Clerk Week Proclamation.
  - Mayor Wright presented the Professional Municipal Clerk Week Proclamation to City Secretary, Michelle Perez and Assistant City Secretary, Desiree Henson.
- 2. The recognition of Council Member Cecil Booth for his dedicated service on City Council.

Mayor Wright recognized Council Member Booth for his dedicated service on City Council. Mayor presented Council Member Booth with a Crystal Heart and his wife Ann Booth with a flower arrangement.

Mayor Wright addressed Council Member Booth and stated that Council Member Booth has given the invocation at every council meeting without being asked. He is a member of this community and has given many years, not just the six years on council but as a little league coach, raising his kids in Angleton, and Mrs. Booth as a teacher and educator in Angleton. They are lifelong members. They both have done so much for the community over the years. Mayor stated that Council Member Booth's knowledge goes way back and he is definitely going to miss him on council.

Mayor Pro-Tem Townsend addressed Council Member Booth and stated that he was a resource to council; he was deferred to whenever it came to engineering or history. He has a lot of knowledge, attention to detail, and that he was a huge asset to the council. Mayor Pro-Tem stated he enjoyed listing to him and that includes his invocations.

Council Member Sartin addressed Council Member Booth and stated that by Council Member Booth being on Council it has saved the engineering group and staff from searching a little deeper for answers.

Council Member Daniel addressed Council Member Booth and stated that he was her favorite and wished she could have all his knowledge.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- 3. Discussion and possible action to approve the City Council minutes for April 08, 2025.
- 4. Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution No. 20250422-004 adopting the Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments City of Angleton Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Upon a motion by Council Member Sartin and seconded by Council Member Daniel, Council approved consent agenda items <u>3</u>. Discussion and possible action to approve the City Council minutes for April 08, 2025; and <u>4</u>. Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution No. 20250422-004 adopting the Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments - City of Angleton Hazard Mitigation Plan. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

5. Update, discussion and possible action on the King Municipal Operations Center Project by Brent Bowles with iAD Architects.

Brent Bowles, iAD Architects, addressed council and presented a PowerPoint update on the King Municipal Operations Center Project. Mr. Bowels stated that the project is running on time and on budget. The budget will be solidified in the upcoming weeks. On April 17<sup>th</sup> the 95% guaranteed maximum price (GMP) design package was sent to TL Construction, as the Construction Manager at Risk (CMR). The CMR will send the design

package to their sub-contractors and vendors for the design using the CMR, and then they will begin soliciting bids across multiple trades and vendors to compile their guaranteed maximum price. After this they will put that package together that should be received by iAD on May 13. Mr. Bowles stated that all the changes discussed at the last council meeting with the interior offices were applied to the 95% design package.

Mr. Bowles acknowledged Council Member Booth and wished him the best.

6. Discussion and update on city fire hydrants.

Hector Renteria, Public Works Director, addressed Council and stated hydrants are an integral part of the water distribution system and play an important role in firefighting. There are currently 784 hydrants in our entire water system. Of these there are currently a total of 24 out of service. There are also various other minor issues that affect hydrants as well. These minor issues do not make them inoperable but can make operation difficult and cause severe issues if left untreated. It is extremely important to have a hydrant maintenance program in place. This program should test hydrants annually, identify issues, and repair/replace hydrants. Prior to the Fiscal Year (FY) 22-23 budget year there was no hydrant maintenance program in place. The first year there was a budget to utilize was in the FY 20-21 budget year at \$7,500 which was utilized for painting hydrants only. In the FY 21-22 budget year this increased to \$25,000. In this year a hydrant survey was performed, but there were minimal hydrants replaced. Also, data from this survey didn't include flow testing so the results were not in depth. In the FY 22-23 budget we were able to increase the budget to \$30,000. This allowed a hydrant survey to be performed on half of the hydrants in the city, and the replacement of 5-7 hydrants depending on exact issue. This was repeated in the FY 23-24 budget year. A \$15,000 dollar increase was requested in the FY 23-24 budget year but was not allocated. The same request was rolled over to the FY 24-25 fiscal year budget requests. We attempted to increase the budget to allow for more repairs/replacements due to the amount we discovered out of service after our first survey. Since the program's inception we have been able to replace 37 hydrants across the city. We have also made various repairs to 30 hydrants. We still have hydrants that need replacement, or repairs, but we are constantly working to determine the most efficient manners to get as many back in operation as possible. Once all hydrants are in service, we can then focus resources on the minor repairs, preventative maintenance, and aesthetics.

Neal Morton, Fire Chief, addressed council and stated they arrive with water in the truck and if they encounter a hydrant that is out of service then they go to the next hydrant and is not a major issue. There is an ability to view the out of service hydrants live before a call.

Mr. Renteria stated that the issue is the age of the hydrants and finding parts for the older hydrants is difficult.

7. Discussion and update on the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)-Transportation Alternative Grant Project. John Peterson, City Engineer with HDR, addressed Council and stated that he and city staff met with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to comment on the plans they put together. After reviewing the plans, the layout in the proposed preliminary design was not what the city submitted with the grant application as far as the configuration of what the city was looking for. Staff and TxDOT went over the differences and TxDOT agreed to make some adjustments. To expedite the process the computer aided design (CAD) drawing for the 2D utility Improvement Project was provided to TxDOT. Additional items provided to expedite the process were the measure downs to the waterlines, measure downs to the sewer line and storm sewer. Other discussions in the meeting were drainage and the impacts of the bold outs and the parking; TxDOT still had parking in the plans.

Chris Whittaker, City Manager, stated that TxDOT stated that it is more aesthetic with some Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements and stated the city did not sign up for aesthetics. The city signed up to repair the ADA issues and with that you will get new concrete, functional sidewalks and ADA ramps.

Mr. Peterson stated he will update Council once he hears back from TxDOT on the changes to the plans.

The council requested Mr. Peterson to return in two months with an update.

8. Discussion and update on Steet Bond Package III.

John Peterson, City Engineer with HDR, addressed Council and stated that the Street Bond Package III was submitted to Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and it came back with minor comments; it was resubmitted to TxDOT and should receive approval next month. TxDOT wanted the city to tie back in with asphalt to lower the last section of the transition down just a little bit where the concrete will pop off the asphalt. TxDOT requested calculations in the drainage to ensure the drainage was not impacted and showed the city is breaking the drainage and carrying the equivalent back that way.

Mr. Peterson stated that submissions of the final plans were submitted to utility companies. The city is still waiting to hear back from CenterPoint and Comcast. The gas lines in the neighborhood are shallow and we are waiting to hear from CenterPoint to verify how shallow. This will impact CenterPoint's utilities, and they are looking to see what will need to be replaced in order to facilitate the construction in that area. This is the same issue with comcast and their utilities that are located in the City's right-of-way. Comcast is working on adjusting them. Mr. Peterson stated plans were submitted to Angleton Independent School District. The concerns with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regarding the school parking lot for special needs were addressed in the designs. The parking lot will be redone by shifting the road over and doing super elevation. Instead of the road peaking in the middle and come down, it goes straight up to get that elevation that is needed.

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### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The City Council held an Executive Session at 7:08 P.M. pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained therein:

9. Discussion and possible action on the deliberation of real property; pursuant to Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code.

## Removed from the agenda. No discussion.

10. Discussion and possible action to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code. (Angleton Better Living Corporation, Parks and Recreation Board, Board of Adjustment and Council appointments).

#### **OPEN SESSION**

The City Council adjourned Executive Session and reconvened into Open Session at 8:00 P.M. pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 Texas Government Code and take action, if any, on item(s) discussed during Closed Executive Session.

10. Discussion and possible action to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code. (Angleton Better Living Corporation, Parks and Recreation Board, Board of Adjustment and Council appointments).

Upon a motion by Council Member Sartin and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Townsend, Council approved to appoint Luis Leija to Angleton Better Living Corporation, to fill an unexpired term ending in October 2025. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

Upon a motion by Council Member Sartin and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Townsend, Council approved to appoint Gina Pipkins to Parks and Recreation Board of Directors, Place 3, to fill an unexpired term ending in October 2025. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

Upon a motion by Council Member Sartin and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Townsend, Council approved to appoint Barbara Simmons to Council Position No. 3, to fill an unexpired term ending in May 2026. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mayor Wright stated he would like to discuss the annex at the next council meeting and the plans moving forward. Mayor thanked Martha Eighme, Director of Communications, for a job well done with Market Days.

Mayor Pro-Tem Townsend stated he would like an update on the Henderson Road Project.

them understand.	
ADJOURNMENT	
The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 P.M.	
These minutes were approved by Angleton City Cour	ncil on this the <u>13th</u> day of <u>May</u> , 2025.
	CITY OF ANGLETON, TEXAS
	 John Wright
	Mayor
ATTEST:	
Michelle Derez TDMC CMC	
Michelle Perez, TRMC, CMC City Secretary	

Mayor Wright stated he has received a lot of flak on the water bills and requested a graphic that shows the percentage breakdown of the water bill to share with the citizens and help