



**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, SEPTEMBER 12, 2023, 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 John Wright called the Council Meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.**

### **PRESENT**

**Mayor John Wright  
Mayor Pro-Tem Travis Townsend  
Council Member Cecil Booth  
Council Member Mark Gongora  
Council Member Christiene Daniel  
Council Member Terry Roberts**

**City Manager Chris Whittaker  
City Secretary Michelle Perez  
City Attorney Judith El Masri**

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Council Member Terry Roberts 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 Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation.**

**Mayor Wright presented the Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation; Marbella Hooper received the proclamation on behalf of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The City Council convened into executive session at 6:07 P.M. pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained therein:

2. Discussion and possible action to consult with Attorney pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code; pending or contemplated litigation. (Civil Action No. 3:23-CV-282; Christopher Hill v. City of Angleton, Texas in the U.S. District Court Southern District of Texas- Galveston Division)

## OPEN SESSION

The City Council adjourned Executive Session and reconvened into Open Session at 6:20 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.

No action was taken.

## CONSENT AGENDA

3. Discussion and possible action to approve the Angleton Fire Department to perform the Fill the Boot Campaign to raise money for Muscular Dystrophy.
4. Discussion and possible action on approving the June 13, June 21, and June 27, 2023, City Council meeting minutes.
5. Discussion and possible action to approve the Financial Audit and Single Audit Engagement for fiscal year ending September 30, 2023, with Belt, Harris and Pechacek, LLLP, Certified Public Accountants.

Upon a motion by Council Member Booth and seconded by Council Member Daniel, Council approved consent agenda items: 3. Discussion and possible action to approve the Angleton Fire Department to perform the Fill the Boot Campaign to raise money for Muscular Dystrophy. 4. Discussion and possible action on approving the June 13, June 21, and June 27, 2023, City Council meeting minutes. 5. Discussion and possible action to approve the Financial Audit and Single Audit Engagement for fiscal year ending September 30, 2023, with Belt Harris Pechacek, LLLP, Certified Public Accountants. The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

## PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ACTION ITEMS

6. Conduct a Public Hearing, discussion and take possible action on Ordinance No 20230912-006 to adopt the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Annual Budget for the City of Angleton, Texas for the Fiscal Year beginning on October 1, 2023, and ending on September 30, 2024; and declaring an effective date. **THIS BUDGET WILL RAISE MORE TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET BY \$500,229 OR 5.68%, AND OF THAT AMOUNT, \$317,213 IS TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL THIS YEAR.**

Phillip Conner, Director of Finance gave a PowerPoint presentation.

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Townsend and seconded by Council Member Roberts, Council opened the public hearing at 6:29 P.M. The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

There were no speakers in favor or against.

The public hearing was conducted and upon a motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Townsend and seconded by Council Member Roberts, Council closed the public hearing at 6:30 P.M. The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

Mr. Conner stated that the budget presented has \$668,000 in additional revenue and there were projects that were not included in the budget. He stated that Council has a choice to go with the no new revenue rate and lower the \$668,000 to \$500,000 and choose one or two items on the project list or Council can go with the de minimis rate and include several items on the project list.

Council Member Booth stated he hesitates to go to the no new revenue rate. He stated that things are going to happen, they happen every year and the city is scrambling trying to find money. If the city does not generate the funds then the things that need to be fixed, the things that need to be improved for the betterment of the city just end up getting postponed.

Council Member Daniel stated that she would like to manipulate the numbers to get a number in between a no new revenue rate and the De minimis rate. She stated the police department's pay raises are important, the Volunteer Fire Department would also like to implement a pay scale to retain their volunteers, Animal Services needs help as well as does EMS.

Mayor Wright stated that he is for the no new revenue rate, He stated there is a lot that needs to be fixed in the town and a lot of that can be taken care of by the debt service. Most of the projects to be done are on the water and sewer side that will be funded from the water rates. He stated he thinks the city has the funds, need to go out for the debt service and the no new revenue rate is the way to go.

Council Member Gongora stated there has not been a raise in the tax rate since he's been on council the last two years and stated there should be a nest egg for something that goes wrong or comes up that needs to be acted on now. He supports a number closer to the voter approval rate.

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Townsend and seconded by Councilmember Booth, Council *postpone* Ordinance No. 20230912-006 to adopt the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Annual Budget for the City of Angleton, Texas for the Fiscal Year beginning on October 1, 2023, and ending on September 30, 2024. For the roll call vote to be taken at the Special City Council meeting on September 19, 2023, at 6 P.M. The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

7. Conduct a Public Hearing to discuss Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Proposed Tax Rate.

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Townsend and seconded by Council Member Booth, Council opened the public hearing at 7:00 PM. The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

Presentation was provided by Phillip Conner, Director of Finance.

There were no speakers in favor or against.

The public hearing was conducted and upon a motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Townsend and seconded by Council Member Booth, Council closed the public hearing at 7:00 P.M. The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

Mayor Wright announced that the tax rate will be voted on at the Special City Council meeting on September 19, 2023, at 6 P.M.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

8. Discussion and possible action to accept HDR Engineering's Letter of Recommendation to approve Matula and Matula Construction, Inc. for Bid 2023-06 2023 Concrete Paving & Maintenance.

City Engineer, John Peterson with HDR introduced the agenda item and stated the recommendation is to approve Matula Matula in the amount of \$199,929.00.

Upon a motion by Council Member Booth and seconded by Council Member Daniel, Council approved HDR Engineering's Letter of Recommendation to approve Matula and Matula Construction, Inc. for Bid 2023-06 2023 Concrete Paving & Maintenance. The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

9. Update, discussion and possible action on the active Drought Contingency Plan Stages.

Upon a motion by Council Member Roberts and seconded by Council Member Booth, Council approved to move to Stage 2 of the Drought Contingency Plan and re-evaluate the plan every 2 weeks at a city Council meeting. The motion passed on a 5-1 vote with Mayor Pro-Tem Townsend opposed.

10. Presentations given by Genasys and OnSolve Code Red for Request for Quotations for the City of Angleton's Mass Notification System.

Jamie Praslicka, Director of Emergency Management introduced the agenda item.

Christopher Higgins, with Genasys joined the Council meeting by ZOOM and gave a PowerPoint presentation.

Stephanie Hansen, with OnSolve Code Red joined the Council meeting by Zoom and gave a PowerPoint presentation.

11. Discussion and possible action on awarding one of the two submissions for the Request for Quotation Mass Notification System.

**Upon a motion by Council Member Roberts and seconded by Council Member Booth, Council approved Genasys for the Request for Quotations City of Angleton's Mass Notification System. The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.**

12. Discussion and possible action on a request to extend the expiration date of a preliminary plat of the Ashland Project Model Home Park, due to expire September 27, 2023.

**Otis Spriggs, Director of Development Services introduced the item.**

**Upon a motion by Council Member Booth and seconded by Council Member Roberts, Council approved to extend the expiration date of a preliminary plat of the Ashland Project Model Home Park for 12 months. The motion passed on a 4-2 vote with Mayor Wright and Mayor Pro-Tem Townsend opposed.**

13. Update, discussion and possible action on the Henderson Road Improvement Project.

**City Engineer, John Peterson with HDR gave a PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Peterson introduced Suzyette Romoser-Broadway, Right of Way consultant with HDR and she addressed Council and gave an overview what is required of the federal funds to be used on the project.**

**Mayor Wright stated he does not want to continue pushing the project because it cost too much, he requested that the project be done in phases and requested that an update is brought to Council every Council meeting.**

**Chris Whittaker, City Manager stated that he will go out for a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for engineering services.**

14. Discussion and possible action on approving an interlocal agreement with Brazoria County for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Street Overlays.

**Upon a motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Townsend and seconded by Council Member Booth, Council approved an interlocal agreement with Brazoria County for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Street Overlays. The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.**

15. Discussion and possible action on Resolution No. 20230912-015 nominating candidate(s) for a position on the Board of Directors of the Brazoria County Appraisal District.

**Upon a motion by Council Member Booth and seconded by Council Member Daniel, Council tabled Resolution No. 20230912-015 nominating candidate(s) for a position on the Board of Directors of the Brazoria County Appraisal District until the October 10, 2023, Council meeting. The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.**

16. Discussion and possible action on approving Ordinance No. 20230912-016 amending the utility rate tables in Article III of Section 26 of the Code of Ordinances of the city of Angleton; revising and providing for an increase in the rates to be charged for utility services by the City of Angleton; providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances; providing a severability clause; providing for an open meetings clause and providing an effective date.

Mayor Wright stated that the increase of rates is for projects to fix the infrastructure and requested that the residents of Angleton are well informed of these reasons for the increase. Mayor Pro-Tem stated we should not be raising the rates yearly; it should be an as needed basis.

Upon a motion by Council Member Roberts and seconded by Council Member Booth, Council approved Ordinance No. 20230912-016 amending the utility rate tables in Article III of Section 26 of the Code of Ordinances of the city of Angleton; revising and providing for an increase in the rates to be charged for utility services by the City of Angleton; providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances; providing a severability clause; providing for an open meetings clause and providing an effective date. The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

17. Discussion and possible action on approving Ordinance No. 20230912-017 adopting the Final Project and Finance Plan for Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 2.

Upon a motion by Council Member Booth and seconded by Council Member Gongora, Council approved Ordinance No. 20230912-017 adopting the Final Project and Finance Plan for Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 2. The motion passed on a 4-2 vote with Mayor Pro-Tem Townsend and Council Member Roberts opposed.

18. Discussion and possible action approving Ordinance No. 20230912-018 2023 Annual Service Plan Update for the public improvements in the Riverwood Ranch Public Improvement District (PID), and approving the updates to the 2023 Assessment Roll, in accordance with chapter 372 of the Texas Local Government Code.

Upon a motion by Council Member Booth and seconded by Council Member Roberts, Council approved Ordinance No. 20230912-018 2023 Annual Service Plan Update for the public improvements in the Riverwood Ranch Public Improvement District (PID), and approving the updates to the 2023 Assessment Roll, in accordance with chapter 372 of the Texas Local Government Code. The motion passed on a 5-1 vote with Mayor Pro-Tem Townsend opposed.

19. Discussion and possible action approving Resolution No. 20230912-019 authorizing the establishment of a Public Improvement District in the City of Angleton, Texas; authorizing publication of this resolution, calling a public hearing and providing for the preparation of a Service and Assessment Plan.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Booth and seconded by Council Member Roberts, Council approved Resolution No. 20230912-019 authorizing the establishment of a Public Improvement District in the City of Angleton, Texas; authorizing publication of this resolution, calling a public hearing and providing for the preparation of a Service and Assessment Plan. The motion passed on a 5-1 vote with Mayor Pro-Tem Townsend opposed.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 P.M.

These minutes were approved by Angleton City Council on this the 23rd day of January, 2024.

CITY OF ANGLETON, TEXAS

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John Wright  
Mayor

ATTEST

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Michelle Perez, TRMC  
City Secretary