

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CALLED MEETING OF  
THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS  
May 8, 2024**

A regular called meeting of the City Council of the City of Tyler, Texas, was held Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the City Council Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of City Hall, Tyler, Texas, with the following present:

Mayor:	Don Warren
Mayor Pro Tem:	Brad Curtis
Councilmembers:	Stuart Hene
	Shirley McKellar
	Broderick McGee
	James Wynne
	Lloyd Nichols

City Manager:	Edward Broussard
Asst. City Manager:	Heather Nick
City Attorney:	Deborah G. Pullum
Deputy City Attorney:	Steve Kean
Director of Organizational Development:	Regina Y. Moss
Planning Director:	Kyle Kingma
Chief Financial Officer:	Keidric Trimble
City Fire Chief:	David Coble
Police Chief:	Jimmy Toler
City Engineer:	Darin Jennings
Director of Utilities:	Kate Dietz
Strategic Planner:	Blake Cathey
City Clerk:	Cassandra Brager

**INVOCATION**

The Invocation was given by Councilmember Hene.

**MINUTES**

Motion by Councilmember Wynne to approve the April 10, 2024 minutes; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Curtis; motion carried 7 - 0 & approved as presented.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**M-1 Request that the City Council consider accepting the annual review of City of Tyler abatements regarding Hiland Dairy, Homeland Title, Hood Packaging, and Trane.**

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

**M-2 Request that the City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to execute a change order to the 2023 Asphalt Enhancement Project for the reconstruction of Mirabeau Street in the amount of \$225,078.02.**

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

- M-3 Request that the City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Reynolds and Kay, LTD for the construction of the 2024 Asphalt Enhancement Project in the amount of \$3,203,701.90.**

Motion by Councilmember McGee; seconded by Councilmember McKellar; 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 City Manager to add Addendum 2 to Downtown Janitorial Contract with Office Pride Janitorial. This addendum would add the Street Department Administration Offices at a total cost of \$30,340 over the next four (4) years of the remaining contract term from a total of \$512,481.00 to a total of \$542,821.00.**
- C-A-2 Request that the City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to purchase a 3/4 ton truck with a utility bed from Tyler Ford for \$69,842.50.**
- C-A-3 Request that the Tyler City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to execute Work Order No. 1 with MHS Planning and Design, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$121,335.00 to provide engineering services for the 2024 Pedestrian Access Improvements Project.**
- C-A-4 Request that the City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to purchase one slope mower from Kinloch Equipment through Buyboard contract #706-23 for a total cost of \$59,000.00.**
- C-A-5 Request that the City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to approve a reconciliation change order that will reduce the contract amount by \$23,128.09 and the release of final retainage payment in the amount of \$39,204.55 to Reynolds & Kay, LTD for Sanitary Sewer Repair, Bid 23-008.**

Motion by Councilmember Wynne to approve consent items as written; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Curtis; motion carried 7 - 0 & approved as presented.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

1. The splash pads at Bergfeld Park, P.T. Cole Park, Faulkner Park, and Woldert Park are officially opened for the season on April 27th. Prior to the season opening, the splash pad at Faulkner Park received its resurfacing treatment with a heavy grip material to increase slip resistance. And so, we have been able to have all splash pads tested between three to four weeks ago and found in running order. And in fact, you've probably, as you've driven by some of those parks, you've seen kids and adults out there playing in those splash pads and so kind of enjoying it as we start to see the heat.
2. Keep Tyler Beautiful hosted the 2024 Great Cleanup on Saturday, April 13th at Southside Park. The event is truly becoming a citywide event with nearly 20 locations throughout the city that were selected. 523 volunteers showed up bright and early that morning and collected 2,900 pounds of litter from Tyler area parks, streets, and waterways. So we thank our citizens and community groups for jumping in there and being part of this great annual event.

3. Neighborhood Services hosted the Fair Housing Community Resource Fair on Saturday, April 27th over at the Majesty Event Center. They had over 35 social service, health and wellness, transportation, finance, safety, security, legal, and financial organizational entities that were represented throughout the event for citizens to come, to learn more, and to be able to, as far as, enhance their lives through the different services that are offered there.
4. Lindsey Park- One of the things you all approved in the budget process that kind of got a little attention is always something in there that just is not a big ticket item or huge, but it is something that's like, huh. And this year was the autonomous mowers. And so, Lindsay Park is the first location where we've been able to implement the new autonomous mowers and put them into place. And so, other locations may implement similar mowers in the near future. These mowers operate without the use of a rider, connect using a smart device, and have smart features for safety. And so, they're tested, they're put in place and seem to be working well. If you try to stand in front of it, it'll stop.
5. Finally, with all of the sometimes dysfunction we see in Washington, D.C., I do want to say thank you to our Congressman as far as the work that his office is doing on helping us with a project. We're working with Congressman Moran's office on a formal Community Project Funding for the recently approved Department of Transportation budget. And so, this request is for the new air traffic control facility, for which we already have a study underway that the Council approved using federal funds regarding the location and requirements. And so, we had a tight turnaround on it. Congressman Moran's staff was very helpful in making sure to get the material from us. And our different community groups, such as Smith County, the Chamber, and Tyler Economic Development Council, were helping us, helped us in being able to get letters of support for that quick turnaround period as well. And so, we're very grateful for the assistance that we received from his office for the project and getting that submitted to the Appropriations Committee. We also want to thank our Airport Director, Stephen Thompson, for navigating the questions and information needed to complete this kind of turnaround very quickly on getting the request in. And so, we'll see where it goes from here. But we are very glad to be part of that process.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Councilmember McKellar to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 am; seconded by Councilmember McGee; motion carried 7 - 0 & meeting adjourned.

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

**A T T E S T:**

  
**CASSANDRA BRAGER, CITY CLERK**