

STATE OF TEXAS COUNTIES OF WALLER AND HARRIS CITY OF WALLER

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON THIS THE 17th day of March 2025 at 6:00 PM the City Council of the City of Waller, Texas held a meeting in Regular Session at 1218 Farr St. with the following present:

Council: Staff:

Mayor Danny Marburger Cynthia Ward, City Secretary (Absent)
Mayor Pro-Tem Jason Tones Lucero Valdez, Deputy City Secretary

Councilmember Nancy Arnold Ryan Short, Finance Officer

Councilmember Don Hart Daniel Wilson, Public Works Director

Councilmember Dwayne Hajek
Councilmember Sherri Swisher

Michael Lopez, Police Chief
Philip Boedeker, City Attorney
Travis Sellers, City Engineer

Mayor Marburger called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The prayer was led by Councilmember Hart. The pledge was led by Mayor Pro-Tem Tones.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Marburger and all Councilmembers are present.

PRESENTATION FROM MR. JIM RUSS, PRESIDENT & CEO OF EHRA ENGINEERING -

Jim Russ presented an overview of the Highway 36A Alternative Route, highlighting its potential to improve evacuation routes, facilitate international trade, boost economic opportunities, and enhance overall mobility efficiency.

PROCLAMATION READING FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Marburger read the proclamation honoring our previous City Attorney Arthur Pertile III, proclaiming March 17, 2025, as a day of mourning dedicated to his memory.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Please fill out a "Citizen Registration Card" form in order to address the Council. Turn in the form prior to Communications from the Public to the City Secretary. Speakers are limited to three minutes. The purpose of this item is to allow the public an opportunity to address the Mayor and City Council on issues that are not on the agenda. The Council cannot take action but may refer this item to a department head or direct that this item be placed on a future regular Council agenda.

Any interested person may appear before the City Council to speak about an item on the agenda. Before the start of the meeting, the person must request such an appearance in writing and identify the agenda item on which he/she wishes to speak. The person will be called to speak when the agenda item comes before the City Council for discussion or action. Comments are limited to 3 minutes.

No communications from the public.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

This agenda consists of non-controversial, or "housekeeping" items required by law. Items may be removed from the Consent Agenda by any Councilmember making such a request prior to a motion and vote on the Consent Agenda.

- 1. Approval of Minutes for February 17, 2025, Regular Meeting.
- 2. Approval to excuse council member Nancy Arnold from the meeting held February 17, 2025.
- 3. Approval of refund to South Central Industrial Properties XIV LP for tax year 2024 due to value change per HCAD.

Item #4 was moved from the consent agenda to the regular agenda for discussion due to a clerical error.

Councilmember Hajek motioned to approve. Mayor Pro-Tem Tones seconded the motion. Motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

4. Discussion and possible action to approve Oakwood Estates Section 4 final plat.

A clerical error was made regarding Section 4, which should have been presented as the Section 5 Final Plat. This was discussed and corrected, resulting in the approval of the Oakwood Estates Section 5 Final Plat.

Councilmember Hart motioned to approve. Mayor Pro-Tem Tones seconded the motion. Motion passed.

5. Discussion and possible action to ratify **Resolution # 2025-04**, authorizing the award of professional service provider contracts for the 2025-2026 Texas Community Development Block Grant Fund Program.

Finance Office Ryan Short addressed the council regarding the ratification of Resolution #2025-04, which would award Bleyl Engineering a contract to provide professional engineering, architectural, and surveying services for the 2025-2026 Texas Community Development Block Grant Program project.

Mayor Pro-Tem Tones motioned to approve. Councilmember Swisher seconded the motion. Motion passed.

6. Discussion and possible action to approve the use of the City of Waller Plaza for the Relay for Life Event on May 2, 2025.

Councilmember Hart motioned to approve. Councilmember Hajek seconded the motion. Motion passed.

7. Discussion and possible action to approve Community Pollution Prevention and Recycling Event by Daikin on November 14, 2025.

Deputy City Secretary Lucee Valdez addressed the council in regards to Daikin hosting a community pollution prevention and recycling event this year and is requesting sponsorship from the City of Waller, at no cost to the City.

Councilmember Arnold motioned to approve. Councilmember Hajek seconded the motion. Motion passed.

8. Discussion and possible action to approve the use of the City of Waller Plaza on April 16th for an Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by Waller ISD 4H Club.

Mayor Pro-Tem Tones motioned to approve. Councilmember Hart seconded the motion. Motion passed.

9. Discussion and possible action approving **Resolution # 2025-05**, setting a Public Hearing for April 21, 2025, to hear input from the public concerning the adoption of an amended impact fee pursuant to Chapter 395 of the Texas Local Govt. Code.

Jacob Escobedo with Cobb, Fendley addressed the council regarding a Public Hearing scheduled for April 21, 2025, at this meeting they will present the City of Waller's capital improvements plan to the public.

Mayor Pro-Tem Tones motioned to approve. Councilmember Hart seconded the motion. Motion passed.

10. Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution # 2025-06, an amendment to the 380 agreement between Waller EDC and Wolff Companies to reimburse a portion of the utility extension costs to Beacon Hill Business Park. The amendment sets the reimbursement to be done upon receipt of the TxDOT acceptance letter for completion of the US290 Beacon Hill exit and frontage road.

EDC Director John Isom addressed the council regarding the third amendment to the 380-agreement due to ongoing delays in the project timeline.

Councilmember Hajek motioned to approve. Mayor Pro-Tem Tones seconded the motion. Motion passed.

11. Discussion and possible action requesting authorization to advertise and solicit bids for Building Official and Plan review services.

Public Works Director Daniel Wilson addressed the council for approval to solicit bids for Building Official and Plan Review services.

Mayor Pro-Tem Tones requested a detailed breakdown of fees from Bureau Veritas and the City Engineer to evaluate potential cost savings and to assess the current financial standing.

Mayor Pro-Tem Tones motioned to approve. Councilmember Hart seconded the motion. Motion passed.

MAYOR-COUNCIL REPORTS

STAFF REPORTS

Cynthia Ward, City Secretary *No report.*

Michael Lopez, Police Chief No report

Daniel Wilson, Public Works Director *No report*.

John Isom, WEDC Director *No report*.

Travis Sellers, City Engineer *No report*.

ELECTED OFFICIAL REPORTS

Not present, no report.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business, Mayor Marburger adjourned at 6:47 PM.

APPROVED BY:

Danny Marburger, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cynthia Ward, City Secretary

