

City Council Special Meeting
January 16, 2024

A City Council special meeting was held on the above date at Cameron City Hall, McLane Municipal Center, 100 South Houston Avenue, 3rd Floor, Cameron, Texas with all officers and members present.

Mayor Harris called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Council Member Deal offered the invocation.

Mayor Harris led the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Harris asked for citizen's comments.

There were no citizens comments.

The City Council entered into executive session at 5:31 p.m. for the following reasons:

- Pursuant to §551.071 to consult with attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation.

The City Council reconvened into Open Session at 5:57 p.m.

No action was taken on pending or contemplated litigation.

Council Member Fuchs moved to approve the January 2, 2024 special meeting minutes. Council Member Cryer seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Virgie Hardeman would like to re-visit the issue of unfinished streets of 2023 and possible discrepancy of East versus West side street procedures.

City Manager Ricky Tow and Street Supervisor Craig Arnold explained the street process.

Council Member Fuchs moved to re-visit the street projects at a future meeting. Council Member Cryer seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Council Member Fuchs moved to approve the following resolution. Council Member Deal seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2024-01-16-007

State of Texas

City of Cameron, Texas

A RESOLUTION ELECTING TO UTILIZE THE STANDARD ALLOWANCE TO DETERMINE REVENUE LOSS AS ALLOWED BY THE CORONAVIRUS STATE & LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND / AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

WHEREAS, the Treasury presumes that up to \$10 million in revenue has been lost due to the public health emergency and recipients are permitted to use that amount (not to exceed the award amount) to fund "government services;"

WHEREAS, the standard allowance provides an estimate of revenue loss that is based on an extensive analysis of average revenue loss across states and localities, and offers a simple, convenient way to determine revenue loss, particularly for SLFRF's smallest recipients.

WHEREAS, the City of Cameron, Texas has received an allocation of funding less than \$10 million;

THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, TEXAS RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Pursuant to the Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Final Rule, the City hereby elects to utilize the standard allowance to declare revenue loss in the amount of \$678,288.95 for Fiscal Year 2022 and to additionally declare any interest income earned from these funds as revenue loss.

Cameron Chamber of Commerce Director Melanie Reed presented a map and requested use of city property and street closures for the Spring Festival on March 22, 2024.

Council Member Fuchs moved to approve the request as presented. Council Member Pratt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Alan Ross, engineer with SPI, presented possible 6th street project change orders and budget. Installation of valves to make connection to the new water lines will result in a change order or \$77,920 to complete the project. Isolation valves will be permanent and add value to the project. Line stops are needed to replace the 4 remaining fire hydrants for the project. These would be temporary and would cost an additional \$86,800 to the project. The city could opt to pay for the hydrants and install when time money allows.

Council Member Fuchs moved to approve the change order to install valves for \$77,920 using ARPA funds. Council Member Pratt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Council Member Fuchs moved to proceed with paying for hydrants and getting bids for installation of hydrants. Council Member Deal seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Council Member Fuchs moved to appoint the following members to the Planning and Zoning Commission:

- Steven Bradley
- Galdino Banda
- Kyle Nuttall

Council Member Cryer seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Council Member Fuchs moved to approve the following order of general election. Council Member Deal seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.



ORDER OF GENERAL ELECTION

A general election is hereby ordered to be held on Saturday, May 4, 2024 for the purpose of:

Election Council Member Ward #2, Council Member Ward #4 and Mayor.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at City Hall, 100 South Houston Avenue, Cameron, Texas, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 22, 2024 through Friday, April 26, 2024 and between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 29, 2024 and Tuesday, April 30, 2024 except for official City holidays.

Election Day Voting will be conducted on May 4, 2024 at Cameron ISD, 303 East 12th Street, Cameron, Texas from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Amy Harris, Early Voting Clerk
P. O. Box 833
Cameron, Texas 76520

Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on Tuesday, April 23, 2024.

Council Member Deal moved to approve the order of special election. Council Member Pratt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.



A special election is hereby ordered to be held on Saturday, May , 2024 for the purpose of:

Election Council Member Ward #1

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at City Hall, 100 South Houston Avenue, Cameron, Texas, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 22, 2024 through Friday, April 26, 2024 and between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 29, 2024 and Tuesday, April 30, 2024 except for official City holidays.

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Council Member Deal moved to authorize the City Manager to enter into 2024 election agreements. Council Member Cryer seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Council Member Fuchs moved to approve the expenditures for December 30, 2023 through January 12, 2024. Council Member Dominguez seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There following expenditures exceeded \$25,000.00:

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| • SWHP | \$ 25,902.68 |
| • TxDOT | \$ 94,657.77 |
| • Waste Connections | \$ 40,403.31 |
| • Weisinger | \$ 98,872.00 |
| • D & S | \$102,039.50 |
| • TMRS | \$ 28,640.74 |

There being no other business to consider, Council Member Fuchs moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m. Council Member Pratt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.