

**THE CITY OF CISCO  
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR CALLED MEETING  
August 13, 2018**

**CISCO, TEXAS §  
EASTLAND, COUNTY §**

The City Council of the City of Cisco met in a regular called session at the Cisco Council Chambers in Cisco as scheduled, and notice was posted 72 hours in advance and prior to the meeting.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

<b>MAYOR</b> _____	<b>TAMMY DOUGLAS</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER PLACE I</b> _____	<b>JASON WEGER</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER PLACE II</b> _____	<b>DENNIS CAMPBELL</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER PLACE III</b> _____	<b>WILLARD JOHNSON</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER PLACE IV</b> _____	<b>ANDY ESCOBEDO</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER PLACE V</b> _____	<b>STEPHEN FORESTER</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER PLACE VI</b> _____	<b>CHRIS JOHNSON</b>

**PERSONNEL PRESENT:**

<b>CITY MANAGER</b> _____	<b>DARWIN ARCHER</b>
<b>CITY SECRETARY</b> _____	<b>TAMMY OSBORNE</b>

**PERSONNEL ABSENT:**

Guests: Kerry Hedges, Joy Hedges, Pete Loftin, Val Loftin, Matt Johnson, Shiela Johnson, Misty Bussell, Teresa Slaughter, Jay Slaughter, Butch Petree, Scott McAuley, Walter Fairbanks, Lucas Wilson, Ryan Haggard,

**I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

Mayor Douglas called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Councilmember W. Johnson arrived at 6:01 p.m.

**II. PLEDGES**

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Pledge to the Texas Flag

**III. INVOCATION:**

Councilmember Escobedo gave the invocation.

**IV. CITIZEN-VISITOR COMMENTS:**

Mr. Pete Loftin spoke regarding his lack of control over voting and tax rates as a citizen who owns rental properties in the city but resides outside the city limits.

**V. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING CONDUCTED:**

**July 17, 2018**

**July 19, 2018**

**July 23, 2018**

Motion was made by Councilmember Campbell to accept the minutes as presented, second was made by Councilmember Weger. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Weger, Campbell, W. Johnson, Escobedo, Forester, C. Johnson, Douglas  
Nays: None/Motion Carries  
Voted: 7 to 0  
Absent: None

**VI. THE CITY COUNCIL MAY DISCUSS AND/OR TAKE ACTION ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS:**

**A. Consider and Discuss Granting a Variance to the Residential Garage Sale Ordinance.—James King**

The Council noted that Mr. King was not in attendance and had no discussion and took no action.

**B. Consider and Discuss Purchase of 1001 & 1005 W. 8<sup>th</sup> St. by the Cisco Development Corporation.—John Diers**

Mr. Diers explained that the CDC would purchase the property for \$25,000.00. The plan would not include refurbishing the property, but instead would demolish and clear the lot for future commercial development.

Motion was made by Councilmember Forester to accept the purchase by the CDC, second was made by Councilmember Escobedo. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Weger, Campbell, W. Johnson, Escobedo, Forester, C. Johnson, Douglas  
Nays: None/Motion Carries  
Voted: 7 to 0  
Absent: None

**C. Consider and Discuss Strip Mall Construction at Village at Cisco Business Park.—John Diers**

Mr. Diers again spoke saying that the inventory of commercial space is limited because most downtown buildings are filled. The Board voted to construct three units at the Village Business Park for future commercial development. The lowest bid for the construction was \$560,000.00 and the CDC Board accepted that bid. Mr. Diers continued by saying that as development progresses at the business park, the intention is to approach TxDOT about moving the exit ramp to accommodate traffic to exit prior to the park. The Council questioned Mr. Diers about the façade of the strip units and asked about once those were full what was the plan. Mr. Diers answered

Motion was made by Councilmember W. Johnson to approve the expenditure by the CDC, second was made by Councilmember Forester. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Weger, Campbell, W. Johnson, Escobedo, Forester, C. Johnson, Douglas  
Nays: None/Motion Carries  
Voted: 7 to 0  
Absent: None

**D. Consider and Discuss Extending Lake Lot Leases.**

The Council retired into Executive Session under Section 551.072 Real Property at 6:13 p.m.

The Council reconvened into Regular Session at 6:45 p.m. and took no action.

**E. Consider and Discuss Granting a Variance to Stage 3 Water Restrictions for the Back to School Bash on August 19, 2018.**

Motion was made by Councilmember Forester to grant the variance, second was made by Councilmember W. Johnson. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Weger, Campbell, W. Johnson, Escobedo, Forester, C. Johnson, Douglas  
Nays: None/Motion Carries  
Voted: 7 to 0  
Absent: None

**F. Consider and Discuss Resolution No. 2018-07-23**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, REGARDING A FINANCE CONTRACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROCURING A “SKID STEER”.**

Mr. Archer stated that the attached resolution represented the final purchase price for the equipment as previously discussed. He recommended choosing the payment method that required first payment one year after purchase.

Motion was made by Councilmember C. Johnson to accept the resolution as presented, second was made by Councilmember Forester. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Weger, Campbell, W. Johnson, Escobedo, Forester, C. Johnson, Douglas  
Nays: None/Motion Carries  
Voted: 7 to 0  
Absent: None

**G. Consider and Discuss City Attorney Rates.**

Mr. Archer presented rates from three attorneys. Mr. Wright explained his fee structure stating that the retainer covered most expenses and billable hours were minimal. The Council asked questions of Mr. Wright and discussed the other attorneys' fees. The Council requested to table the item until the next meeting.

**H. Consider and Discuss City Auditor Rates.**

Mr. Archer commented that he had not received any responses from other auditors regarding their rates. The Council requested that this item be tabled until the next meeting as well.

**I. Consider and Discuss Final Proposed Budget.**

Mr. Archer said that he wanted any final discussion of the budget prior to first reading next month. There was no discussion and the Council took no action on this item.

**J. Consider and Discuss Setting Proposed Tax Rate.**

Mr. Archer presented the Council with both the Effective Tax Rate and the Rollback Tax Rate. He recommended adopting the Effective Tax Rate of \$.639595 which would be \$.24 lower than last year's tax rate.

Motion was made by Councilmember Forester to propose the Effective Tax Rate of \$.639595, second was made by Councilmember C. Johnson. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Weger, Campbell, W. Johnson, Escobedo, Forester, C. Johnson, Douglas  
Nays: None/Motion Carries  
Voted: 7 to 0  
Absent: None

**K. Consider and Discuss Long Range Planning.**

Mr. Archer reminded the Council and guests that City Hall would be closed on Monday September 3, 2018 for Labor Day.

**L. Announcements from City Council.**

Councilmember Weger announced a Public Hearing for the Appraisal District on Thursday, August 23, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

Councilmember W. Johnson inquired about the development going on at the lake and those residences' right to draw water out of the lake. Mr. Archer suggested adding discussion of this item on a future agenda as an Executive Session.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Councilmember Forester to adjourn, second made by Councilmember C. Johnson. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

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**Tammy Osborne, City Secretary**

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**Tammy Douglas, Mayor**

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