

**THE CITY OF CISCO  
CITY COUNCIL, SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
February 5, 2024**

**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>STEPHEN FORESTER</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER PLACE I</b> _____	<b>JASON WHETSTONE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER PLACE III</b> _____	<b>WILLARD JOHNSON</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER PLACE IV</b> _____	<b>NATHAN BRUNER</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER PLACE V</b> _____	<b>CHRIS JOHNSON</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER PLACE VI</b> _____	<b>TRAVIS TOOF</b>

**PERSONNEL PRESENT:**

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

**PERSONNEL ABSENT:**

<b>COUNCILMEMBER PLACE II</b> _____	<b>ROBERT JOHNSTON</b>
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Guests: Kenneth Preston, Jane Nichols, Misty Bussell, Tammy Loran, Tammy Archer, Peggy Ledbetter, Walter Fairbanks, Lloyd Fagan, Philip Green, Matt Hutton, Justin Jaworski, Quenton Wells, Sam Guthrie, III, April Wells, Ryan Mechling, Justin Mena, Ashley Perez

**I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

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

**II. PLEDGES**

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

**III. INVOCATION:**

Councilmember Whetstone gave the invocation.

**IV. CITIZEN-VISITOR COMMENTS:**

None.

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

- A. Consider and Discuss Resolution No. 2024-02-05

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, APPROVING APPLICATION FOR A CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION GRANT THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR FOR THE PURCHASE OF UPGRADED POLICE DEPARTMENT HANDHELD RADIOS.**

Chief Preston told the Council that the proposed resolution was part of a grant application being made for new radios. The Police Department is requesting \$21,000.00 and whatever grant funds are approved will be used for that purpose. He further stated that there was no provision for matching funds with this grant.

Motion was made by Councilmember W. Johnson to approve resolution as presented, second was made by Councilmember Toof. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, W. Johnson, Bruner, C. Johnson, Toof, Forester  
Nays: None/Motion Carries  
Voted: 6 to 0  
Absent: Johnston

**B. Consider and Discuss Calling a Special Election to Place a Measure on the May Uniform Election Ballot to Reduce Sales Tax Allocations to the Cisco Development Corporation and the Cisco 4A Development Corporation. (Executive Session)**

The discussion began with an explanation of what could be discussed in Executive Session regarding this item and the Council decided that the legal brief provided to them from the City Attorney was sufficient to answer any legal questions and therefore opted not to enter into Executive Session. The Council then engaged in a lively discussion regarding the merits of placing the proposed measure on the ballot with Councilmember Toof stating that his thoughts tend toward allowing the citizens to vote on how the tremendously increased sales tax should be spent and Councilmembers Whetstone and C. Johnson being opposed to not only the measure, but how the measure was brought before the Council. Members of the public Matt Hutton, Phil Green, Tammy Loran, Jane Nichols, and CDC Director Justin Jaworski addressed the Council in opposition of the measure. Councilmember Toof reiterated that with the drastic increase in sales tax funds, he feels that the citizens should be allowed to vote on how they are spent.

**C. Consider and Discuss Ordinance No. 0-2024-02**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING AND ORDERING A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 4, 2024, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS, FOR ADOPTION OR REJECTION, A PROPOSITION TO REDUCE THE TYPE A ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SALES AND USE TAX FROM ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT TO ONE-FOURTH OF ONE PERCENT, TO REDUCE THE TYPE B ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SALES TAX FROM ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT TO ONE-FOURTH OF ONE PERCENT, AND AUTHORIZE THE ADOPTION OF AN INCREASED LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX IN THE CITY OF CISCO FROM ONE PERCENT TO THE RATE OF ONE AND ONE-HALF PERCENT; PROVIDING FOR THE INCORPORATION OF FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR AN ELECTION ORDER; PROVIDING FOR THE PROPOSED PROPOSITION; PROVIDING FOR THE OFFICIAL BALLOT; PROVIDING FOR POLLING PLACE AND TIME; PROVIDING FOR EARLY VOTING; PROVIDING FOR THE USE OF THE HART INTERCIVIC DUO VERITY HYBRID VOTING SYSTEM; PROVIDING FOR EARLY BALLOT BOARD AND CENTRAL COUNTING STATION; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF ELECTION, PUBLICATION AND POSTING; PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION OFFICERS, CLERKS AND COMPENSATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CUMULATIVE/ REPEALER AND SAVINGS CLAUSES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (First Reading)**

Motion was made by Councilmember Toof to approve the ordinance as presented, second was made by Councilmember Bruner. The vote was as follow:

Ayes: Councilmembers: W. Johnson, Bruner, Toof  
Nays: Whetstone, C. Johnson, Forester/Motion Does Not Carry  
Voted: 3 to 3  
Absent: Johnston

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

None.

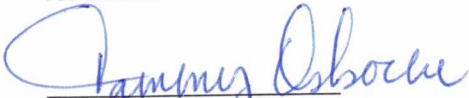
**E. Announcements for City Council.**

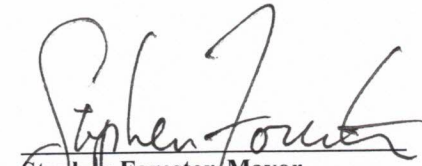
None.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Councilmember W. Johnson to adjourn, second made by Councilmember Whetstone. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

  
Tammy Osborne, City Secretary

  
Stephen Forester, Mayor

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