

**THE CITY OF CISCO  
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR CALLED MEETING  
August 26, 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 II</b> _____	<b>ROBERT JOHNSTON</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER PLACE III</b> _____	<b>WILLARD JOHNSON</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 IV</b> _____	<b>NATHAN BRUNER</b>
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Guests: Jane Nichols, Phil Green, Carl Holmes, Chris Williams, Randy Clark, Walter Fairbanks, Wes Light, Barbara Light, Justin Jaworski, Misty Bussell, Kenneth Preston, Ryan Steele, Stephanie Alexander, Tom Brown, Melanie Brown, Judy Rains, Scott Stevens

**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 Toof gave the invocation.

**IV. CITIZEN-VISITOR COMMENTS:**

Chris Williams requested street repairs on E. 14<sup>th</sup> Street.

Ervin Light recognized emergency services and city employees during the storm.

Willard Johnson arrived at 6:04 p.m.

Phil Green presented an opinion regarding average salaries for Development Corporation Executives and City Managers stating that he felt both positions deserved higher pay.

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

- **August 12, 2024**

Motion was made by Councilmember Whetstone to approve the minutes as presented, second was made by Councilmember Johnston. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

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

**A. Consider and Discuss Closing E. 4<sup>th</sup> St. on October 18, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. through October 19, 2024 at 10:00 p.m. for Events Associated with CiscoTX Piefest.**

Ms. Nichols said that the street closing would be a safety precaution for the vendors and play area that are set up for Piefest.

Motion was made by Councilmember C. Johnson to approve the street closure as presented, second was made by Councilmember W. Johnson. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

**B. Consider and Discuss Approval of Cisco Development Corporation Application and Funding for High Demand Job Training Grant in Partnership with Cisco ISD, Cisco College, and Workforce Solutions.**

Mr. Jaworski explained that the proposed program would bring an HVAC Certification program to the high school by providing a classroom and instruction for high school students. Councilmember C. Johnson asked for clarification on several items in the presented memorandum of understanding, including how funds are committed, total amount of grant funds in relation to matching funds, and the program timeline.

Motion was made by Councilmember Toof to approve the grant application as presented, second was made by Councilmember Johnston. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

**C. Consider and Discuss Approval of Cisco Development Corporation and Cisco 4A Development Corporation Budgets for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.**

Mr. Jaworski presented the budgets for both corporations. Councilmember C. Johnson took exception to the four percent increase to the Executive Director's salary. He thought that instead, the Director should have only been given the contractual three and one-half percent salary increase.

Motion was made by Councilmember W. Johnson to approve the Cisco Development Corporation and Cisco 4A Development Corporation budgets for fiscal year 2024-2025, second was made by Councilmember Whetstone. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, W. Johnson, Forester  
Nays: Johnston, C. Johnson, Toof/Motion Fails  
Voted: 3 to 3  
Absent: Bruner

Mayor Forester asked for direction on how to send the budgets back to the corporation boards to which Mr. Jaworski commented that the authority to produce and present the Cisco Development Corporation budgets lay solely with the boards of those corporations. He further stated that the consequence of the Council not approving the budgets would be the corporations' default on financial obligations and that the Council could send the budget back, but the board had already exercised their legal authority to set the budget. Councilmembers Johnston and C. Johnson then indicated that they understood from Mr. Jaworski's statements that nothing could be done to change the budget that was presented.

Motion was made by Councilmember C. Johnson to reconsider and approve the presented budgets, second was made by Councilmember W. Johnson. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, W. Johnson, C. Johnson, Toof, Forester  
Nays: None/Motion Carries  
Voted: 5 to 0  
Absent: Bruner  
Abstain: Johnston

**D. Consider and Discuss Ordinance No. 0-2024-05**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 10 “GARBAGE AND TRASH”, SPECIFICALLY, SECTION 10-19 “RATES”, OF THE CITY’S CODE OF ORDINANCES, ESTABLISHING SANITATION RATES; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Second Reading)***

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

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

**E. Consider and Discuss Ordinance No. 0-2024-06**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 12 “LICENSES AND BUSINESS REGULATIONS” SPECIFICALLY SECTION 12-21 “LICENSE FEE” AMENDING FEES FOR ITINERANT VENDOR/SOLICITORS LICENSE FEES; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(First Reading)***

Motion was made by Councilmember Toof to approve the ordinance as presented, second was made by Councilmember Johnston. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

**F. Consider and Discuss Ordinance No. 0-2024-07**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 13 “MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC” SPECIFICALLY SECTION 13-106 “PERMIT REQUIRED” AMENDING FEES FOR GOLF CARTS/UTILITY VEHICLES; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(First Reading)***

Motion was made by Councilmember C. Johnson to approve the ordinance as presented, second was made by Councilmember Whetstone. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

**G. Consider and Discuss Ordinance No. 0-2024-08**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 8 “FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION” SPECIFICALLY ARTICLE IV “OUTDOOR BURNING PERMITS”**

**AMENDING SECTION 8-45.1 “ISSUANCE OF PERMIT”; OFFENSES” TO INCLUDE THE FEE FOR A BURN PERMIT; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (First Reading)**

Motion was made by Councilmember Toof to approve the ordinance as presented, second was made by Councilmember Johnston. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

**H. Consider and Discuss Ordinance No. 0-2024-09**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS AMENDING CERTAIN SUBSECTIONS OF CHAPTER 5 “ANIMALS AND FOWL” OF THE CITY’S CODE OF ORDINANCES; SPECIFICALLY SECTIONS 5-19 “REDEMPTION OF IMPOUNDED DOGS”, 5-23 “DOG SURRENDER FEE”, 5-34 “CONFINEMENT FOR OBSERVATION”, AND 5-75 “ANNUAL PERMIT” ESTABLISHING UPDATED FEES FOR PERMIT, IMPOUND, SHELTER, QUARANTINE, AND SURRENDER BY THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (First Reading)**

Motion was made by Councilmember Johnston to approve the ordinance as presented, second was made by Councilmember Toof. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

**I. Consider and Discuss Ordinance No. 0-2024-10**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2024, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2025, FOR THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (First Reading)**

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

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

**J. Consider and Discuss Ordinance No. 0-2024-11**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE 2024-2025 BUDGET YEAR OF CISCO, TEXAS; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (First Reading)**

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

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

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

Mr. Archer reminded the Council that the second reading of the budget and tax levy ordinances would be at the next meeting, September 9, 2024, and that city offices would be closed on September 2, 2024 in observance of Labor Day.

**L. Announcements for City Council.**

None.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Councilmember Toof to adjourn, second made by Councilmember Johnston. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

**ATTEST:**



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Tammy Osborne, City Secretary



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Stephen Forester, Mayor

