THE CITY OF CISCO CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR MEETING August 11, 2025

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:

MAYOR	STEPHEN FORESTER
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE I	AMANDA ROGERS-BENNETT
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE II	GLENN BOLES
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE III	SHERRIE ANAYA
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE IV	NATHAN BRUNER
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE V (MAYOR PRO-TEM)	CHRIS JOHNSON
PERSONNEL PRESENT:	
CITY MANAGER	SARAH ADAMS
CITY SECRETARY	TAMMY OSBORNE
PERSONNEL ABSENT:	
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE VI	TRAVIS TOOF

Guests: Tom Bailey, Ervin Light, Mike Cofferen, Jane Nichols, Shannon Thompson, Jimmy McCoy, Denise Huls, Melanie Weatherly, Tim Thompson, Ric Stogner, Aeriole Stogner, Kenneth Preston, Ricky Hudson, Tami Hudson, Tom Purcell, Tony Held, James Freeman, Ross Honea, Craig Winters, Josey Robertson, Benjamin Nelms, John Miller, Buddy Jessup, Janella Jarvis, Tamara Brown, Barton Philpott, Renee Davis, Jim Maddox, Scott Pittman, Larry Anderson, Lynda Anderson, Johnny Bob Richardson, Gwen Penn, Lori Mayfield, Dean Mayfield

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Mayor Forester called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

II. PLEDGES

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

III. INVOCATION:

Mayor Forester gave the invocation.

IV. CITIZEN-VISITOR COMMENTS:

Councilmember Johnson arrived at 6:05 p.m.

Several citizens, including Mike Cofferen, Jimmy McCoy, Jason Miller, Melanie Weatherly, and Benjamin Nelms addressed the Council regarding Lake Lot Leases, saying that the inability for lessees to transact their property or get new leases is resulting in lost income for both themselves and local realtors. In addition, all commentors expressed uncertainty as to what the future held for their leased property.

Ms. Bradina Benson spoke to the Council requesting relief from her high water bill because she and her husband installed their own grinder pump for their wastewater. They maintain and replace the pumps at their own expense and believe that they should not be charged for city sewer. She asked to be placed on a future agenda for consideration.

Mr. Buddy Jessup commented that he felt underprepared and uninformed about the increase in utility rates and stated that the city should have been more communicative to let citizens know the utility bill would increase.

V. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING CONDUCTED ON:

July 28, 2025

Motion was made by Councilmember Boles to approve the minutes as presented, second was made by Councilmember Rogers-Bennett. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Rogers-Bennett, Boles, Anaya, Bruner, Johnson, Forester

Nays: None/Motion Carries

Voted: 6 to 0 Absent: Toof

VI. REPORTS:

• City Manager's Report-Ms. Adams presented the monthly City Manager's report.

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

A. Consider and Discuss Granting a Limited Use Permit to Luis Cendano for 601 E. 10th Street.

Ms. Osborne explained the purpose of the permit. Councilmember Bruner asked if the RV currently on the property was the structure that the requestor would be living in because it was in a state of disrepair. He suggested that if Mr. Cendano was not available to attend the meeting, the Council should see photos of the property and the requested RV.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bruner to table the permit pending further information, second was made by Councilmember Boles. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Rogers-Bennett, Boles, Anaya, Bruner, Johnson, Forester

Nays: None/Motion Carries

Voted: 6 to 0 Absent: Toof

B. Consider and Discuss Resolution No. 2025-07-14-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, APPROVING A PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CISCO DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND BLOOM COFFEE COMPANY LLC, A TEXAS LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE. (Second Reading)

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

Ayes: Councilmembers: Rogers-Bennett, Boles, Anaya, Bruner, Johnson, Forester

Nays: None/Motion Carries

Voted: 6 to 0 Absent: Toof

C. Consider and Discuss Resolution No. 2025-08-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING A POLICY GOVERNING THE INVESTMENT OF CITY FUNDS.

Ms. Adams explained that the proposed resolution was part of an effort to be in compliance with Texas Water Development Board requirements. The Investment Policy presented is standard and will be reviewed annually.

Motion was made by Councilmember Johnson to approve the resolution as presented, second was made by Councilmember Rogers-Bennett. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Rogers-Bennett, Boles, Anaya, Bruner, Johnson, Forester

Nays: None/Motion Carries

Voted: 6 to 0 Absent: Toof

D. Consider and Discuss Ordinance No. 0-2025-13

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, DESIGNATING A BRICK STREET DISTRICT AND ESTABLISHING POLICIES REGARDING THE PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION OF CERTAIN BRICK STREETS PRESENTLY EXISTING IN THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (First Reading)

Ms. Adams presented the ordinance to the Council saying that it was in response to Atmos doing work in the city and desiring for them to replace and repair any brick streets that are affected. Councilmember Johnson asked if the ordinance would require the same for the city, to which Ms. Adams answered affirmative, however, she did point out that the ordinance could be amended once the city has completed a more thorough street plan if this directive does not fit into that plan.

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

Ayes: Councilmembers: Rogers-Bennett, Boles, Anaya, Bruner, Johnson, Forester

Nays: None/Motion Carries

Voted: 6 to 0 Absent: Toof

E. Consider and Discuss Appointing a member to the Cisco Development Corporation Board.—Tom Bailey

Mr. Bailey said that the Cisco Development Corporation Board recommended appointing Kari Pfeiffer to fill the vacancy on the board.

Motion was made by Councilmember Rogers-Bennett to appoint Kari Pfeiffer to the Cisco Development Corporation Board, second was made by Councilmember Johnson. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Rogers-Bennett, Boles, Anaya, Bruner, Johnson, Forester

Navs: None/Motion Carries

Voted: 6 to 0 Absent: Toof

F. Consider and Discuss Approving Proposed Tax Rate for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year.

Mayor Forester said that the tax rate being proposed is 0.577690, with the current tax rate being 0.633217

Motion was made by Councilmember Johnson to propose a tax rate of 0.577690 for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, second was made by Councilmember Bruner. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Rogers-Bennett, Boles, Anaya, Bruner, Johnson, Forester

Navs: None/Motion Carries

Voted: 6 to 0 Absent: Toof

G. Consider and Discuss Setting Dates for Public Hearings for the Proposed Budget and Proposed Tax Rate for the 2025-2025 Fiscal Year.

Ms. Adams recommended holding the public hearing for the 2025-2026 budget on August 25, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., and the 2025-2026 tax rate public hearing on September 8, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. Councilmember Johnson suggested holding the public hearings at 6:00 p.m. to allow more people to attend.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bruner to schedule the public hearings as recommended by the City Manager, second was made by Councilmember Boles. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Rogers-Bennett, Boles, Anaya, Bruner, Forester

Nays: Johnson/Motion Carries

Voted: 5 to 1 Absent: Toof

H. Consider and Discuss Annual Evaluation of Municipal Court Judge. (Executive Session)

The Council retired into Executive Session to consider Items H, I, J, & K at 7:12 p.m. under Sections 551.074 Personnel Matters and 551.072 Real Property.

- I. Consider and Discuss Annual Evaluation of City Secretary. (Executive Session)
- J. Consider and Discuss Annual Evaluation of City Manager. (Executive Session)
- K. Consider and Discuss Approximately 84 Acres of Real Property Located at Cisco Municipal Airport. (Executive Session)

The Council reconvened into Regular Session at 8:31 p.m. and took the following action:

Motion was made by Councilmember Rogers-Bennett to authorize the City Manager to enter into negotiations to sell the approximately 84 acres of real property located at Cisco Municipal Airport, second was made by Councilmember Anaya. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Rogers-Bennett, Boles, Anaya, Bruner, Johnson, Forester

Nays: None/Motion Carries

Voted: 6 to 0 Absent: Toof

L. Items of Community Interest.

Councilmember Anaya said that she had received thanks from citizens for roadwork done in town and she thanked the City Manager for clarifying the situation with the Lake Lot Leases.

Mayor Forester commented that the Eye on Water app had helped him locate a water leak at his property and was grateful for the service.

Councilmember Johnson offered appreciation to the City Manager and the city employees for their hard work.

Councilmember Rogers-Bennett asked when the splash pad would close to which Ms. Adams answered, it would be open until Labor Day.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember Bruner to adjourn, second made by Councilmember Boles. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

ATTEST:

Tammy Osborne, City Secretary

Stephen Forester, Mayor