

**THE CITY OF CISCO
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR CALLED MEETING
May 22, 2023**

**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 _____	JASON WHETSTONE
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE II _____	ROBERT JOHNSTON
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE III _____	WILLARD JOHNSON
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE V _____	CHRIS JOHNSON
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE VI _____	TRAVIS TOOF

PERSONNEL PRESENT:

CITY MANAGER _____	DARWIN ARCHER
CITY SECRETARY _____	TAMMY OSBORNE

PERSONNEL ABSENT:

COUNCILMEMBER PLACE IV _____	NATHAN BRUNER
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Guests: Justin Jaworski, Walter Fairbanks, Richard Butler, Billy Woodrich, Kenneth Preston, Scott Pittman, Sam Guthrie III

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:

None

V. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING CONDUCTED ON:

- **May 8, 2023**

Motion was made by Councilmember W. Johnson to accept 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. SWEAR IN ELECTED CANDIDATES FOR COUNCIL PLACE V & COUNCIL PLACE VI.

Judge Butler swore in Christopher Johnson to Council Place V and Travis Toof to Council Place VI.

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

A. Consider and Discuss Ordinance No. 0-2023-09

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS AMENDING SECTION 13-24 “DESIGNATION OF STOP INTERSECTIONS” OF THE CITY’S CODE OF ORDINANCES; DESIGNATING TWO-WAY STOP INTERSECTION AT BEECH STREET AND EAST 23RD STREET; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Second 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

B. Consider and Discuss Ordinance No. 0-2023-10

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS PROVIDING THAT 167 FEET, OF THE 20 FOOT ALLEY, BEGINNING ON THE WEST LINE OF AVENUE N, WITHIN BLOCK 102, AND BETWEEN W. 12TH STREET AND W. 13TH STREET IN S/D 2 OT, CITY OF CISCO, EASTLAND, COUNTY, TEXAS, BE CLOSED, VACATED AND ABANDONED, EXCEPT FOR EXISTING UTILITY AND/OR DRAINAGE EASEMENTS; PROVIDING FOR REVERSION OF THE FEE IN SAID LAND; AND, PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON FINAL PASSAGE. (Second Reading)

Motion was made by Councilmember Whetstone 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

C. Consider and Discuss Resolution No. 2023-05-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, ADOPTING THE CISCO PARKS, RECREATION, TRAILS AND OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN.

Mayor Forester explained that the updated Master Parks Plan was available on each table. Mr. Archer further stated that the plan was being updated from 2010 in preparation for an application to the Texas Department of Parks & Wildlife for a park grant.

Motion was made by Councilmember W. Johnson to approve the resolution 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

D. Consider and Discuss Resolution No. 2023-05-22-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, (“APPLICANT”), APPROVING APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT (“DEPARTMENT”) FOR THE LOCAL PARK GRANT PROGRAM (“PROGRAM”); AND DESIGNATING CERTAIN OFFICIALS AS BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE APPLICANT IN DEALING WITH THE DEPARTMENT IN REGARD TO THE PROGRAM.

Mr. Archer again spoke saying that the proposed resolution would be to apply for a \$750,000.00 park grant from the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department for Project Junction. He said that the grant is a one to one match meaning the city would match every dollar awarded. He has already received a verbal commitment from the public/private partnership involved in that project to help with matching funds.

Motion was made by Councilmember Johnston to accept the resolution 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

E. Consider and Discuss Resolution No. 2023-05-22-05 (Executive Session)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CISCO DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (CDC) TO SELL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 714 E. 23RD STREET, CISCO, TEXAS, IDENTIFIED AS PARCEL 4622, TO JAMES AND MEDIA DYSON (BUYER).

The Council retired into Executive Session for the Items E & F under Section 551.087 Economic Development Negotiations at 6:14 p.m.

The Council reconvened into Regular Session at 6:40 p.m. and took the following action on Item E:

Mr. Jaworski explained that the property in question was the site of the old Graham Hospital and the agreement would be to sell it for \$15,000.00.

Motion was made by Councilmember C. Johnson to approve the resolution 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

F. Consider and Discuss Approval of Public Facility Improvements at the Old Zoo Trails. (Executive Session)

Mr. Jaworski spoke again saying that the Old Zoo Trails has become a popular tourist destination and has been featured on several travel sites and received many visitors. He requested that the Council approve a specific expenditure, the amount of which was already generally approved in February of 2022, for public restroom facilities.

Motion was made by Councilmember Whetstone to approve the expenditure 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

G. Consider and Discuss Appointment of Casey Murter to the Cisco Development Corporation Board of Directors.

Mr. Jaworski added that Ms. Murter was the owner of Wildflowers Florist and Cork & Cleaver catering service. He recommended her appointment to that board.

Motion was made by Councilmember C. Johnson to appoint Casey Murter to the Cisco Development Corporation Board of Directors, 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

H. Consider and Discuss Presentation of Cisco Development Corporation Promotional Video.

Mr. Jaworski presented a promotional video for the Cisco Development Corporation.

I. Consider and Discuss Long Range Planning

Mr. Archer stated city offices would be closed for Memorial Day, new flotation devices for the public boat dock had been ordered, budget meetings will start in July, with readings of the budget and tax levy in August and September.

J. Announcements for City Council.

Mayor Forester read aloud for the record a letter received from Justice W. Bruce Williams, praising the fire department and first responders for their swift professionalism in working an accident to which he was a witness. Mr. Archer also pointed out dates for a newly elected officials workshop.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember Toof to adjourn, second made by Councilmember Johnston. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

ATTEST:



Tammy Osborne, City Secretary



Stephen Forester, Mayor
