

**THE CITY OF CISCO  
CITY COUNCIL, SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
September 21, 2017**

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

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

<b>MAYOR</b> _____	<b>JAMES KING</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 V</b> _____	<b>TAMMY DOUGLAS</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:**

<b>COUNCILMEMBER PLACE IV</b> _____	<b>RANDY BOLES</b>
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Guests: Gregory Scott McAuley, Stephen Forester, John Diers, Tammy Archer, Mary Rains, Walter Fairbanks, Marcia Hale, Shannon Thompson, Jane Nichols, James Ramsay, Nick Thompson, Shilo Thompson, Dan Trempala, Del Brandt, Ronnie Ledbetter, Lisa Morrow, Sharon Wilcoxon, Susan Horton, Blake McDowell, Mike McClure, Amanda Rogers, Landon Thompson, Janice Bell, Mike Bell

**I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

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

**II. PLEDGES**

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

**III. INVOCATION:**

Mayor King gave the invocation.

**IV. CITIZEN-VISITOR COMMENTS:**

John Diers of the Economic Development Corporation spoke at length about the merits and accomplishments of the Economic Development Corporation in anticipation of discussion on an upcoming agenda item proposing cutting funds to the EDC for use on street improvements.

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

- A. Consider and Discuss Ordinance No. 0-2017-10

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2017 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2018, FOR THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (First Reading)**

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

Ayes: Councilmembers: Weger, Campbell, W. Johnson, Douglas, King  
Nays: C. Johnson/Motion Carries  
Voted: 5 to 1  
Absent: Boles

**B. Consider and Discuss Ordinance No. 0-2017-11**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE 2017-2018 BUDGET YEAR OF CISCO, TEXAS; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (First Reading)**

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

Ayes: Councilmembers: Weger, Campbell, W. Johnson, Boles, Douglas, C. Johnson, King  
Nays: None/Motion Carries  
Voted: 6 to 0  
Absent: Boles

**C. Consider and Discuss Possible Proposition to Create Street Improvement Fund from Sales Tax Allocation.**

Mr. Archer explained that several Councilmembers requested a discussion of this item and that any changes in the sales tax allocation would mean a change in how funds were currently allocated to the Cisco Development Corporation. Mayor King recognized the EDC for their efforts at revitalizing the downtown corridor and the recent nomination for an excellence award. Councilmember W. Johnson noted that he had asked to have this discussion and while he didn't want to see the CEDC abolished, he did question if it was necessary for their budget to be so large. Councilmember Douglas commented that she couldn't see allocating additional funds to a street improvement fund when the city was already understaffed in the Street Department which can barely keep up current demand. She further stated that she would like to continue with the City Manager's proposed 10 year street plan which Mayor King echoed. Councilmember Campbell went on record saying that he was not in favor of reducing funds to the CEDC based on all that they have accomplished and done that has benefitted the city and its citizens. Councilmember W. Johnson asserted that he felt certain that a lack of manpower was not the issue, but rather, a lack of materials. Councilmember Weger continued saying that most members of the Council ran for office with street improvements on the top of their list of concerns. He felt that this was a way to start a conversation about how to accomplish that goal with a limited amount of funds in the actual city budget. He further conveyed that he felt communication between the city and the EDC had broken down somewhat and would like to see an improvement in that area. Mr. Diers spoke from the audience stating that he would be in favor of increased cooperation between the entities. Councilmember C. Johnson declared that the only way to increase the budget was to increase the tax base and he was not in favor of hampering that effort and feels that any money saved toward street repair would not be equal to monies gained from a larger tax base.

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

Councilmember C. Johnson suggested the Council should look into adopting official rules of parliamentary procedure including a process for adding items to an agenda.

Mr. Archer informed the Council that the hospital board had rejected the Council's negotiated rate for service and members of that board would be in attendance at the next regularly scheduled meeting to address the Council.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Councilmember Weger to adjourn, second made by Councilmember Campbell. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

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**Tammy Osborne, City Secretary**

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**Tammy Douglas, Mayor Pro Tem**

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