

**THE CITY OF CISCO  
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR CALLED MEETING  
April 8, 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 IV</b> _____	<b>NATHAN BRUNER</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER PLACE VI</b> _____	<b>TRAVIS TOOF</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER PLACE V</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:**

Guests: Hana Hogen, Isabell Montez, Ervin Light, Barbara Light, Joe Francks, Billy Woodrich, Lee Risdon, Roxanne Frasier, Betsy Haggard, Ryan Haggard, Corie Stucky, Bryndley Haggard, Jane Nichols, Tristan Spikes, Michelle Salyer, Brayden Oxford, Barrett, Connor Rasbury, Addison Spikes, Lyana Rasbury, Coel E. Rasbury, Narela Hinto

**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:**

Mayor Forester welcomed Eastland County Pack 23 of the Scouts to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.

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

- **March 25, 2024**

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

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, Johnston, W. Johnson, Bruner, C. Johnson, Toof, Forester  
Nays: None/Motion Carries  
Voted: 7 to 0  
Absent:

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

**A. Consider and Discuss Potential Sale or Re-Lease of Property Known as Lake Cisco Grass Lease.—William Wright (Executive Session)**

The Council retired into Executive Session under Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney at 6:03 p.m.

The Council reconvened into Regular Session at 6:22 p.m. and took the following action:

Motion was made by Councilmember Bruner to re-lease the property at a minimum price of \$25.00 per acre and allow hunting except within 100 feet of the water, second was made by Councilmember Whetstone. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, Johnston, W. Johnson, Bruner, C. Johnson, Toof, Forester  
Nays: None/Motion Carries  
Voted: 7 to 0  
Absent:

**B. Consider and Discuss Resolution No. 2024-04-08**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, APPROVING A FIRST AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CISCO 4A DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, AND BHXCO, LLC, A TEXAS LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Mr. Archer explained that the Council had preemptively approved an expansion of the lease property associated with hangar 1 and the proposed resolution was the official action to add the additional property to the lease agreement between the Development Corporation and the current lessee. Councilmember W. Johnson questioned the reasoning behind the changes to which Mr. Archer answered to expand their business.

Motion was made by Councilmember C. Johnson to approve 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: Bruner/Motion Carries  
Voted: 6 to 1  
Absent:

**C. Consider and Discuss Resolution No. 2024-04-08-01**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A PROJECT BY THE CISCO DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (“CDC”), TO-WIT: AN EXPENDITURE NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000.00 FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF CISCO FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE CISCO ZOO, ALSO KNOWN AS “PROJECT ZEBRA” (“PROJECT”), AUTHORIZED BY SECTIONS 501.103 AND 505.152 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE;AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE. (First Reading)**

Again, Mr. Archer stated that the resolution was in response to an increase in expected costs for public facilities at the Old Zoo Trails that the Council had again previously approved.

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

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, Johnston, W. Johnson, Bruner, C. Johnson, Toof, Forester  
Nays: None/Motion Carries  
Voted: 7 to 0  
Absent:

**D. Consider and Discuss Resolution No. 2024-04-08-02**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CISCO DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (“BUYER”) OF CISCO, TEXAS, TO PURCHASE PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS PARCEL #3935, DESCRIBED AS LOTS 1—6 OF BLOCK 30 (“PROPERTY”), FROM HERMAN EAKER (“SELLER”).**

Mr. Archer said that the property was being procured to compliment the current downtown development.

Motion was made by Councilmember Toof to approve the resolution 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: Bruner/Motion Carries  
Voted: 6 to 1  
Absent:

**E. Consider and Discuss Resolution No. 2024-04-08-03**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CISCO DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (“BUYER”) OF CISCO, TEXAS, TO PURCHASE PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS PARCEL #54996, DESCRIBED AS TRACT 12 MK&T ROW (“PROPERTY”), FROM DAN BROOK (“SELLER”).**

Mr. Archer commented that this resolution was the same as the previous item, however, it should be noted that the Development Corporation had not yet approved their resolution for this purchase.

Motion was made by Councilmember C. Johnson to table the item until the Development Corporation Board approves the item, second was made by Councilmember Johnston. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, Johnston, W. Johnson, Bruner, C. Johnson, Toof, Forester  
Nays: None/Motion Carries  
Voted: 7 to 0  
Absent:

**F. Consider and Discuss Ordinance No. 0-2024-04**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS AMENDING APPENDIX A “ZONING” OF THE CITY’S CODE OF ORDINANCES; SPECIFICALLY SECTION 23 “DESCRIPTIONS/ DEFINITIONS OF USES” ADDING A DEFINITION OF A DATA CENTER, GAME ROOM, POKER CLUB, AND SMOKE/TOBACCO STORE; AND SECTION 22 “SCHEDULE OF USES” REGULATING THE PLACEMENT OF DATA CENTERS, GAME ROOMS, POKER CLUBS, AND SMOKE/TOBACCO STORES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (*First Reading*)**

Ms. Osborne spoke regarding the item saying that the proposed additional uses have gained popularity in years since the original planning and zoning ordinance was crafted and in order to appropriately administer the ordinance, she felt it was necessary to define and add those uses.

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

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, Johnston, W. Johnson, Bruner, C. Johnson, Toof, Forester  
Nays: None/Motion Carries  
Voted: 7 to 0  
Absent:

**G. Consider and Discuss Appointing Members to the Planning & Zoning Commission, Places II, III, IV, & VI.**

Ms. Osborne spoke again saying that there were three places that the term ended in March of 2024. Place III had been declared vacant due to consecutive absences. She further indicated that the three incumbent members agreed to continue service on the board if it was the Council's desire and that the Planning & Zoning Board had recommended Marcia Hale to fill the vacant seat.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bruner to re-appoint Lloyd Fagan, Greg Carey, and Matt Perez to new terms and to fill the vacant Place III with Marcia Hale, second was made by Councilmember C. Johnson. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, Johnston, W. Johnson, Bruner, C. Johnson, Toof, Forester  
Nays: None/Motion Carries  
Voted: 7 to 0  
Absent:

**H. Consider and Discuss National 9-1-1 Education Month Proclamation.**

Mayor Forester read the Proclamation aloud.

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

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, Johnston, W. Johnson, Bruner, C. Johnson, Toof, Forester  
Nays: None/Motion Carries  
Voted: 7 to 0  
Absent:

**I. Consider and Discuss Autism Spectrum Disorder Awareness Month Proclamation.**

Mayor Forester again read the Proclamation aloud.

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

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, Johnston, W. Johnson, Bruner, C. Johnson, Toof, Forester  
Nays: None/Motion Carries  
Voted: 7 to 0  
Absent:

**J. Consider and Discuss Fly-In and Burger Burn at Cisco Municipal Airport on April 27, 2024.**

Mr. Archer said that the event was being sponsored by the Huttons, the new tenants at the airport and would not include an air show.

No action was taken on this item.

**K. Consider and Discuss Potential Award of Bid for Auditing Services.**

Mr. Archer explained that the city had received 4 proposals for auditing services and the scoring committee had met and narrowed the field down to two, Rod L. Abbott, CPA and Roberts McGee. The committee recommends Rod L. Abbott, CPA be awarded the contract for auditing services. Councilmember C. Johnson stated that Mr. Abbott's proposal indicated some cost savings over our current auditing firm.

Motion was made by Councilmember Whetstone to award the contract for auditing services to Rod L. Abbott, CPA and allow the City Manager to negotiate an appropriate contract with the firm, second was made by Councilmember Toof. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, Johnston, W. Johnson, Bruner, C. Johnson, Toof, Forester  
Nays: None/Motion Carries  
Voted: 7 to 0  
Absent:

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

Mr. Archer said that in addition to the Fly-In and City Wide Clean up happening April 27<sup>th</sup>, the Council would be discussing Project Function Junction at the next meeting.

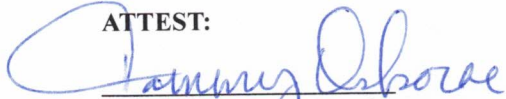
**M. Announcements for City Council.**

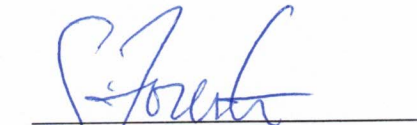
None.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

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

ATTEST:

  
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Tammy Osborne, City Secretary

  
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Stephen Forester, Mayor

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