City of Sugar Land

City Council Minutes

Sugar Land City Hall
2700 Town Center
Boulevard North
Sugar Land, TX 77479

Tuesday, May 20, 2025
City Council Meeting Minutes
City Council Chamber
5:45 PM

I. Attention

Members of the City Council, Board and/or Commission may participate in deliberations of posted agenda items through video conferencing means. A quorum of the City Council, Board and/or Commission will be physically present at the above-stated location, and said location is open to the public. Audio/Video of open deliberations will be available for the public to hear/view; and are recorded as per the Texas Open Meetings Act.

The meeting will live stream at https://www.sugarlandtx.gov/1238/SLTV-16-Live-Video or https://www.youtube.com/user/SugarLandTXgov/live. Sugar Land Comcast/Xfinity Cable Subscribers can also tune-in on Channel 16.

II. Call of Order/Roll Call

The Chair will call the meeting to order, verify the presence of a quorum, and open the public meeting.

The City Council Meeting was called to order at 5:50 p.m.

Quorum Present: Joe Zimmerman, William Ferguson, Suzanne Whatley, Stewart Jacobson, Robert Boettcher, Rick Miller
Absent: Naushad Kermally

III. Invocation

Councilmember Rick Miller

IV. Pledges of Allegiance

Councilmember Rick Miller

V. Recognition

A. SUGAR LAND REGIONAL AIRPORT
KEMPNER HIGH SCHOOL 2024/2025 ART CONTEST
Ken Durbin, Assistant Director of Aviation

B. BUILDING SAFETY MONTH
MAY 2025
DWAYNE SVATEK MASTER CODE PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION
Joshua Doyle, Chief Building Official

C. NATIONAL EMS WEEK
MAY 18- 24, 2025

10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF AMBULANCE SERVICES
Mark Campise, Fire Chief

D. KAYLA SAMEK
CITY OF SUGAR LAND
24 YEARS OF SERVICE
Joe R. Zimmerman, Mayor

VI. Public Comment

Pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.007, citizens are permitted to address the City Council, Board and/or Commission in person with regard to matters posted for consideration on the agenda. Each speaker must complete a "Request to Speak" form and give it to the City Secretary or designee, prior to the beginning of the meeting.

Each speaker is limited to 3 minutes, speakers requiring a translator will have 6 minutes, regardless of the number of agenda items to be addressed. Comments or discussion by City Council, Board, and/or Commission members, will only be made at the time the subject is scheduled for consideration.

For questions or assistance, please contact the Office of the City Secretary (281) 275-2730.

A member of the public addressed the City Council as follows:
Sugar Khan spoke on agenda item VII-B.

RECESS: Mayor Zimmerman recessed the Council meeting at 6:17 p.m.
RECONVENE: Mayor Zimmerman reconvened the Council meeting at 6:27 p.m.

VII. Consent Agenda

All Consent Agenda items listed are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

A. Consideration of and action on **CITY OF SUGAR LAND RESOLUTION NO. 25-30**: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUGAR LAND, TEXAS, RATIFYING THE ACCEPTANCE OF FISCAL YEAR 2025 SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM (STEP) CLICK IT OR TICKET (STEP CIOT) GRANT FROM THE STATE OF TEXAS, THROUGH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; DESIGNATING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, AS AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL TO EXECUTE ALL GRANT RELATED DOCUMENTS; AND APPROVING A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF THE GRANT AWARD TO EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES FROM THE GRANT.
Joe Carter, Special Operations Acting Captain

B. **CONTRACT WITH CERES ENVIRONMENTAL**
Consideration of and action on authorization of a Contract with Ceres Environmental Services, Inc., for emergency debris removal services. This contract will automatically renew for three (3) additional one-year terms.

Christian Eubanks, Environmental Manager

C. **<u>CONTRACT WITH T.F.R. ENTERPRISES, INC.</u>**
Consideration of and action on authorization of a Contract with T.F.R. Enterprises, Inc., for emergency debris removal services. This contract will automatically renew for three (3) additional one-year terms.
Christian Eubanks, Environmental Manager

D. **<u>CONTRACT WITH THOMPSON CONSULTING SERVICES LLC.</u>**
Consideration of and action on authorization of a contract with Thompson Consulting Services LLC, for emergency debris monitoring services. This contract will automatically renew for three (3) additional one-year terms.
Christian Eubanks, Environmental Manager

E. **<u>AGREEMENT WITH WEAVER AND TIDWELL, L.L.P.</u>**
Consideration of and action on authorization of an Audit Service Agreement with Weaver and Tidwell, L.L.P., for professional audit services in the amount of $151,125, for the 2025 Fiscal Year.
Jing Xiao, Director of Finance

F. **<u>CONTRACT WITH DATAVOX</u>**
Consideration of and action on authorization of a Construction Contract with DataVox for the purchase of the AV & technology for the Public Safety Training Facility Phase II, CIP CMU2204, in the amount of $159,137.02.
Lane Wolf, Senior Manager Vertical Construction

G. **<u>CONTRACT WITH ESKOLA L.L.C. DBA J.R. JONES ROOFING</u>**
Consideration of and action on authorization of a Construction Services Contract with Eskola LLC, DBA J.R. Jones Roofing, in the amount of $553,577.96, for the re-roofing of City Hall clock tower and hurricane repairs; and the authorization of a budget amendment to revenues and expenditures, in the amount of $415,183.
Lane Wolf, Senior Manager Vertical Construction

H. **<u>APPOINTMENTS TO SUGAR LAND LEGACY FOUNDATION</u>**
Consideration of and action on appointment of Priya Ayilavarapu Rajani, Anaand "Andy" Pinto, Janica Owen, John Betancur, Dr. Marc Martinez, Sandra Kay Simpson, Swapan Dhairyawan and Doug Goff for two-year terms expiring September 30, 2026, to the Sugar Land Legacy Foundation.
Kimberly Terrell, Interim Director of Communications

I. **<u>CONTRACT WITH CEDROS PAVING SERVICES L.L.C.</u>**
Consideration of and action on authorization of a Panel Replacement and Reconstruction Contract with Cedros Paving Services LLC in the amount of $706,105.20, for the replacement of damaged street and sidewalk panels on Commerce Green Boulevard, CIP CST2502 Major Street Rehabilitation.
Ray Song, Engineering Manager

J. **<u>CONTRACT WITH THE BETTER BLOCK FOUNDATION</u>**
Consideration of and action on authorization of a Contract with The Better Block Foundation, in the amount of $134,750.00, for design and execution services of a creative place making project at 115 and 123 Brooks Street.
Sharee Davis, Civic Arts Manager

Sharee Davis, Civic Arts Manager, made comments and answered questions from the Council.

A motion to **Approve, contract with Better Block Foundation in the amount of $134,750.00, for design and execution services of creative place making project at 115 and 123 Brooks Street**, was made by Joe Zimmerman and seconded by Rick Miller, the motion **Passed**.

Ayes: Joe Zimmerman, William Ferguson, Suzanne Whatley, Stewart Jacobson, Rick Miller
Nays: Robert Boettcher
Absent: Naushad Kermally

K. **<u>CONTRACT WITH FLORIDA TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES L.L.C.</u>**
Consideration of and action on authorization of a construction contract with Florida Traffic Control Devices, LLC for the University Blvd Widening, CIP CST2102, in the amount of $1,678,530.04; and authorization of a budget amendment from the 2019 GO Bond Fund (Proposition C) in the amount of $1,592,596.88.
Huy Ton, Senior Engineering Manager

Huy Ton, Senior Engineering Manager, made comments and answered questions from the Council.

A motion to **Approve, CIP CST2102 University Blvd Widening Construction Contract with Florida Traffic Control Devices, LLC in the amount of $1,678,530.04**, was made by Joe Zimmerman and seconded by Suzanne Whatley, the motion **Passed**.

Ayes: Joe Zimmerman, William Ferguson, Suzanne Whatley, Stewart Jacobson, Robert Boettcher, Rick Miller
Absent: Naushad Kermally

L. Consideration of and action on **<u>CITY OF SUGAR LAND RESOLUTION NO. 25-31</u>**: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUGAR LAND, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE CRIME PREVENTION AUTHORITY (MVCPA) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2026 SB 224 CATALYTIC CONVERTER GRANT (“GRANT”) AND DESIGNATING THE CITY MANAGER AS AUTHORIZED GRANT OFFICIAL TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, REJECT, ALTER OR TERMINATE THE GRANT.
David White, Police Captain

M. Consideration of and action on the Sugar Land 4B Corporation’s budget amendment in the amount of $3,400,000 from the Sugar Land 4B Corporation fund balance and $3,600,000 from Reserve for Opportunity for the Lake Pointe Green project.

Justyn Mejorado, Assistant Director of Budget

N. **<u>MINUTES</u>**
Consideration and action on the minutes of the May 6, 2025, Joint City Council and Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting.
Linda Mendenhall, City Clerk

A motion to **Approve, Consent agenda items A through I and L through N**, was made by Stewart Jacobson and seconded by Suzanne Whatley, the motion **Passed**.

Ayes: Joe Zimmerman, William Ferguson, Suzanne Whatley, Stewart Jacobson, Robert Boettcher, Rick Miller
Absent: Naushad Kermally

VIII. Ordinances and Resolutions

A. **<u>FIRST AND FINAL CONSIDERATION:</u>** Consideration of and action on **<u>CITY OF SUGAR LAND ORDINANCE NO. 2376:</u>** ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF CITY OF SUGAR LAND, TEXAS, GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2025.
Jing Xiao, Director of Finance

Jing Xiao, Director of Finance, gave a presentation, made comments, and answered questions from the Council.

A motion to **Approve, First and Final Reading: Ordinance No. 2376 - Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2025**, was made by Stewart Jacobson and seconded by Suzanne Whatley, the motion **Passed**.

Ayes: Joe Zimmerman, William Ferguson, Suzanne Whatley, Stewart Jacobson, Robert Boettcher, Rick Miller
Absent: Naushad Kermally

B. **<u>FIRST AND FINAL CONSIDERATION:</u>** Consideration of and action on **<u>CITY OF SUGAR LAND ORDINANCE NO. 2377</u>**: ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF CITY OF SUGAR LAND, TEXAS, WATERWORKS AND SEWER SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2025.
Jing Xiao, Director of Finance

Jing Xiao, Director of Finance, gave a presentation, made comments, and answered questions from the Council.

A motion to **Approve, First and Final Reading: Ordinance No. 2377 - Authorizing the Issuance of Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Series 2025**, was made by Rick Miller and seconded by William Ferguson, the motion **Passed**.

Ayes: Joe Zimmerman, William Ferguson, Suzanne Whatley, Stewart Jacobson, Robert Boettcher, Rick Miller

Absent: Naushad Kermally

IX. City Council and City Manager Reports

In accordance with Texas Government Code section 551.0415, City Council Members and the City Manager may provide reports on items of community interest. No action, consideration or discussion will occur regarding these reports.

The Mayor, City Council, and City Manager deferred the reports to the next meeting.

X. Adjournment

A motion to **Adjourn at 6:45 p.m.**, was made by Joe Zimmerman and seconded by Suzanne Whatley, the motion **Passed**.

Ayes: Joe Zimmerman, William Ferguson, Suzanne Whatley, Stewart Jacobson, Robert Boettcher, Rick Miller
Absent: Naushad Kermally

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Linda Mendenhall, City Clerk