



City of Sugar Land

City Council Minutes

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

Tuesday, August 5, 2025
City Council Meeting Minutes
City Council Chamber
5:30 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.

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II. Call to Order

QUORUM PRESENT

Suzanne Whatley, Stewart Jacobson, Robert Boettcher, Rick Miller, Sanjay Singhal, Jim Vonderhaar, and Carol McCutcheon were present

III. Invocation

Councilmember Jim Vonderhaar

IV. Pledges of Allegiance

Councilmember Jim Vonderhaar

V. Recognition

A. SUGAR LAND HERITAGE FOUNDATION
IMPERIAL SUGAR CHAR HOUSE & WATER TOWER
CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION
Carol McCutcheon, 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.

No members of the public addressed the Council.

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. CONTRACT WITH RJN GROUP, INC.

Consideration of and action on authorization of a Contract with RJN Group, Inc., in the amount of \$249,620.00, for the Wastewater Force Main Condition Assessment Project, CIP CWW2403.

Carla Barrios, Engineer II, Jonathan Braun, Assistant City Engineer

B. CONTRACT WITH STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES, INC.

Consideration of and action on authorization of a Contract with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., in the amount of \$157,956.00, for the Eldridge Park Improvements Project, CIP CPK2504.

Carla Barrios, Engineer II

C. MINUTES

Consideration of and action on the minutes of the July 15, 2025 meeting.

Linda Mendenhall, City Clerk

A motion to **Approve the consent agenda items A through C**, was made by Suzanne Whatley and seconded by Robert Boettcher; the motion **Passed**.

Ayes: Suzanne Whatley, Stewart Jacobson, Robert Boettcher, Rick Miller, Sanjay Singhal, Jim Vonderhaar, Carol McCutcheon

VIII. Donations

A. ACCEPTANCE OF MONETARY DONATIONS

Consideration of and action on acceptance of monetary donations, in the amount of \$2,158.00, for adoption efforts and animal welfare community education efforts for the Animal Shelter.

Melissa Hobson, Animal Services Administrator

Mark Grothaus, Deputy Animal Services Admin, gave a presentation, made comments, and answered questions from the Council.

A motion to **Approve the donation to Sugar Land Animal Services for \$2,158.00**, was made by Sanjay Singhal and seconded by Jim Vonderhaar; the motion **Passed**.

Ayes: Suzanne Whatley, Stewart Jacobson, Robert Boettcher, Rick Miller, Sanjay Singhal, Jim Vonderhaar, Carol McCutcheon

IX. Public Hearings

A. PUBLIC HEARING AND AUTHORIZATION OF A WATER WELL DRILLING PERMIT APPLICATION WITH FORT BEND COUNTY LEVEE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 17

PUBLIC HEARING 5:30 P.M.: Receive and hear all persons desiring to be heard on the proposed Water Well Drilling Permit Application with Fort Bend County Levee Improvement District No. 17, for the replacement of Well 1251.

Consideration of and action on authorization of a Water Well Drilling Permit Application with Fort Bend County Levee Improvement District No. 17, for the replacement of Well 1251.

Margo Williams, Water Resources Manager

Margo Watson, Water Resources Manager, gave a presentation, made comments, and answered questions from the Council.

Mayor McCutcheon opened the public hearing at 5:49 p.m. No members of the public addressed the Council. Mayor McCutcheon closed the public hearing at 5:49 p.m.

A motion to **Approve the Fort Bend Levee Improvement District No. 17 Well Drilling Permit Application**, was made by Rick Miller and seconded by Suzanne Whatley; the motion **Passed**.

Ayes: Suzanne Whatley, Stewart Jacobson, Robert Boettcher, Rick Miller, Sanjay Singhal, Jim Vonderhaar, Carol McCutcheon

X. Contracts and Agreements

A. CONTRACT WITH HALFF ASSOCIATES, INC.

Consideration of and action on authorization of a Contract with Halff Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$512,513.00, for design services for the Windmill Drainage Modifications Project, CIP CDR2504.

Robert Wilson, Assistant City Engineer

Robert Wilson, Assistant City Engineer, gave a presentation, made comments, and answered questions from the Council.

A motion to **Approve a contract with Halff Associates, Inc. for \$512,513.00**, was made by Stewart Jacobson and seconded by Suzanne Whatley, the motion **Passed**.

Ayes: Suzanne Whatley, Stewart Jacobson, Robert Boettcher, Rick Miller, Sanjay Singhal, Jim Vonderhaar, Carol McCutcheon

B. CONTRACT WITH SEQUEL DATA SYSTEMS, INC.

Consideration of and action on authorization of a Contract with Sequel Data Systems, Inc., in the amount of \$143,800.00, for Cisco XDR cybersecurity services.

Steve Budny, Director of IT, Data, and Security

Steve Budny, Director of IT, Data and Security, gave a presentation, made comments, and

answered questions from the Council.

A motion to **Approve a contract with Sequel Data Systems**, was made by Sanjay Singhal and seconded by Rick Miller; the motion **Passed**.

Ayes: Suzanne Whatley, Stewart Jacobson, Robert Boettcher, Rick Miller, Sanjay Singhal, Jim Vonderhaar, Carol McCutcheon

XI. 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.

Mayor McCutcheon and the City Council gave comments and reported on events and activities attended. Michael Goodrum, City Manager, gave comments and reported on events and activities attended.

RECESS: Mayor McCutcheon recessed into closed executive session at 6:01 p.m.

XII. Closed Executive Session

- A. Closed Executive Session as authorized by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, in accordance with:

Section 551.074 - Public Officers:

For the purpose of deliberations regarding appointments to, and duties of, the Building Standards Commission, Planning and Zoning Commission, and Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Linda Mendenhall, City Clerk

XIII. Adjournment

A motion to **Adjourn at 6:01 p.m.**, was made by Sanjay Singhal and seconded by Carol McCutcheon; the motion **Passed**.

Ayes: Suzanne Whatley, Stewart Jacobson, Robert Boettcher, Rick Miller, Sanjay Singhal, Jim Vonderhaar, Carol McCutcheon

Linda Mendenhall, City Clerk

