

**CITY OF VIDOR
VIDOR CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
June 27, 2024**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Songe
Councilmember Lee
Councilmember McGowan
Councilmember Thompson
Councilmember Barker
Councilmember Bourque

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councilmember Weldon

Administrative Personnel: Pebbles Eckhoff, Finance Director; Rachel Duplechain City Secretary; Chris Leavins, City Attorney; and Rod Carroll, Chief,

A. OPENING, PRESENTATIONS, AND CITIZENS COMMENTS

A -1. Call to order and the establishment of a Quorum

A quorum was present, and the Regular Meeting of the Vidor City Council began at 7:03 p.m., Mayor Songe presiding.

A -2. Invocation and Pledge to the United States Flag and the State of Texas Flag

Chris Leavins, City Attorney, gave the Invocation and led the Pledge to the United States Flag and the State of Texas Flag.

A -3. Citizen Comments

Karen Fisher, Current Tax Assessor – Collector, Mayor and Council I just wanted to let you all know that after thirty-two (32) years, I will be retiring July 31, 2024. I have the lady that is taking my place, Octavia Guzman, here and I will be retiring.

Octavia Guzman, New Tax Assessor Collector as of July 31, 2024, Good Evening, Mayor, and Council, I am honored to be here to have the opportunity to introduce myself as the new Tax Assessor of Orange County. I started at the Tax Office a little over twelve (12) years ago and in those twelve (12) years I have strived to learn all the moving parts that are needed for the Tax Office to run effectively. From many years of experience working Customer Service and Finance, I hope to serve the residents and the taxing entities of Orange County with integrity. Like I said thank you again for allowing me to come and speak with ya'll and look forward to working side by side with the Council having the Citizens of Orange County at the forefront.

B. COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

B-1. Approval of Accounts Paid:

Paid Invoices:	General Fund –	\$323,451.43
	MCBSF –	\$197.08
	MC Technology Fund -	\$18.80
	Hotel Occupancy –	\$2,194.34
	Disaster Fund-	\$11,341.30
	Proprietary Fund –	\$50,410.53
	Total:	\$387,613.48

B-2. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting – June 13, 2024

A motion to **approve the Consent Agenda** was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Thompson. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

C. COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA

C-1. Discuss and consider authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to sign Amendment No. 1 to the contract between the City of Vidor and Traylor & Associates Inc. pertaining to the City's Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Harvey Infrastructure grant Contract No. 20-065-120-C407.

Pebbles Eckhoff, Finance Director, so the General Land Office has decided to make some changes to the templates and applications for our GLO grants. So, Traylor & Associates have done their due diligence and they have looked through all of our contracts and these are just the amendments to get us up to par with the new recommendations that GLO requires. So, C-1 through C-6 are all for the same thing just in case they come with anything we have all the questions answered for the new forms. Chris Leavins, City Attorney, a lot of these are the Federal Provisions Anti-Lobbying and Debarment and things like that some of the contracts didn't have and I think it also changes the duration and puts a date on it as to when the contract terminates.

A motion to **approve authorizing the Mayor to sign Amendment 1** was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Thompson. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

C-2. Discuss and consider authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to sign Amendment No. 1 to the contract between the City of Vidor and Schaumburg & Polk, Inc. pertaining to the City's Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Harvey Infrastructure grant Contract No 20-065-120-C407.

A motion to **approve authorizing the Mayor to sign Amendment 1 for Contract No. 20-065-120-C407** was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Thompson. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

- C -3. Discuss and consider authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to sign Amendment No. 1 to the contract between the City of Vidor and Schaumburg & Polk, Inc. pertaining to the City's Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Harvey Infrastructure grant Contract No 20-065-120-C407.**

A motion to **approve authorizing the Mayor to sign Amendment 1 for Contract No. 20-065-120-C407** was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Barker. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

- C -4. Discuss and consider authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to sign Amendment No. 2 to the contract between the City of Vidor and Traylor & Associates Inc. pertaining to the City's Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) HMGP Supplemental grant Contract No. 22-119-013-D523.**

A motion to **approve authorizing the Mayor to sign Amendment 2 for Contract No. 22-119-013-D523** was made by Councilmember Thompson, seconded by Councilmember McGowan. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

- C -5. Discuss and consider authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to sign Amendment No. 1 to the contract between the City of Vidor and Traylor & Associates Inc. pertaining to the City's Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Imelda grant Contract No. 24-067-043-E231.**

A motion to **approve authorizing the Mayor to sign Amendment 1 for Contract No. 24-067-043-E231** was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Thompson. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

- C -6. Discuss and consider authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to sign Amendment No. 1 to the contract between the City of Vidor and Traylor & Associates Inc. pertaining to the City's Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Imelda grant Contract No. 24-067-044-E232.**

A motion to **approve authorizing the Mayor to sign Amendment 1 for Contract No. 24-067-044-E232** was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Thompson. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

C -7. Discussion and possible action to award a contract for street improvements for the North Archie, Alamo, and Aery Streets project included in the City's CDBG-DR contract #20-065-120-C407 to Elite Contractors in the amount of \$1,755,960.00 for base bid plus additive bid items.

Steve Jordan, Schaumberg & Polk, thank you Mayor Council we received earlier this month five (5) good competitive bids for this project, very close bids. Eastex was the lowest base bid and was well within our budget, so we are recommending we add the award additive bid items as well and turn it around and have Elite as the lowest bid, so that is our recommendation. If you have any questions. Councilmember Barker, can I ask a question about some of the information? You have got some information down here at the bottom, I was just going to see if you could run through that with me and clarify. Pebbles Eckhoff, Finance Director, yes and so them coming in at \$1.1million dollars under budget has left some funds that we can allocate to do some other projects and we have already discussed that with Steve and Melinda at Traylor, and we have that money all accounted for and it's going to be able to do some extra things that we didn't think we could do at first and we will be able to do them now with Elite coming in under budget. Barker, nice okay thank you.

A motion to **award a contract for street improvements included in the City's CDBG-DR Contract No. 20-065-120-C407 to Elite Contractors in the amount of \$1,755,960.00**, was made by Councilmember Thompson, seconded by Councilmember McGowan. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

C -8. Discussion and possible action to award a contract for flood and drainage improvements for the Old Spanish Trail Crossing project included in the City's CDBG-MIT HMGP Supplemental contract #22-119-013-D523 to Elite Contractors and Equipment, LTD. In the amount of \$1,124,000.00 for base bid items.

Steve Jordan, Schaumberg & Polk, Mayor, and Council again we got good competitive bids on the Old Spanish Trail Crossing here and Elite is very excited to be working with the City of Vidor and they got it again and this has all been vetted. Again, our recommendation is to award it to Elite.

A motion to **award a contract for flood and drainage improvements for the Old Spanish Trail Crossing project included in the City's CDBG-MIT HMGP Supplemental contract# 22-119-013-D523 to Elite Contractors in the amount of \$1,124,000.00**, was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Thompson. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

C -9. Consideration and appointment/re-appointment of three Planning Commission members to the City of Vidor Planning and Zoning Commission (each member shall be a resident of the City of Vidor, shall serve without compensation, and shall hold no other position in the City government)

Mayor Songe calls Aaron Smith first. Aaron Smith, I lived here in the city and have lived here over twenty (20) years. If you have any questions for me or would you like me to make a statement. Councilmember Barker, why did you want to join the Planning & Zoning Commission? Smith, I feel like I have some perspectives to offer I live here, I have been here, raised my kids here, I feel like Vidor is unique position for growth both Residential and Commercial with our proximity to Beaumont and the industrial vendors that can help businesses coming into Vidor, people that want to get out of the areas that are not that great like Beaumont, Orange, other areas, like my own family that wants somewhere better to raise their own family. We have the busiest interstate in the United States running right through the middle of town, I think we've got a lot to offer, and we talk about growth why not Vidor. Mayor Songe, and I will Mr. Smith and Mrs. Smith have come a long way of meeting in the middle and coming together to figure out some things and address some things that have just come up with Code and stuff like that over the years and I have seen a lot of positive progress come out of that and Mrs. Smith is actually on the Zoning Committee and I do appreciate her serving. Smith, and to be honest I have seen how she has taken the reins on her new role on the Zoning Board of Adjustments and it's kinda of inspired me. Which she does a lot actually and she is really putting in the effort and it's really inspired me to kind of do the same. I think I have a lot to offer, and I would like the opportunity. Councilmember Barker, I have a question do you have or have part interest in any property that has ever received a citation from Code Enforcement, or do you have or have interest in any structures that have been red tagged. Smith, no mam, there is a house next to me that has been red tagged thank God, but no mam none of my personal property. Mayor Songe, thank you Mr. Smith. Gary Herrera, Good Evening Council my name is Gary Herrera, I live at 1018 Orange St., I come to you today to seek a position on the Planning & Zoning Commission, even though I have just came off the Council, I still feel I have a lot to contribute to this community and being on the Planning allows me to contribute to future vision of the City and the direction we want the city to go. I would appreciate your vote today. Any questions? Councilmember Barker I have the same question as for Mr. Smith. Herrera, no citations, and no issues. Mayor Songe, no red tag structures, or purchases of red tags coming up. Herrera, I see a lot of red tags and a lot I would like to see red tagged. Barker, not ones you are personally responsible for. Herrera, no none whatsoever. Mayor, thank you. Herrera, thank you all. Jerad Spencer, I am Jerad Spencer, at 1125 S. Main and I have been sitting on the Planning Commission for quite some time, I believe about six (6) years. I have a big drive for this City, basically when I retired from last position at my last job, I wanted to create a business here in Vidor and I think many people realize and know that I really push for the well being and positive acknowledgement and growth of this town. Now to answer Mrs. Barker's questions about red tag structures, I do not own any red tag structures, I have not purchased any red tag structures, or have any ones for sale directly, but I do push for red tag structures and getting those sold. My job as a broker helps me really push some of those properties that are on the verge of needing some new owners or owners that have estate or deed issues. A big part of my job is finding out how to fix some of these deed issues to get these properties into new hands, because we do have quite a bit of delapidated structures. Now commercially there is a lot coming to the town and I really work to bring that. Now one of the things that the Planning Commission has done is that we now have Zoning and that's a big deal. There are some glaring issues in that policy that need to be worked out and that's done by the Planning Commission to go to the Zoning Board to vote and officiate and to regulate some of those issues, as being a broker kinda see some of those issues that we need to pan out. I really appreciate your vote to keep me on the board and part of. Barker interrupts what kind of issues do you see? Spencer, so we have some definition issues that are not concise to what actual real estate definitions are to what they are in the new Zoning Ordinance. We have some loopholes that really need to be closed and that is part of the Planning is to discuss and meet that and it's also in part to plan. We have some new things that really need to have happen, that we have tried to push, but with all the things going on we haven't gotten to that point to be able to have meetings. One thing is sidewalks, we need

commercial sidewalks and unfortunately there's areas where we don't have the room, but we need to start stealing that with any new permit that comes up to any commercial structure on any of major commercial avenues. And we are going to look like Lumberton did a decade ago with random sidewalks in the middle of nowhere, but if you look at it now those sidewalks are no longer random. We need some real big growth, and we need to really work to have a Commercial reinvestment zone to help bring some other commercial businesses to some other areas, we need to have some growth patterns on. Any other questions? Mayor & Barker, thank you. Spencer, thank ya'll. Jessica Goncalves, Good evening, Mayor & Council I am Jessica Goncalves, I am a Mid-Western who grew up in the home of a construction worker, the sounds of nails being hammered into wood, heavy machinery being operated outside my bedroom window, chainsaws and my father yelling out measurements to whomever was helping him that day are the sounds of my childhood. Going into Lowe's always gives me a sense of going home, from concrete pours to home additions, flooding, septic problems to busted water lines, I have just about seen it all. After college, I'm just going to introduce myself a little bit because I am new to the area. I did live a portion a large portion of my adult life on the East Coast, a couple of years in Western Europe, and now I am so happy to be settled in Southeast Texas with my husband and daughter. I have always had an interest in Government and Politics. I have the mindset that if you don't vote, don't complain. I think this principle applies to Local Government the most. If we don't take advantage of the privilege, we have to have our voices heard then we don't have the privilege to complain. I believe it is a privilege and responsibility of those that are buying property, building homes and businesses, raising and educating children in a Community to be the ones influencing and making decisions for that Community. I love the City of Vidor, it has become my home, and I want it to be the home for my children, a safe place for them to grow. Zoning I believe is a crucial element in making sure that is a possibility to maintain the balance in a Community. The balance that is needed to support both strong families and successful businesses. I feel strongly that Zoning laws were put into place for a reason, as a committee it's a responsibility to look at those reasons and for the sake of the Community to determine whether or not they are still valid. If they are they are to be upheld, if they are no longer valid, we then work together to find the solution. To this point voting has been the extent of my involvement in Government, but as a resident of the City of Vidor, a mom, and home and small business owner I am looking forward to learning, growing, and helping to keep organization and balance to the City of Vidor as it grows in Commercial and Residential areas. It would be my privilege and a responsibility I would not take lightly, thank you for your consideration. Councilmember Barker, thank you, how long have you lived here? Goncalves, about three (3) months. Barker nice well welcome to the area. Mayor, thank you. Goncalves, thank you. Barker, oh wait the same question on red tags. Goncalves, no mam I do not. Barker, I figured not only having been here for three (3) months. Nick Lagusis, Good Evening Council I come to reapplying to be on the Planning and Zoning Commission, I was on the previous Commission, and I got the maps sent to ya'll to get voted for that finally got passed here in Vidor that was long overdue. I think one for Harvey we got passed a long time ago. I think Vidor has a lot of growth and I want to help the City grow there. I am on the ARB Committee for the Appraisal District right now. I was on the Committee for Vidor School District for the bond that is being put out there. I am staying here in Vidor; I am not leaving. My construction experience has a lot that can help, and I am here to continue with that. Barker, same question for me (concerning red tags). Lagusis no I have never had anything that has been red tagged and do not own anything that is red tagged and everything that I have is kept up to par. Barker, so do you have the property on Beech St at 420 Beech St? Lagusis, where? Barker, its on Beech St. Lagusis, where? Are you saying Peach? Barker, yes Beech St. you don't have any property over there or have a company that has property over there? Mayor, you're thinking of Inzers. Barker, yeah, I am okay just making sure. Lagusis, I'm not sure what you're talking about. Barker, perfect. Mayor, any other questions? McGowan, no. Mayor, thank you. Mayor, Okay Council you have three (3) positions. Barker, I have a question okay so three (3) of these have stamped received on them and two do not are they all still valid? Mayor, those are only a formality, so they don't have to fill those out so yes. It's not an actual requirement. McGowan, so do we motion separately? Mayor, so the way we have always done it is motion to appoint and then name all three (3) names. Chris Leavins, City Attorney I was just going to say you can do a motion to have three (3) people that motion passes or fails in its entirety. Barker, so yeah separate it out by name.

A motion was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Thompson, to approve the **RESOLUTION** appointing **Gary Herrera as a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission**. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

A motion was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Thompson, to approve the **RESOLUTION** appointing **Aaron Smith as a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission**. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

A motion was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Lee, to approve the **RESOLUTION** appointing **Jerad Spencer as a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission**. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

C -10. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution to allow the Vidor High School Art students to paint murals on the side of the Library.

Councilmember Lee, I just have a question, like I still say aye, but we do know like a theme or what they are going to be doing? Pebbles Eckhoff, they are going to turn in drawing examples, and they think the plan is that the three (3) sections will correlate with each, and three (3) different teams will be painting them. They turn in all their sketches to the City Manager, and he will give their approval. Chris Leavins, City Attorney, in the Resolution it is subject to the City Manager's approval whatever they do and also that they have to be supervised by facility at the High School.

A motion to **approve the Resolution allowing Vidor High School Art Students to paint murals on the side of the Library** was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Barker. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

C -11. Consideration and possible action to approve an Ordinance amending Chapter 14 – Businesses, Article XI. – Amusement Redemption Machine Businesses, of the Vidor Code of Ordinances, regarding amusement redemption machines in the City; providing repeal of conflicting ordinances; providing for severability; and providing for publication and an effective date

Mayor Songe, Chris, did you decide some clarity on how we can do that? Chris Leavins, City Attorney, well historically when this was set up ideally if machines were no longer use the number would be reduced and I think the last time that happened it was in 2020. So currently the number of authorized machines in the City is one hundred and ninety (190). So, if you are wanting to change that, I think there are still one hundred and ninety (190). So, if it's just to allow what's there and nothing more you could keep it the same or if you are wanting to reduce the number, we would just have to confirm there is a clause in there to grandfather everything that's in there as it is if those machines continue to be in operation. Songe, so the motion can be to reduce it and add the clause? Leavins, yeah, I don't if that clause is in there, I just know that the cap is a certain amount. That basically authorizes Code Enforcement to issue that many permits. So, if you're going to have them authorized to issue less permits provided you can still issue what's already out there, we would have to change the language of the Ordinance because I think that's not the way it's originally set up. Songe, so. Councilmember Lee, I have a question. Could you guys provide some clarity especially for some of us that are a little newer on what benefit the machines bring to the City. Councilmember McGowan, none but those people pay taxes to be there. Songe, none. Leavins, they pay permit fees and that's set out in our Ordinances, but there is not a small amount necessarily then obviously that brings in business so then there's taxes. McGowan, so is there a cap as to how many can be in a building? Leavins, I believe so and I don't know if it's an actual number, but it goes by design and how many people are actually in there and the way it is set up and access to them so that probably does affect the actual numbers. I don't know off the top of my head if there is a maximum per establishment. Songe, so could we also do this Chris, if we push the number

back to one hundred and fifty (150), with the grandfather clause and if one of their machines went down not allow that to be replaced or just the one hundred and fifty (150) with the grandfather clause and we are just waiting to see how things turn out later on down the road on the topic itself. Leavins, I can research that and see how far you can go with that. I don't know as I am sitting what that is, what the Mayor is referring to is there has been a lot of litigation over the regulation, because it is regulated by the state. So, there are some things that cities and counties get pre-empted by because the state regulates, but there have been a lot of challenges to that. One case has been going on for six (6) to seven (7) years and it's been remanded again so basically the court of appeals has come to a different conclusion on that. Songe, and that's why I don't want to sit and wait to become sat idle for four (4) years, so I would at least like to become proactive while we are still waiting for that to come down. So, we do our part and what we can to keep them minimized until future action can be taken. Councilmember Barker, how did we come up with the one hundred and fifty (150) number I mean what does one hundred (100) do, I mean what does zero (0) do, I mean like where does this number come from? Songe, so you can't say zero (0) and not have any, one hundred and fifty (150) reduces without going too far down. I mean would love to have zero (0), but I mean until Chief and Legal say we can do that, we are not comfortable with saying zero (0) and you can't have any, but then we do have some. Lee, and that is because these machines are protected by the law right now, correct? Songe, yes. Leavins, the number one hundred and ninety (190) is because that's how many permits the City currently issues. McGowan, so we have a hundred and ninety (190) machines in the City limits? Songe, yes. So, my thought with one hundred and fifty (150) if one whole building closed that still wouldn't leave any openings so that if it was that far back it was protected from adding anymore. McGowan, so we if we cut it back to one fifty (150) who says who has to get rid of to get to the one fifty (150). Songe, they don't they will still get the permits they will be grandfathered in. Then as one closes nobody else can add any, because then there no additional extra permits. Leavins, and one option would be I can just take this and come up with some additional language and bring it back in at a later meeting. McGowan, yes, please. Songe, okay. Lee, I think we should table it. Songe, okay we will table this.

C -12. Discussion and possible action to approve use of Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds for 2nd Annual Music Jam

Pebbles Eckhoff, Finance Director so we are just asking that Council authorize \$10,000.00 to be used from Hot Tax if needed, right now we are not sure if we are going to need it or not, we may not use it all, but we just want to make it's there and we don't want to have to come last minute before Council again and ask for it. Councilmember McGowan, where did we get it last year? Mayor Songe, we didn't use it last year, but the budget is a lot more this year than last year. But we quit paying for the billboards so this would kinda be in place of that but not going above the \$10,000.00, that we allocate to the other businesses as well. They are looking for a bigger headliner and stuff so it's a totally different budget. Councilmember Barker, can we add the word if in there. Songe, yes. Barker, if we need it.

A motion to **approve the use of Hot Tax Funds in the amount of \$10,000.00 if needed**, was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Thomspson. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

C -13. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution authorizing TK Insurance Services to solicit bids for Employee Health Insurance.

Pebbles Eckhoff, Finance Director, so every July we have to go out for bids for the employee health insurance on behalf of the Benefits Trust and we just need a Resolution to do that and it's just that time of year.

A motion to **approve the Resolution authorizing TK Insurance Services to solicit bids for Employee Health Insurance**, was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Barker. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

C -14. Discussion of the schedule for adopting the 2024-2025 budget

Tabled

C 15. Consideration and possible action to approve and ratify a letter of understanding related to CDBG DR Contract No. 20-065-120-C407 for Texas and Pine Drainage Re-Route to David Brewer

Steve Jordan, Schaumberg and Polk, Mayor Council this pertains to the ongoing project there rerouting that ditch between Texas and Pine. That existing ditch is currently in Orange County Drainage District Easement and Mr. Brewer is supportive of the project and supportive of moving that ditch that we have planned. However, he did ask for some reassurances and so we did include or in the letter compacting that existing ditch when we back fill it which was already in the plans, we are doing it anyway, and we will just provide some of those test results to assure him that has happened. Then the second one is too once it is done, we would let Orange County Drainage District know that it is completed and ask them to place that on their agenda to move their easement to the new ditch location. Songe, and put his boat back. Jordan, that is not in the letter, I'm sorry. Councilmember Barker, has this been approved by Legal? Jorand, yes mam. Chris Leavins, City Attorney, yes Steve helped prepare this and I think what he just said but we can just confirm both the statements. The second we will notify Orange County Drainage District and then the first is something that is already part of the construction plans, so this is just providing the data that this will happen it's really doing anything new. Barker, so we will not have any liability once everything is switched over. Leavins, it's part of the construction plans that are already going to happen.

A motion to **approve and ratify a letter of understanding to David Brewer**, was made by Councilmember Barker, seconded by Councilmember Lee. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

C -16. Consideration and possible action to receive a petition for annexation from Fuelbox, LLC, for property located 2410 N. Main St., Vidor, TX. 77662

Fez Hussain, Owner of Fuelbox, LLC, Mayor Council thank you for having me. I am trying to get my store into the City by getting annexed, a friendly annexation process, so we can apply for our beer license and after doing some research I understand my store currently has five (5) machines and we will be taking those out, we are excited to do that. Songe, he, and I have had a very extensive conversation about this, we told one or the other and I am excited this is the direction he chose. Hussain, one hundred percent, we just want to have a nice clean operation, we have a food truck out there and we are trying to bring food and beer and wine to the store. We are new property owners, and we can't survive without the sales. We have a really big business plan, and we need the beer and wine licenses to make that happen. My request to you guys is to help make that happen for us. Songe, you already know how I feel about it. Hussain, yes mam

A motion to **approve receiving the petition for annexation from Fuelbox, LLC**, was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Barker. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

C -17. Consideration and possible action to approve a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and enter into a written agreement with Fuelbox, LLC, for the provision of services in the annexed area upon annexation (2410 N Main St., Vidor, TX., 77662

A motion to **approve the Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a written agreement with Fuelbox, LLC for annexation**, was made by Councilmember Barker, seconded by Councilmember McGowan. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

C -18. Consideration and possible action to set a public hearing to provide interested persons in the annexation of the property located at 2410 N. Main St., Vidor, TX., 77662, owned by Fuelbox, LLC, an opportunity to be heard.


A motion to **approve setting the Public Hearing for Fuelbox, LLC, annexation**, was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Barker. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

C-19. Consideration of Adjournment


A motion for **Consideration of Adjournment** was made by Councilmember Thompsom and seconded by Councilmember McGowan. The Council voted unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

These minutes were approved on July 11, 2024.

ATTEST


Rachel Duplechain, City Secretary




Misty Songe, Mayor