

The Early City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Mayor Mangrum

Council members:

Benny Allcorn

Travis Eoff

Garry Forisha

City Administrator Tony Aaron

Economic Development Director Larry McConn

City Secretary Brenda Kilgo

Absent: Charles Matlock, Leland Acker, City Attorney Mark Bessent

Establishing a quorum present, Mayor Mangrum called the meeting to order, Mr. Eoff gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of the minutes for regular meeting held on June 25, 2024.

Mr. Forisha made motion, seconded by Mr. Allcorn, to approve the minutes as presented. All members present voted "aye".

Citizen's comments

There were no citizen comments.

Proclamation recognizing Early, Texas as a Tourism Friendly Community

Mayor Mangrum read aloud a proclamation recognizing the positive effect travel has on the nation, Texas, Brown County, and Early's economic prosperity and image; deeming Early as a Tourism Friendly Community.

Executive Session in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 551, Texas Government Code Sections 551.072-Real Property, and 551.087-Economic Development.

Mr. Allcorn made motion, seconded by Mr. Eoff, to enter into Executive Session. All members voted "aye", entering into closed session at 6:03 p.m.

Reconvene into Open Session and consider action, if any, on items discussed in executive session

Mr. Eoff made motion, seconded by Mr. Forisha, to reconvene into open session at 6:16 p.m. All members present voted "aye".

Budget Workshop

A copy of the Budget Summary that included the 2023/2024 Budget and the proposed budget to date as a comparison for this discussion.

The Budget Summary of the proposed budget is based on the following:

- \$0.55 proposed tax rate with an 85% collection rate
- No COL increases included

- Hotel Occupancy Tax incentive agreement within CVB ends in 24/25 budget year
- Inclusion of MDD grant to General Fund for Town Center restroom facilities

More detailed discussion within Capital Projects included carry-over for Boardwalk construction, new construction of Mangrum Street and utility infrastructure (Atmos, Oncor, Water/Sewer) for total proposed expenditures of \$5,317,500.

Strategies stated for this proposed budget:


- Ability to sustain any 'recurring' cost
- Ability to sustain natural and needed growth of staff/personnel
- Balance a budget that is not as dependent on sales tax revenue

Discussions anticipated for next budget workshop include fire truck options and cost effects of COL increase options.

Adjourn

Mr. Eoff made motion, seconded by Mr. Forisha, to adjourn the meeting. All members present voted "aye" adjourning the meeting at 6:47 p.m.


CITY SECRETARY

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MAYOR