

City of Killeen
City Council Meeting
Killeen City Hall
August 8, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Presiding: Mayor Debbie Nash-King

Attending: Mayor Protem Nina Cobb, Councilmembers Michael Boyd, Jessica Gonzalez, Jose Segarra, Ramon Alvarez, Joseph Solomon and Riakos Adams

Also attending were City Manager Kent Cagle, City Attorney Holli Clements, City Secretary Laura Calcote and Sergeant-at-Arms Kinsey

Don Smith gave the invocation. Councilmember Alvarez led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Motion was made by Councilmember Boyd to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Alvarez. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Citizen Petitions

CP-23-018 Salvador Moreno: On Ref: Citation No. 867278-01 K.P.D. Officer Involved D. Varga No. 432, S. Officer Clark, Suiter No. 512

CP-23-020 Laura Coombes: AA Lane Park

Citizen Comments

Michael Fornino spoke regarding DS-23-079 and RS-23-124.

Anca Neagu spoke regarding RS-23-124.

Discussion Items

DS-23-079 Discuss and consider setting a Budget Townhall Meeting on August 17, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., at Killeen City Hall - Council Chambers.

Motion was made by Councilmember Adams to set a Budget Townhall Meeting on August 17, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. at Killeen City Hall – Council Chambers. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Gonzalez. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Consent Agenda

MN-23-017 Consider Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting of July 11, 2023.

RS-23-121 Consider a memorandum/resolution approving the Metro Ethernet services contract with Blue Plains Technology in an amount not to exceed \$61,500 annually.

RS-23-122 Consider a memorandum/resolution authorizing the purchase of the replacement stage at the Killeen Civic and Conference Center from StageRight in the amount of \$90,028.

RS-23-123 Consider a resolution finding that Oncor Electric's application to increase rates within the City should be denied, authorizing participation with the Steering Committee of Cities Served by Oncor, and finding that the City's reasonable rate case expenses shall be reimbursed by Oncor Electric.

RS-23-124 Consider a memorandum/resolution appointing Councilmembers to various boards and commissions.

Motion was made by Councilmember Boyd to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Alvarez. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Public Hearings

PH-23-044 HOLD a public hearing on proposed rate increases for FY 2024 to be effective October 1, 2023.

Staff Comments: Miranda Drake, Assistant Director of Finance
This item was presented to City Council during their August 1, 2023 Workshop meeting. Ms. Drake was available to provide additional information and to answer questions.

Mayor Nash-King opened the public hearing.

Anca Neagu spoke in opposition to PH-23-044.

Michael Fornino spoke in opposition to PH-23-044, OR-23-013 and OR-23-014.

Mellisa Brown spoke in opposition to PH-23-044, OR-23-013 and OR-23-014.

Josh Welch spoke in opposition to PH-23-044.

Gary Purser spoke in opposition to PH-23-044.

With no one else appearing, the public hearing was closed.

No action was taken on this item.

OR-23-013 Consider an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances Chapter 24, Solid Waste, to amend commercial solid waste rates.

The City Secretary read the caption of the ordinance:
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 24, SOLID WASTE, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF KILLEEN, TEXAS, BY AMENDING SOLID WASTE RATES; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Staff Comments: Jeffrey Reynolds, Executive Director of Public Works

This item was presented to City Council during their August 1, 2023 Workshop meeting. Mr. Reynolds was available to provide additional information and to answer questions.

Motion was made by Councilmember Boyd to approve OR-23-013. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Alvarez. The motion carried unanimously (6-0), with Councilmember Adams not voting.

OR-23-014 Consider an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances Chapter 30, Water, Sewers, and Sewage Disposal, to amend water and sewer rates and other changes as presented.

The City Secretary read the caption of the ordinance:
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 30 WATER, SEWERS, AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL, ARTICLE IV, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF KILLEEN, TEXAS, BY AMENDING RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL WATER AND SEWER RATES; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Staff Comments: Jeffrey Reynolds, Executive Director of Public Works

This item was presented to City Council during their August 1, 2023 Workshop meeting. Mr. Reynolds was available to provide additional information and to answer questions.

Motion was made by Councilmember Gonzalez to approve OR-23-014. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Boyd. The motion carried unanimously (6-0), with Councilmember Adams not voting.

Adjournment

With no further business, upon motion being made by Councilmember Boyd, seconded by Councilmember Gonzalez, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Debbie Nash-King, Mayor

Laura J. Calcote, City Secretary