

**MIDLAND CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
August 26, 2025**



The City Council convened in regular session in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Midland, Texas, at 10:00 a.m., August 26, 2025.

Council Members present: John Burkholder, Amy Stretcher Burkes, Robin Poole, Lori Blong, Brian Stubbs, Jack Ladd, John Norman

Council Members absent: None

Staff members present: City Manager Tommy Gonzalez, Interim City Attorney Nicholas Toulet-Crump, City Governance Officer/City Secretary Marcia Bentley-German, Deputy City Manager Morris Williams Jr., Deputy City Manager Jose Ortiz

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

OPENING ITEMS

1. Invocation – Pastor Olaf Luna, Mid-Cities Church

Pastor Olaf Luna was not in attendance. Mayor Blong did the invocation.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENTATIONS

3. Presentation of special events, organizations, individuals, periods of time, or reports, including, but not limited to:

- 3a. Presentation by Chad Eason regarding Special Olympics Recap and 2026 Preview

Chad Eason, Senior Director of Competitions and Games and Troy Briggs, Vice President of Visit Midland gave a recap presentation regarding the Special Olympics and a preview into 2026. The entire presentation may be heard online at <https://www.midlandtexas.gov/1231/Meetings-Agendas-and-Minutes>.

- 3b. Presentation of Proclamation for “Jeff Tyner Day”

CONSENT AGENDA

4. MOTION APPROVING THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:
 - 4a. REGULAR SESSION OF AUGUST 12, 2025
5. 085-2025 – MOTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH FORVIS MAZARS, LLP, FOR PROFESSIONAL AUDIT SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025 **(DISTRICT: ALL) (FINANCE) (PROVIDE SOUND GOVERNANCE & FISCAL MANAGEMENT)**
6. 2025-116 – RESOLUTION AMENDING THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, REGARDING INVESTMENTS OF PUBLIC FUNDS; ADDING CHRIS HAYES, TREASURY MANAGER, AND GERRY ADKINS, COMPTROLLER, AS AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY OF MIDLAND ON THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT POOL, TEXPOOL/TEXPOOL PRIME; AND CHRISTY WEAKLAND, CHRIS HAYES, AND GERRY ADKINS SHALL BE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY OF MIDLAND **(DISTRICT: NONE) (FINANCE) (PROVIDE SOUND GOVERNANCE & FISCAL MANAGEMENT)**
7. 2025-117 – RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) FORD STARCRAFT ALLSTAR – E350 SHUTTLE BUSES FROM MODEL 1 COMMERCIAL VEHICLES THROUGH THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$255,734.00; AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR SAID PURCHASE **(DISTRICT 4) (GENERAL SERVICES) (PROVIDE SOUND GOVERNANCE & FISCAL MANAGEMENT)**
10. 086-2025 – MOTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH COMMEMORATIVE AIR FORCE, INC., TO PROVIDE FOR THE 2025 AIRSHO AT THE MIDLAND INTERNATIONAL AIR & SPACE PORT **(DISTRICT 4) (AIRPORTS) (TRANSPARENT & CONSISTENT COMMUNICATION)**
12. 088-2025 – MOTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND THE INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION PROVIDING FOR THE CITY OF MIDLAND'S RECEIPT OF GRANT NO. 77 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,264,531 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE OF THE TERMINAL MODERNIZATION AND PASSENGER SCREENING AREA RELOCATION/EXPANSION PROJECT AT THE MIDLAND INTERNATIONAL AIR & SPACE PORT **(DISTRICT 4) (AIRPORTS) (TRANSPARENT & CONSISTENT COMMUNICATION)**

Brian Stubbs moved to approve Consent Agenda items 4 - 14, excluding items 8, 9, 11, 13, 14,; seconded by Jack Ladd.

The motion passed by the following vote:

AYE: Burkholder, Stretcher Burkes, Poole, Blong, Stubbs, Ladd, Norman

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

The following item(s) were pulled from consent agenda and considered individually.

8. 2025-118 – RESOLUTION AWARDDING A CONTRACT TO TEC EXCAVATION, INC., FOR THE AIRPORT WASTEWATER LIFT STATION REPLACEMENT PROJECT FOR THE UTILITIES DEPARTMENT FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$1,631,900.00; APPROVING \$244,785.00 FOR CONTINGENCIES; AND APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING FUNDS

Council Member Burkholder highlighted the fact that six bids were received for this item.

Utilities Director Carl Craig reported they had the most bids ever for a lift station.

John Burkholder moved to approve Resolution No.; seconded by Jack Ladd.

The motion passed by the following vote:

AYE: Burkholder, Stretcher Burkes, Poole, Blong, Stubbs, Ladd, Norman

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

9. 2025-119 – RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH DECOR IQ, LLC, THROUGH BUYBOARD, FOR THE PERMANENT EXPANDABLE TREE LIGHTING PROJECT AT THE MIDLAND INTERNATIONAL AIR & SPACE PORT FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$129,065.41; AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR SAID PROJECT

Mayor Pro Tem Poole clarified that this item is not for Christmas lights but for lighting enhancement and is a one time purchase.

Council Member Burkholder reported he is appreciative that needs were put before wants.

Mayor Blong reported this is an example of slowing down and thinking things through. It was also noted that if these dollars are not spent by a certain time they will have to be shared with other airlines and the City of Midland would lose those funds.

Terry Garrett, 1605 McDonald, reported he is still wondering why we are spending money on Christmas lights.

Mayor Pro Tem Poole clarified these are not Christmas lights but permanent year-round lighting that will also enhance safety around the airport.

Mayor Blong explained that these funds are not from tax payer dollars but from proceeds received from individuals who fly in and out of Midland Airport.

Robin Poole moved to approve Resolution No.; seconded by Brian Stubbs.

The motion passed by the following vote:

AYE: Burkholder, Stretcher Burkes, Poole, Blong, Stubbs, Ladd, Norman

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

11. 087-2025 – MOTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND THE INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION PROVIDING FOR THE CITY OF MIDLAND'S RECEIPT OF GRANT NO. 76 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,000,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE OF THE TERMINAL MODERNIZATION AND PASSENGER SCREENING AREA RELOCATION/EXPANSION PROJECT AT THE MIDLAND INTERNATIONAL AIR & SPACE PORT

Mayor Blong thanked Airports Director Justine Ruff for going to Washington DC and having a tough conversation about the needs of Midland.

Airports Director Justine Ruff reported that the grants are to be used on the terminal expansion project, which will add six lanes to the checkpoint. The current process has passengers lined up down the escalator which is a safety concern. This will allow passengers to go up the escalator only after they have cleared security.

Mrs. Ruff also reported that the grant dollars from items 11 and 12 are to be used for the construction phase of the terminal expansion project. Mrs. Ruff reported another four million in grant dollars is guaranteed.

Mayor Blong highlighted the fact that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is partnering with the airport in this endeavor. It is also not coming from tax payer dollars.

Jack Ladd moved to approve Motion No. 087-2025; seconded by Brian Stubbs.

The motion passed by the following vote:

AYE: Burkholder, Stretcher Burkes, Poole, Blong, Stubbs, Ladd, Norman

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

13. 089-2025 – MOTION APPROVING, WITH STAFF'S RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS, A PRELIMINARY PLAT OF RESILIENT INDUSTRIAL PARK, BEING A PLAT OF A 38.19-ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF SECTION 18, BLOCK 40, T-1-S, T&P RR CO. SURVEY, MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS (GENERALLY LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF WEST COUNTY ROAD 49 AND NORTH COUNTY ROAD 1287)

Council Member Stubbs inquired about right-of-ways.

Planning & Development Officer Elizabeth Triggs gave a brief overview of the item noting it's just outside of the city limits, Northwest of Hwy 349.

Brian Stubbs moved to approve Motion No. 089-2025; seconded by Jack Ladd.

The motion passed by the following vote:

AYE: Burkholder, Stretcher Burkes, Poole, Blong, Stubbs, Ladd, Norman
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

14. 090-2025 – MOTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH MIDLAND COUNTY UNDER WHICH THE CITY WILL CONSTRUCT AND WIDEN BRIARWOOD AVENUE FROM A POINT APPROXIMATELY 1,500 FEET EAST OF STATE HIGHWAY 158 TO AVALON DRIVE AND RECEIVE THE SUM OF \$2,500,000.00 FROM MIDLAND COUNTY FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF THE WORK

Council Member Ladd pulled item to thank the County and everyone involved with the project.

Engineering Services Director Gabriel McClelland gave a brief overview of the item noting three bids have been received for roadway improvements.

Council Member Amy Stretcher Burkes reported that this shows the good relationships the city has with other entities.

Council Member Burkholder also thanked Mr. McClelland for the work that took place.

Mayor Blong highlighted a few projects such as the Todd Drive overpass in which Midland Development Corporation (MDC) invested one million dollars into the plans. This will bring in 26 million dollars.

Discussion ensued among Council and Deputy City Manager Jose Ortiz regarding traffic in the area.

Stacy Rhodes, 2705 Sentinel Drive, reported on police lights with no police and it was confusing.

Jack Ladd moved to approve Motion No. 090-2025; seconded by John Burkholder.

The motion passed by the following vote:

AYE: Burkholder, Stretcher Burkes, Poole, Blong, Stubbs, Ladd, Norman
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

SECOND READINGS

15. 10649 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING DISTRICT MAP OF THE CITY OF MIDLAND TO GRANT A SPECIFIC USE DESIGNATION WITH TERM FOR LOT 11, BLOCK 1, LINDSAY ACRES, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS (GENERALLY LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF WEST MONTGOMERY AVENUE AND RANKIN HIGHWAY), WHICH IS PRESENTLY ZONED RR, REGIONAL RETAIL DISTRICT, ALLOWING SAID PROPERTY TO BE USED FOR THE

SALE OF ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN A BAR FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION; MAKING SAID DESIGNATION SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS CONTAINED HEREIN; CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00); AND ORDERING PUBLICATION (FIRST READING HELD AUGUST 12, 2025) **(DISTRICT 2) (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES) (QUALITY OF LIFE & PLACE)**

Deputy City Secretary Jan Hamilton read the caption of Ordinance No. 10649.

John Norman moved to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance No.10649; seconded by Jack Ladd.

The motion passed by the following vote:

AYE: Burkholder, Stretcher Burkes, Poole, Blong, Stubbs, Ladd, Norman

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

16. 10654 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING DISTRICT MAP OF THE CITY OF MIDLAND TO REZONE LOT 1, LESS THE SOUTH 20 FEET THEREOF, BLOCK 104A, WILSHIRE PARK ADDITION, SECTION 9, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, FROM PD, PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT FOR A HOUSING DEVELOPMENT TO LR, LOCAL RETAIL DISTRICT (GENERALLY LOCATED AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF BEAL PARKWAY AND THOMASON DRIVE); CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00); AND ORDERING PUBLICATION (FIRST READING HELD AUGUST 12, 2025) **(DISTRICT 4) (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES) (QUALITY OF LIFE AND PLACE)**

Deputy City Secretary Jan Hamilton read the caption of Ordinance No. 10654.

Jack Ladd moved to approve the second and final readings of Ordinance No. 10654; seconded by Brian Stubbs.

The motion passed by the following vote:

AYE: Burkholder, Stretcher Burkes, Poole, Blong, Stubbs, Ladd, Norman

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

17. 10655 – AN ORDINANCE VACATING AND ABANDONING A 0.6722-ACRE PORTION OF MOCKINGBIRD LANE RIGHT-OF-WAY OUT OF SECTION 3, BLOCK X, H.P. HILLIARD SURVEY, AND A 0.9183-ACRE PORTION AND A 1.194-ACRE PORTION OF MOCKINGBIRD LANE RIGHT-OF-WAY, BOTH OUT OF SECTION 10, BLOCK X, H.P. HILLIARD SURVEY, ALL LOCATED IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS (GENERALLY LOCATED ON MOCKINGBIRD LANE, APPROXIMATELY 775 FEET WEST OF NORTH A STREET); ADOPTING THE APPRAISAL BY THE DEPUTY

CITY MANAGER OF \$51,466.00; RETAINING A NONEXCLUSIVE UTILITY EASEMENT; AND ORDERING RECORDATION BY THE CITY SECRETARY (FIRST READING HELD AUGUST 12, 2025) **(DISTRICT 1) (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES) (QUALITY OF LIFE AND PLACE)**

Deputy City Secretary Jan Hamilton read the caption of Ordinance No. 10655.

Brian Stubbs moved to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance No. 10655; seconded by Jack Ladd.

The motion passed by the following vote:

AYE: Burkholder, Stretcher Burkes, Poole, Blong, Stubbs, Ladd, Norman

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

18. 10656 – AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION FOR A 9.456 ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 7, BLOCK X, H.P. HILLIARD SURVEY, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS (GENERALLY LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF ORIOLE DRIVE AND MOCKINGBIRD LANE), BY PERMITTING A REDUCED MINIMUM LOT AREA; CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00); ORDERING RECORDATION BY THE CITY SECRETARY IN THE DEED RECORDS OF MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS; AND ORDERING PUBLICATION (FIRST READING HELD AUGUST 12, 2025) **(DISTRICT 4) (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES) (QUALITY OF LIFE AND PLACE)**

Deputy City Secretary Jan Hamilton read the caption of Ordinance No. 10656.

Council Member Burkholder described the section of Oriole Drive in question.

Jack Ladd moved to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance No. 10656; seconded by John Norman.

The motion passed by the following vote:

AYE: Burkholder, Stretcher Burkes, Poole, Blong, Stubbs, Ladd, Norman

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

19. 10658 – AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION FOR THE WEST 72.5 FEET OF LOT 4, BLOCK 6, SKYLINE HEIGHTS ADDITION, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS (GENERALLY LOCATED AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF MIDKIFF ROAD AND LOCKHEED DRIVE), BY PERMITTING (1) A REDUCED MINIMUM SIDE YARD SETBACK ON THE WEST SIDE OF SAID PROPERTY AND (2) A REDUCED REAR YARD SETBACK; CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00); ORDERING

RECORDATION BY THE CITY SECRETARY IN THE DEED RECORDS OF MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS; AND ORDERING PUBLICATION (FIRST READING HELD AUGUST 12, 2025) **(DISTRICT 3) (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES) (QUALITY OF LIFE AND PLACE)**

Deputy City Secretary Jan Hamilton read the caption of Ordinance No. 10658.

Jack Ladd moved to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance No. 10658; seconded by Brian Stubbs.

The motion passed by the following vote:

AYE: Burkholder, Stretcher Burkes, Poole, Blong, Stubbs, Ladd, Norman

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

20. 10659 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING DISTRICT MAP OF THE CITY OF MIDLAND TO REZONE A 0.96-ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 33, BLOCK 39, T-1-S, T&P RR CO. SURVEY, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, FROM RR, REGIONAL RETAIL DISTRICT, TO C, COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF WEST WALL STREET, APPROXIMATELY 85 FEET NORTH OF FRONT STREET); CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00); AND ORDERING PUBLICATION (FIRST READING HELD AUGUST 12, 2025) **(DISTRICT 4) (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES) (QUALITY OF LIFE AND PLACE)**

Deputy City Secretary Jan Hamilton read the caption of Ordinance No. 10659.

Jack Ladd moved to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance No. 10659; seconded by John Burkholder.

The motion passed by the following vote:

AYE: Burkholder, Stretcher Burkes, Poole, Blong, Stubbs, Ladd, Norman

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The City Council will hold public hearings on the following items:

21. 10660 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING DISTRICT MAP OF THE CITY OF MIDLAND TO GRANT A SPECIFIC USE DESIGNATION WITH TERM FOR LOT 2, BLOCK 6, CLAYDESTA PLAZA, SECTION 5, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS (GENERALLY LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF DESTA DRIVE AND WEST WADLEY AVENUE), WHICH IS PRESENTLY ZONED PD, PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT FOR AN OFFICE AND RETAIL DEVELOPMENT, ALLOWING SAID PROPERTY TO BE USED FOR THE SALE OF ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN A RESTAURANT FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION; MAKING SAID

DESIGNATION SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS CONTAINED HEREIN; CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00); AND ORDERING PUBLICATION **(DISTRICT 3) (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES) (QUALITY OF LIFE & PLACE)**

Deputy City Secretary Jan Hamilton read the caption of Ordinance No. 10660.

Planning & Development Officer Elizabeth Triggs gave a brief overview of the item noting this is for a Specific Use Designation for the sale of alcohol.

Mayor Blong opened the public hearing at 11:00 a.m. There being no one present wishing to speak, the public hearing was immediately closed.

John Norman moved to approve the first of two readings of Ordinance No. 10660; seconded by Jack Ladd.

The motion passed by the following vote:

AYE: Burkholder, Stretcher Burkes, Poole, Blong, Stubbs, Ladd, Norman

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

22. 10661 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING DISTRICT MAP OF THE CITY OF MIDLAND TO REZONE A 302.39-ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF SECTION 18, BLOCK 38, T-1-S, T&P RR CO. SURVEY, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, FROM PD, PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT FOR A HOUSING DEVELOPMENT TO AN AMENDED PD, PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT FOR A HOUSING DEVELOPMENT (GENERALLY LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF NORTH FAIRGROUNDS ROAD AND FIREWHEEL ROAD); CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00); AND ORDERING PUBLICATION **(DISTRICT 1) (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES) (QUALITY OF LIFE AND PLACE)**

Deputy City Secretary Jan Hamilton read the caption of Ordinance No. 10661.

Planning & Development Officer Elizabeth Triggs gave a brief overview of the item noting this is a rezone request from a Planned Development (PD) for a housing development to an amended PD for a housing development.

Council inquired about amenities.

Mayor Blong reported on concerns about the width of the roadways.

Deputy City Manager Jose Ortiz reported builders are meeting the standards but homeowners will have to park in the front of their homes.

Mayor Pro Tem Poole inquired if they will have larger garages to assist with the parking issue. Planning & Development Officer Elizabeth Triggs reported there will be larger garages.

Council Member Burkholder reported he has no appetite for Planned Developments (PD) moving forward. The lots need to be larger. Council Member Stubbs and Council Member Amy Stretcher Burkes agreed.

Mayor Blong reported if this is voted down it keeps the smaller sizes.

Council Member Ladd agrees and will not approve anymore PD's.

Mrs. Triggs reported that currently, Code doesn't include amenities so the Code/Ordinance will need to be updated.

Mayor Blong reported she will vote to support this but is deeply concerned about the discussion and that changes need to be made.

Mayor Pro Tem Poole reported Betenbough has been very willing to work with the City and wanted to note this.

More Council discussion ensued. The entire discussion may be heard at <https://www.midlandtexas.gov/1231/Meetings-Agendas-and-Minutes>.

Mayor Blong opened the public hearing at 11:21 a.m. There being no one present wishing to speak, the public hearing was immediately closed.

Brian Stubbs moved to approve the first of two readings of Ordinance No. 10661; seconded by John Norman.

The motion passed by the following vote:

AYE: Burkholder, Poole, Blong, Stubbs, Ladd, Norman

NAY: Stretcher Burkes

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MISCELLANEOUS

23. 091-2025 – MOTION GRANTING TURNER SIGN SYSTEMS' APPEAL AND REVERSING THE BUILDING OFFICIAL'S DENIAL OF A SIGN PERMIT FOR LOT 1, BLOCK 1, QUIKTRIP STORE 7911, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS (GENERALLY LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF SOUTH FAIRGROUNDS ROAD AND GARDEN CITY HIGHWAY) **(DISTRICT 2) (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES) (QUALITY OF LIFE AND PLACE)**

Planning & Development Officer Elizabeth Triggs gave a brief overview of the item noting this is a sign size increase request. The applicant is requesting an appeal for a denial of a larger sign.

Council inquired about sign sizes.

Mrs. Triggs reviewed sign appeal details and staff recommendations.

Craig Honeywell, Irving, TX, QuikTrip (QT) Corporation, provided a presentation regarding the sign size they need.

Council discussion and questions ensued with Mr. Honeywell.

Robin Poole moved to amend Motion No. 091-2025 to grant Turner Sign Systems' appeal and modify the Building Official's decision to deny a sign permit for Lot 1, Block 1, Quiktrip Store 7911, City and County of Midland, Texas, by allowing a maximum pole height of 50 feet (20-foot variance from city code), a maximum pole sign area of 300 feet (120-foot variance from city code) and a maximum total sign area of 517 feet (157-foot variance from city code; seconded by John Burkholder.

The motion passed by the following vote:

AYE: Burkholder, Stretcher Burkes, Poole, Blong, Stubbs, Ladd, Norman

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

24. 2025-120 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH MIDLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS RELATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF MIDLAND LEE HIGH ADDITION, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS; APPROPRIATING FUNDS; AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$11,498,873.76 **(DISTRICT: ALL) (ENGINEERING SERVICES) (STRENGTHEN AND SUSTAIN OUR INFRASTRUCTURE)**

Deputy City Manager Jose Ortiz gave a presentation of the item noting Midland's growth, Avalon & Thomason Project benefits. Mr. Ortiz also reported on the challenges.

Mayor Blong reported that the "not to exceed" is very important and that she is appreciative that we came to that agreement.

Council Member Stubbs inquired about the future of Certificates of Obligation (CO's).

Deputy City Manager Morris Williams Jr. reported CO's would be a last resort and that this should have been taken care of in the school bond. Mayor Blong and Council Member Burkholder agree.

Council discussion ensued among Council and Interim City Attorney Nicholas Toulet-Crump.

Mayor Pro Tem Poole appreciates staff for all the work on this. However, this comes down

to honesty, accountability and living within your means and that these dollars should have been included with the bond. If passed, this will set a precedence.

Terry Garrett, 1605 McDonald Street, spoke in opposition of this item. The money should have been included in the school bond that was over one billion dollars.

Council Member Stubbs inquired about safety concerns with regard to roads if the City does not support this. Deputy City Manager Jose Ortiz reported MISD is a developer and would be responsible.

Council Members expressed frustration with this situation.

This entire discussion may be heard at <https://www.midlandtexas.gov/1231/Meetings-Agendas-and-Minutes>.

John Norman moved to approve Resolution No.; seconded by Jack Ladd.

The motion passed by the following vote:

AYE: Blong, Stubbs, Ladd, Norman

NAY: Burkholder, Stretcher Burkes, Poole

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

25. 2025-121 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH MIDLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS RELATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF MIDLAND HIGH ADDITION, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS; APPROPRIATING FUNDS; AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,628,496.00 **(DISTRICT: ALL) (ENGINEERING SERVICES) (STRENGTHEN AND SUSTAIN OUR INFRASTRUCTURE)**

Terry Garrett, 1605 McDonald, inquired about the vote and asked if the City can go back and ask the MISD for the funds. He asked when we will stop spending.

Jack Ladd moved to approve Resolution No.; seconded by John Norman.

The motion passed by the following vote:

AYE: Blong, Stubbs, Ladd, Norman

NAY: Burkholder, Stretcher Burkes, Poole

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENT

26. Receive public comments where individuals may address the City Council on City related issues and projects not on the present agenda. Any deliberation of or decision by the City Council regarding the item being discussed shall be limited to a motion to place the item on the agenda for a subsequent meeting. (Please limit comments to three minutes or less.)

Judd Campbell, 110 Ridglea, reported he is disappointed in how the MISD vote went and that many people spoke out about this before the bond passed. Mr. Campbell also reported that Executive Sessions for (MDC) should be used sparingly.

Interim City Attorney Nicholas Toulet-Crump addressed Mr. Campbell's concerns about Executive Session and reported we are within bounds for the use of Executive Session.

Peter Walper, 3101 Haynes, Texas Energy Raters, reported they are third party Code Inspectors and explained to Council what they do and how they can help. Mayor Blong reported they would like further conversation for the zoo and requested he connect with Planning & Development Officer Elizabeth Triggs.

Stacy Rhelles, 2705 Sentinel Drive, would like to know what the City can do about the stray dogs in Midland.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

27. "Targeted Safety Action Plan"

No presentation given. City Manager Tommy Gonzalez reported he will meet with staff.

28. "Closing the Gap with Savings and Efficiencies"

No presentation given. City Manager Tommy Gonzalez reported he will meet with staff.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

29. Pursuant to Texas Government Code § 551.101, the City Council will hold an Executive Session, which is closed to the public, to discuss the following matters as permitted under the following sections of the Texas Government Code:

Mayor Blong recessed the City Council meeting to go into Executive Session at 1:05 p.m.

a. Section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney

a.1. Discuss matters in which the duty of the attorney(s) to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

a.2. Discuss pending or contemplated litigation.

b. Section 551.072, Deliberation Regarding Real Property

b.1. Discuss the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property.

c. Section 551.074, Personnel Matters

c.1. Deliberate the employment, evaluation, and duties of the City Manager, Interim City Attorney, City Secretary, Municipal Court Presiding Judge, and

Municipal Court Associate Judge.

c.2. Deliberate the appointment of members to the Midland Development Corporation Board of Directors and the Planning and Zoning Commission.

d. Section 551.087, Deliberate Economic Development Negotiations

d.1. Discuss business prospects that the City seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the City of Midland, Texas, and discuss possible incentives.

All the business at hand having been completed, the meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED September 23, 2025.

Lori Blong, Mayor

ATTEST:

Marcia Bentley-German
City Governance Officer/City Secretary