

**MIDLAND CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
November 4, 2024**



The City Council convened in regular session in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Midland, Texas, at 10:00 a.m., November 04, 2024.

Council Members present: Eric Davidson, Amy Stretcher Burkes, Robin Poole, Lori Blong, Scott Dufford, Jack Ladd, John Norman

Council Members absent: None

Staff members present: City Manager Tommy Gonzalez, City Attorney John Ohnemiller, Deputy City Manager Morris Williams Jr.

The meeting was called to order at 12:01 p.m.

SPECIAL SESSION

1. Call meeting to order.

PRESENTATIONS

2. Receive and discuss a presentation from City Manager Tommy Gonzalez regarding the condition of the Midland Firemen's Relief and Retirement Fund and certain proposed solutions to address the unfunded liability of the Midland Firemen's Relief and Retirement Fund. The Midland City Council will take no action on this item.

Mayor Blong reported this meeting was called to discuss the pending resolution and receive input prior to voting on this item at the Midland Firemen's Relief and Retirement Fund (MFRRF).

City Manager Tommy Gonzalez gave a presentation regarding the condition of the Midland Firemen's Relief and Retirement Fund, provided a timeline of events, explained deadlines, and reported that a Council Subcommittee has been put in place. Mr. Gonzalez reviewed the highlights of the MFRRF Funding resolution and a possible 25 or 30 year amortization. Once the Firefighters vote, the City will know which direction to go in.

Mayor Blong reported on what the MFRRF Board vote today may or may not solve and the importance of addressing concerns.

Council engaged in discussion on this item and had several questions for City Manager Tommy Gonzalez and City Attorney John Ohnemiller.

Landy Adkins, 6016 Saint Barnard, voiced concerns about this item.

Jessie Martinez, 4113 N. County Road,1140, voiced concerns about this item.

Justin Graham, 2310 Terrace Avenue, voiced concerns about this item.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

3. 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 Special City Council Meeting into Executive Session at 12:39 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.

All the business at hand having been completed, the meeting adjourned at 1:09 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED November 12, 2024.

Lori Blong, Mayor

ATTEST:

Marcia Bentley-German
City Governance Officer/City Secretary