

NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING
300 North Loraine
Midland, Texas
April 14, 2026 – 10:00 AM
Council Chamber - City Hall

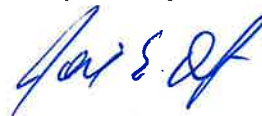
PURSUANT to Texas Government Code §§ 551.041 and 2254.1036, notice is hereby given that a quorum of the City Council of the City of Midland, Texas, intends to be physically present for a meeting to be held in the Midland City Hall Council Chamber, 300 North Loraine Street, Midland, Texas, at 10:00 a.m. on April 14, 2026.

Among the items to be considered at the meeting will be a resolution authorizing the execution of a contingent fee contract for legal services with McCreary Veselka Bragg & Allen P.C. (the “Firm”) regarding the collection of unpaid Municipal Court fines, fees, and court costs (collectively, the “Delinquencies”).

- A. Reasons for pursuing the matter; desired outcome.** The City is pursuing the collection of the Delinquencies because the City has many Delinquencies that it must collect. The desired outcome is the collection of all Delinquencies in as short a time period as possible.
- B. Competence, qualifications, and experience.** The Firm has been competently collecting delinquent debts owed to government entities and unpaid fines, fees, and court costs for over eighteen years. The Firm currently represents hundreds of Texas cities and counties in such collection matters. The Firm is a competent, qualified, and experienced collection law firm that has sufficient personnel and resources to handle a large volume of collection matters.
- C. Nature of the relationship.** The City and the Firm presently have a contractual relationship for the collection of various delinquent accounts receivable. The contract became effective on December 13, 2023. Additionally, on July 14, 1981, the City entered into an agreement with the Midland County Appraisal District, presently known as the Midland Central Appraisal District (the “Appraisal District”), providing that the Appraisal District shall collect current and delinquent ad valorem taxes for and on behalf of the City. It is the City’s understanding that the Appraisal District presently contracts with the Firm for the collection of delinquent ad valorem taxes.
- D. Reasons the legal services cannot be adequately performed by the attorneys and supporting personnel of the City.** The City Attorney’s Office performs a voluminous amount of work with limited staff, including drafting and reviewing legal documents, researching legal issues, managing litigation, and responding to public information requests. The legal services to be performed by the Firm are high-volume services that the City Attorney’s Office cannot handle in addition to its other duties. The legal services to be performed by the Firm will also require significant support services, including preparing and sending mailings and placing and receiving telephone calls concerning collection matters, which the City is not equipped to handle due to the volume of such work.

- E. Reasons the legal services cannot be reasonably obtained from attorneys in private practice under a contract providing for the payment of hourly fees without contingency.** Because of the large number of Delinquencies and the relatively small amount owed on each, the payment of an hourly fee for the legal services is not feasible. An hourly fee for such work will likely exceed the amounts collected.
- F. Reasons entering into a contingent fee contract for legal services is in the best interest of the residents of the City.** This contract will allow the City to recover Delinquencies that are legally due to the City without the cost of the legal services outweighing the amounts collected. The Firm will be paid 30 percent of the amounts collected on Delinquencies regardless of the number of hours the Firm spends performing work related to each Delinquency. Additionally, Article 103.0031 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure allows the City to assess a 30 percent collection fee, subject to certain conditions, which will defray the collection costs.

Respectfully Submitted,


FOR Tommy Gonzalez
City Manager

MEETING ASSISTANCE INFORMATION: The Midland City Hall and Council Chamber are wheelchair accessible. If you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Secretary's Office at (432) 685-7430. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting.