MIDLAND CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
July 22, 2025

The City Council convened in regular session in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Midland, Texas, at 10:00 a.m., July 22, 2025.

Council Members present:	John Burkholder, Amy Stretcher Burkes, Lori Blong, Brian Stubbs, Jack Ladd, John Norman
Council Members absent:	Robin Poole
Staff members present:	City Manager Tommy Gonzalez, Deputy City Manager Morris Williams Jr., Deputy City Manager Jose Ortiz, City Governance Officer/City Secretary Marcia Bentley-German, Interim City Attorney Nicholas Toulet-Crump

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

OPENING ITEMS

1. Invocation – Senior Pastor Robb Foreman, Homeline Baptist Church

2. Pledge of Allegiance

CONSENT AGENDA

3. MOTION APPROVING THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:

   Jack Ladd moved to approve Consent Agenda items 3 – 17, excluding items 4, 5, 7 & 10; seconded by Amy Stretcher Burkes.

   The motion passed by the following vote:
   AYE: Burkholder, Stretcher Burkes, Blong, Stubbs, Ladd, Norman
   NAY: None
   ABSTAIN: None
   ABSENT: Poole

   3a. REGULAR SESSION OF JULY 8, 2025

6. 2025-089 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PARKHILL, SMITH & COOPER, INC., D/B/A PARKHILL, FOR AT TOTAL COST OF $317,244.00 FOR EVALUATION AND DESIGN SERVICES

FOR MODIFICATIONS TO THE EDGEWOOD ELEVATED STORAGE TANK, GROUND STORAGE TANK, AND PUMP STATION AREA FOR THE UTILITIES DEPARTMENT **(DISTRICT: NONE) (GENERAL SERVICES) (PROVIDE SOUND GOVERNANCE & FISCAL MANAGEMENT)**

8. 071-2025 – 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 #74 IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,231,294.00 FOR THE MAF RECONSTRUCT ASPHALT AIR CARRIER APRON PROJECT AT THE MIDLAND INTERNATIONAL AIR & SPACE PORT **(DISTRICT 4) (AIRPORTS) (TRANSPARENT & CONSISTENT COMMUNICATION)**

9. 072-2025 – 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 #75 FOR THE MAF RUNWAY 16R/34L REHABILITATION (MILL AND INLAY) DESIGN PHASE AT THE MIDLAND INTERNATIONAL AIR & SPACE PORT **(DISTRICT 4) (AIRPORTS) (TRANSPARENT & CONSISTENT COMMUNICATION)**

11. 2025-092 – RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF FOUR OIL AND GAS WELL PERMITS FROM CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC TO OXYROCK OPERATING, LLC; SAID OIL AND GAS WELLS BEING LOCATED IN SECTION 36, BLOCK 39, T-1-N, T&P RR CO. SURVEY, CITY OF MIDLAND, MARTIN COUNTY, TEXAS **(DISTRICT 1) (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES) (SET THE STANDARD FOR A SAFE AND SECURE CITY)**

12. 073-2025 – MOTION APPROVING, WITH STAFF'S RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS, A PRELIMINARY PLAT OF LEGACY HIGH ADDITION, BEING A 116.68-ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF SECTIONS 37 AND 48, BLOCK 40, T-1-S, T&P RR CO. SURVEY, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS (GENERALLY LOCATED 800 FEET WEST OF THE INTERSECTION OF TRADEWINDS BOULEVARD AND THOMASON DRIVE) **(DISTRICT 4) (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES) (QUALITY OF LIFE AND PLACE)**

13. 074-2025 – MOTION APPROVING, WITH STAFF'S RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS, A PRELIMINARY PLAT OF MIDLAND HIGH ADDITION, BEING A 113.80-ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF SECTION 24, BLOCK 39, T-1-S, T&P RR CO. SURVEY, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS (GENERALLY LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 550 FEET SOUTHWEST OF THE INTERSECTION OF NORTH FAIRGROUNDS ROAD AND EAST WADLEY AVENUE) **(DISTRICT 2) (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES) (QUALITY OF LIFE AND PLACE)**

14. 2025-093 – RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MIDLAND SUSPENDING THE JULY 31, 2025, EFFECTIVE DATE OF ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY'S ("ONCOR'S") REQUESTED RATE CHANGE TO PERMIT THE CITY TIME TO STUDY THE REQUEST

AND TO ESTABLISH REASONABLE RATES; APPROVING COOPERATION WITH THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF CITIES SERVED BY ONCOR (THE "STEERING COMMITTEE") TO HIRE LEGAL AND CONSULTING SERVICES AND TO NEGOTIATE WITH ONCOR AND DIRECT ANY NECESSARY LITIGATION AND APPEALS; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW; REQUIRING NOTICE OF THIS RESOLUTION TO ONCOR AND LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE STEERING COMMITTEE **(DISTRICT: ALL) (ENGINEERING SERVICES) (PROVIDE SOUND GOVERNANCE & FISCAL MANAGEMENT)**

15. 075-2025 – MOTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE ABELL-HANGER FOUNDATION; SAID AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR $400,000 IN GRANT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR UPGRADES TO THE RANCH HOUSE AT BEAL PARK AS PART OF THE BEAL PARK RENOVATION PROJECT **(DISTRICT 4) (PARKS AND RECREATION) (QUALITY OF LIFE AND PLACE)**

16. 2025-094 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF AN OPERATING CERTIFICATE FOR RIDEY TRANSPORTATION INC. D/B/A XPRESS ROUTE; SETTING FORTH CONDITIONS ACCOMPANYING THE CERTIFICATE; AND ESTABLISHING THE TERMS OF THE CERTIFICATE **(DISTRICT: ALL) (POLICE) (SET THE STANDARD FOR A SAFE AND SECURE CITY)**

17. 076-2025 – MOTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A RIGHT-OF-WAY LICENSE (25-329-021) BETWEEN THE CITY OF MIDLAND AND PHILLIPS 66 DOS PICOS LLC REGARDING CITY-OWNED PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS SECTIONS 8, 9, AND 10, BLOCK 38, T-2-S, T&P RR CO. SURVEY, MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS **(DISTRICT: NONE) (UTILITIES) (PROVIDE SOUND GOVERNANCE & FISCAL MANAGEMENT)**

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

4. 2025-087 – RESOLUTION APPROVING A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH MOTIVE TECHNOLOGIES, INC., FOR THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN CAMERAS AND GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM FLEET TRACKING SERVICES, THROUGH SOURCEWELL, FOR A TOTAL COST OF $666,205.90

   Council Member Burkholder reported he pulled this item to focus on the cost savings.

   Chief Information Officer Gorgees Eskander gave a brief overview of the item noting how the Information Technology Department (IT) has saved over one million dollars this year without cutting essential services. Mr. Eskander provided examples of where the cost savings came from such as GPS dash board cameras on vehicles.

   City Manager Tommy Gonzalez also reported how the cost savings took place.

   John Burkholder moved to approve Resolution No. 2025-087; seconded by John Norman.

   The motion passed by the following vote:

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

5. 2025-088 – RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF NUTANIX SERVERS, THE ASSOCIATED HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE, AND FIVE YEARS OF LICENSING, SUPPORT, AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES FROM CDW GOVERNMENT LLC, THROUGH THE INTERLOCAL PURCHASING SYSTEM FOR A TOTAL COST OF $614,146.88

Chief Information Officer Gorgees Eskander gave a brief overview of the item noting the focus is on the city's digital brain, which is the City's data center and disaster recover/back up site. The current system is more than five years old. Mr. Eskander reported how they are doing more with less and have a total savings of more than $1,426,656.00 year to date.

Mayor Blong and City Manager Tommy Gonzalez thanked Mr. Eskander for the work he has done with the cost savings.

Mr. Eskander provided additional examples how this savings helps in multiple areas, what they did to make it happen and the next steps for additional savings. Mr. Eskander also explained how security will be improved to fight against cybersecurity.

The entire presentation may be heard online at www.midlandtexas.gov.

John Burkholder moved to approve Resolution No. 2025-088; seconded by Brian Stubbs.

The motion passed by the following vote:
AYE: Burkholder, Stretcher Burkes, Blong, Stubbs, Ladd, Norman
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Poole

7. 2025-090 – RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A NEW VIDEO BOARD AT MOMENTUM BANK BALLPARK WITH DAKTRONICS, INC., THROUGH SOURCEWELL, FOR A TOTAL COST OF $1,519,399.00; APPROVING $151,951.00 FOR PROJECT RELATED COSTS; AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR SAID PROJECT

Council Member Stubbs inquired about the cost listed for the removal of the old video board and who is responsible for it's removal.

Parks and Recreation Director Laurie Williams reported the removal of the old video board is included in the contract.

Council Member Burkholder inquired about vendor parts and recovery of funds.

Mrs. Williams reported on the video board history, comparison, revenue generator, costs, project timeline, the Daktronics proposal, funding request and action needed.

Interim City Attorney Nicholas Toulet-Crump reported that according to the agreement about the removal of the structure, the City is responsible for the removal of the equipment and Daktronics is responsible for the removal of the actual structure with the exception of the footings.

City Manager Tommy Gonzalez reported on a budget forecast to cover any type of additional cost that may come up in the future.

Council discussion ensued.

Charlie Durrenberger, Daktronics Sales Representative, McKinney, TX, reported on the current structure and the proposal of the new structure with regard to the structure withstanding wind, weight and other elements. Mr. Durrenberger reported Daktronics will remove existing ad and LED panels and anything that needs to come off. They will also rent equipment needed for the job.

Judd Campbell, 110 Ridglea Drive, spoke in opposition of this item due to funding, private businesses benefitting and reported the project is not paying for itself.

Shelly Haenggi, 4806 Rustic Trail, reported the new video board is good for 10 to 12 years. The existing board was good for eight years and is now in it's 11th year. Ms. Haenggi also reported on the savings and that it will pay for itself with advertising revenue. There is a great deal more opportunity for advertising with a digital board instead of the current static ads. Ms. Haenggi also reported on the advertising sales process for the Rockhounds.

The entire presentation may be heard online at www.midlandtexas.gov.

Jack Ladd moved to approve Resolution No. 2025-090; seconded by Amy Stretcher Burkes.

The motion passed by the following vote:
AYE: Burkholder, Stretcher Burkes, Blong, Ladd, Norman
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Stubbs
ABSENT: Poole

10. 2025-091 – RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET OF THE MIDLAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, A TYPE A CORPORATION AS AUTHORIZED BY CHAPTER 504 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE (DEFERRED FROM JULY 22, 2025)

Finance Director Christy Weakland gave a brief overview of the item noting there are questions about the cash-flow. The cash-flow does not reflect the extension given to the Midland Downtown Renaissance (MDR) for the Omni. Given the extension and the current plans, the second dispersement of ten million will not be made in 2026. Promotional funds are designated at the discretion of the board by separate resolutions after the budget approval.

Mayor Blong explained why the payment won't be made to the MDR in 2026 due to achievements of benchmarks that must be made before funds are disbursed. This will protect the City and the tax payers.

Discussion among Council, Mrs. Weakland and City Manager Tommy Gonzalez ensued regarding the benefits of MDC, their general fund, land ownership, things they have done well and why they are important to the City of Midland.

Robin Campbell, 110 Ridglea, would like the budget to be tabled until more information is received.

Judd Campbell, 110 Ridglea, spoke in opposition of the MDC and would like to see it dissolved.

Council Member Burkholder requested that this item be deferred to have more time to review.

This entire presentation may be heard online at www.midlandtexas.gov.

John Burkholder moved to defer Resolution No. 2025-091; seconded by Amy Stretcher Burkes.

The motion passed by the following vote:
AYE: Burkholder, Stretcher Burkes, Blong, Norman
NAY: Stubbs, Ladd
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Poole

SECOND READINGS

18. 10650 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING DISTRICT MAP OF THE CITY OF MIDLAND TO REZONE LOT 14, BLOCK 22, WEST END ADDITION, SECTION 20, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, FROM O-1, OFFICE DISTRICT TO LR, LOCAL RETAIL DISTRICT (GENERALLY LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF WEST TEXAS AVENUE AND NORTH I 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 JULY 8, 2025) **(DISTRICT 3) (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES) (QUALITY OF LIFE AND PLACE)**

Deputy City Secretary Jan Hamilton read the caption of Ordinance No. 10650.

John Norman moved to approve second and final reading of Ordinance No.10650; seconded by Amy Stretcher Burkes.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

19. 10635 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING DISTRICT MAP OF THE CITY OF MIDLAND TO GRANT A SPECIFIC USE DESIGNATION WITH TERM FOR LOT 1, BLOCK 1, CAMELOT ADDITION, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS (GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF ELKINS ROAD, APPROXIMATELY 3,320 FEET NORTH OF EVANS LANE), WHICH IS PRESENTLY ZONED O-1, OFFICE DISTRICT, ALLOWING SAID PROPERTY TO BE USED FOR THE SALE OF ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN A SPECIAL EVENTS CENTER 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 (DEFERRED FROM MAY 27, 2025) **(DISTRICT 2) (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES) (QUALITY OF LIFE AND PLACE)**

Deputy City Secretary Jan Hamilton read the caption of Ordinance No. 10635.

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 on site. The following item (2025-095) is also related to this item for a Temporary Land Use (TLU) permit.

Council Member Ladd inquired about noise mitigation offered by the owner of the property. Mrs. Triggs reported he has agreed to lower the decibels.

Mayor Blong opened the public hearing at 11:38 a.m.

Tracy Reiter, 3200 Todd Drive, spoke in opposition of this item. Ms. Reiter reported several individuals never received letters regarding this and that she can hear music from the venue at night. She is opposed to adding alcohol which will only cause more issues and negatively impact families.

Steve Jetter, 4009 ECR 63, reported he has placed foam absorption materials inside the stage to help push the music noise away from neighboring properties. Mr. Jetter also reported on noise readings.

Joseph Castillo, 3012 Todd Drive, reported this venue started out as a wedding venue and that they never had any issues. Mr. Castillo spoke in opposition of this item due to noise.

Mike Lamonica, 4301 N. County Road 1150, spoke in opposition of this item and asked that the City put something in place to stop alcoholics from crashing into his fences. Mr. Lamonica reported that he’s not saying they are coming from this location. Mr. Lamonica also reported on the sound and water issue on the next item (number 20) and what could possibly be done about it.

There being no one else wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed at 11:56 a.m.

Mrs. Triggs reported on the differences between items 19 and 20 so that Council clearly understands what they are voting on.

Interim City Attorney Nicholas Toulet-Crump reported Council may hear item 20 before voting on item 19.

Council Member Norman reported he will abstain from this item.

Discussion ensued among Council and they will hear item 20 before voting on item 19.

Brian Stubbs moved to approve as amended with a review in six months the first of two readings of Ordinance No. 10635; seconded by John Burkholder.

The motion passed by the following vote:
AYE: Burkholder, Stretcher Burkes, Blong, Stubbs, Ladd
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Norman
ABSENT: Poole

20. 2025-095 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY USE OF LAND FOR OUTDOOR MUSIC ON LOT 1, BLOCK 1, CAMELOT ADDITION, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS (GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF ELKINS ROAD, APPROXIMATELY 635 FEET NORTH OF EAST COUNTY ROAD 72) SUBJECT TO CERTAIN SPECIAL CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS **(DISTRICT 2) (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES) (QUALITY OF LIFE AND PLACE)**

Planning & Development Officer Elizabeth Triggs reported this item is related to item 19 above and reported on the decibel conditions and other expected requirements.

Mayor Blong opened the public hearing at 12:05 p.m.

Jennifer Casillas, 4014 Todd Road, the Director for The Way Retreat Center, spoke in opposition of this item due to noise. Ms. Casillas reported that on July 3rd they found a bullet hole in their wall that she feels came from the venue in question. It was reported to the Police.

Mike Lamonica also reported on the bullet hole but that he doesn’t know where it came from.

Tracy Reiter, 3200 Todd Drive, would reiterate that when the rezoning originally occurred, it was supposed to be a wedding venue and not what it is now. She would like Council to consider a trial period not allowing Thursday nights to be an option as it is a school night.

Joseph Castillo, 3012 Todd Drive, reported that no one protested this when the venue first came out and now it has turned into something else.

Steve Jeter, 4009 East County Road 63, reported that 80% of his business is weddings, corporate events and other charitable events. Mr. Jeter reported that the complaints were not since he built the new area because he has only had one event there and that none of the complaints were on days he had events. Mr. Jeter also made the distinction between the two different areas.

There being no one else wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed at 12:15 p.m.

Council Member Burkholder reported he would not be opposed to adding a six month provision to re-evaluate.

Interim City Attorney Nicholas Toulet-Crump reported that section two of the resolution that approves the Temporary Land Use (TLU) reserves the right for Council to revoke the TLU if it sees that there are issues with the way the property is conducting business.

Council discussion ensued and Council decided to approve with amended conditions.

Council Member Norman reported he will abstain from this item.

Brian Stubbs moved to approve as amended with conditions not to exceed 85 decibels at the property line and to review in 6 months Resolution No. 2025-095; seconded by John Burkholder.

The motion passed by the following vote:
AYE: Burkholder, Stretcher Burkes, Blong, Stubbs, Ladd
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Norman
ABSENT: Poole

21. 10651 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING DISTRICT MAP OF THE CITY OF MIDLAND TO GRANT A SPECIFIC USE DESIGNATION WITH TERM FOR LOT 14, BLOCK 22, WEST END ADDITION, SECTION 20, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS (GENERALLY LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF WEST TEXAS AVENUE AND NORTH I STREET), WHICH IS PRESENTLY ZONED LR, LOCAL RETAIL DISTRICT, ALLOWING SAID PROPERTY TO BE USED FOR THE SALE OF ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN A RETAIL STORE 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. 10651.

Planning & Development Officer Elizabeth Triggs gave a brief overview of the item noting this is for an Specific Use Designation for the sale of alcohol. This item is related to item 18 above.

Mayor Blong opened the public hearing at 12:26 p.m. There being no one present wishing to speak, the public hearing was immediately closed.

Amy Stretcher Burkes moved to approve the first of two readings of Ordinance No. 10651; seconded by John Burkholder.

The motion passed by the following vote:
AYE: Burkholder, Stretcher Burkes, Blong, Stubbs, Ladd, Norman
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Poole

22. 10652 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING DISTRICT MAP OF THE CITY OF MIDLAND TO REZONE LOT 12, BLOCK 9, GREENWOOD ADDITION, SECTION 2, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, FROM C, COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO SF-3, SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT (GENERALLY LOCATED AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF SOUTH STONEWALL STREET AND EAST INDIANA AVENUE); 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 2) (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES) (QUALITY OF LIFE AND PLACE)**

Deputy City Secretary Jan Hamilton read the caption of Ordinance No. 10652.

Planning & Development Officer Elizabeth Triggs gave a brief overview of the item noting this is a rezone request.

Mayor Blong opened the public hearing at 12:28 p.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. 10652; seconded by Jack Ladd.

The motion passed by the following vote:
AYE: Burkholder, Stretcher Burkes, Blong, Stubbs, Ladd, Norman
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Poole

23. 10653 – AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION FOR THE EAST 1.5 FEET OF LOT 8 AND THE WEST 70 FEET OF LOT 9, BLOCK 3, SCOTSDALE ADDITION, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS (GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF STANOLIND AVENUE, APPROXIMATELY 375 FEET WEST OF NORTH MIDLAND DRIVE), BY PERMITTING (1) A REDUCED MINIMUM SIDE YARD SETBACK ON THE EAST 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 **(DISTRICT 4) (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES) (QUALITY OF LIFE AND PLACE)**

Deputy City Secretary Jan Hamilton read the caption of Ordinance No. 10635.

Planning & Development Officer Elizabeth Triggs gave a brief overview of the item noting this is for a special exception for a reduced minimum rear and side yard setback.

Mayor Blong opened the public hearing at 12:32 p.m.

Andrew Garcia, 4411 Stanolind Ave, reported when he purchased the home, the building was already there and that the neighbor called the City saying the building was not safe. The City came out and told him that the building was not safe and he could take it down and rebuild without permits, since it's an existing pad and he is upgrading to make it safe.

There being no one else wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed at 12:34 p.m.

Jack Ladd moved to approve the first of two readings of Ordinance No. 10653; seconded by Amy Stretcher Burkes.

The motion passed by the following vote:
AYE: Burkholder, Stretcher Burkes, Blong, Stubbs, Ladd, Norman
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Poole

MISCELLANEOUS

24. 2025-096 – RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF TWO (2) AAON HVAC UNITS AT THE MOMENTUM BANK BALLPARK CLUBHOUSE TO FIRST SERVICE AIR CONDITIONING, INC., FOR A COST OF $263,550.00; APPROVING $26,355.00 FOR PROJECT RELATED EXPENSES; AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS **(DISTRICT 4) (GENERAL SERVICES) (STRENGTHEN AND SUSTAIN OUR INFRASTRUCTURE)**

City Manager Tommy Gonzalez reported items 24 and 25 are connected.

General Services Director Regina Stephenson reported on the purchasing thresholds, purchasing cooperatives, online procurement & bidding portal called "Bonfire", Clubhouse HVAC specifications, procurement process and that only one bid was received. Ninety two percent of the costs are for equipment only. The AAON HVAC unit meets the requirements and are built specifically for this type of application. Ms. Stephenson also reviewed the timeline and process improvements.

Council Member Burkholder reported on his findings with regard to HVAC companies not wanting to work during the summer so they didn't bid. Council Member Burkholder also encouraged others to come to the bid walk.

Parks and Recreation Director Laurie Williams reported there are not a lot of companies in Midland that work on AAON units. General Services Director Regina Stephenson reported on several reasons why this is difficult, including that the exchange of air has to be correct.

Deputy City Manager Jose Ortiz reported they are seeing a pattern of one bidders and are trying to figure out how to increase bidding.

Council Member Ladd inquired of the odds of getting more bids.

General Services Director Regina Stephenson reported on different things contractors may have to have, such as, certificates, licenses, bonds and insurance that could be deterrents.

Shelly Haenggi, 4806 Rustic Trail, General Manager for the Midland Rockhounds reported on what their needs and goals are for the 2026 season. Some of these are requirements of Major League Baseball (MLB).

Discussion ensued among Council. The entire discussion may be heard at www.midlandtexas.gov.

Brian Stubbs moved to approve Resolution No. 2025-096; seconded by John Norman.

The motion passed by the following vote:
AYE: Burkholder, Stretcher Burkes, Blong, Stubbs, Ladd, Norman
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Poole

25. 2025-097 – RESOLUTION REJECTING THE SOLE BID RECEIVED FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF TWO (2) AAON HVAC UNITS AT THE MOMENTUM BANK BALLPARK CLUBHOUSE; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO RE-ADVERTISE FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS **(DISTRICT: NONE) (GENERAL SERVICES) (PROVIDE SOUND GOVERNANCE & FISCAL MANAGEMENT)**

ITEM PULLED BY STAFF; NO ACTION TAKEN.

26. 2025-098 – RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF MIDLAND'S 2025 VISION ZERO COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY ACTION PLAN ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS REPORT **(DISTRICT: ALL) (ENGINEERING SERVICES) (SET THE STANDARD FOR A SAFE AND SECURE CITY)**

Strategic Partnerships Officer Lindsey Adams, Grant Writer Michele Hagemann and Engineering Services Director Gabriel McClelland gave a brief update of the 2025 Vision Zero Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP).

Ms. Hagemann reported on data with regard to traffic, high-injury network, total crash data comparison (based on injury severity), severe and fatal (KA) crash comparison -19% reductions and enforcement efforts.

Engineering Services Director Gabriel McClelland reported on infrastructure improvements.

Strategic Partnerships Officer Lindsey Adams reported on the new CSAP strategy to create and implement policies and procedures to enhance enforcement and promote safety.

Engineering Services Director Gabriel McClelland reported on the next steps for the City of Midland such as ADA enhancements, reflective back plates, “tattle-tale” lights, updating pedestrian facilities, no traffic AI autotomized signal timing and MioVision. Mr. McClelland also reported on continued collaboration between the City and County.

Council Member Stubbs reported the group has done a great job working together (City and County).

City Manager Tommy Gonzalez reported the City received $8.6 million in funding.

Council Member Ladd reported these plans have to be in place to receive funding and thanked staff.

Brian Stubbs moved to approve Resolution No. 2025-098; seconded by Jack Ladd.

The motion passed by the following vote:
AYE: Burkholder, Stretcher Burkes, Blong, Stubbs, Ladd, Norman
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Poole

27. 2025-099 – RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE CITY OF MIDLAND VISION ZERO COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY ACTION PLAN **(DISTRICT: ALL) (ENGINEERING SERVICES) (SET THE STANDARD FOR A SAFE AND SECURE CITY)**

John Burkholder moved to approve Resolution No. 2025-099; seconded by Jack Ladd.

The motion passed by the following vote:
AYE: Burkholder, Stretcher Burkes, Blong, Stubbs, Ladd, Norman
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Poole

This item is related to item 26. No discussion needed.

28. 2025-100 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A RAW WATER SUPPLY

CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MIDLAND AND THE COLORADO RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT **(DISTRICT: ALL) (UTILITIES) (STRENGTHEN AND SUSTAIN OUR INFRASTRUCTURE)**

Mayor Blong provided an intro to this item by verifying with Utilities Director Carl Craigo that the contract that governed the Colorado River Municipal Water District (CRMWD) was established in 1966.

Council Member Ladd reported there have been many meetings to include two Mayors, three City Managers and one utilities director.

Utilities Director Carl Craigo gave a brief overview of the item noting the collaborative alignment that led to real results, current water supply, water capacity flow chart, future water supply, redundancy in the system and active system improvements.

City Manager Tommy Gonzalez reported that over the life of the contract this is a $105 million in tax payer savings beginning in 2030 over a 30-year period. If the additional 10-years is selected, there will be an additional $140 million in savings.

Council Member Burkholder suggested Mr. Craigo touch on the capital improvements and the changes in the contract.

Mr. Craigo, reported that in the 1966 contract, any large capital project that the CRMWD did, the City had no approvals but would receive a bill, some as much as $2 million dollars. This new contract takes that away.

Mayor Blong reported the capital improvements is very important.

Utilities Director Carl Craigo reported it frees up seven million dollars.

City Manager Tommy Gonzalez reported the goal is to get to a 100 year water supply.

John Burkholder moved to approve Resolution No. 2025-100; seconded by Jack Ladd.

The motion passed by the following vote:
AYE: Burkholder, Stretcher Burkes, Blong, Stubbs, Ladd, Norman
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Poole

PUBLIC COMMENT

29. 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.)

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

30. Presentation of department initiatives, staff achievements, internal reports, operational updates, including, but not limited to:

    a. Presentation by Chief Information Officer Gorgees Eskander regarding “Doing More with Less: How IT Saved $1 Million”.

    This presentation was done under item 4 of this agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

31. 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 1:28 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, Special Counsel, City Secretary, Municipal Court Presiding Judge and Municipal Court Associate Judge.

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 3:01 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED August 12, 2025.

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Lori Blong, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Marcia Bentley-German
City Governance Officer/City Secretary