



CITY OF ARCOLA

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MINUTES

Arcola City Hall
13222 Highway 6
Arcola, Texas 77583

TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2025

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6:00 P.M.

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Veeda V. Williams

Mayor Veeda V. Williams called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Council Member Evelyn Jones

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Florence Jackson

ROLL CALL

Mayor, Council Members and Administration

City Council Members that were present.

Council Member E. Jones; Council Member G. Abarr; Council Member Florence Jackson; Mayor Pro - Tem E. Sanco; Mayor Veeda V. Williams; Council Member R. Bigby

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS

GENERAL AUDIENCE. Citizens who desire to address the City Council with comments of a general nature will be received at this time. The total amount of time that a member of the public may address the City Council is limited to three (3) minutes, provided that any member of the public who addresses the City Council through a translator is limited to six (6) minutes. In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, the City Council is restricted from discussing or taking any action on items not listed on the agenda. It is our policy to have all speakers identify themselves by providing their name and residential address when making comments.

CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDA ITEM. Citizens who desire to address the City Council, with regard to matters on the Consent Agenda or Regular Agenda will be received either at this time or, if they state at this time that they elect to do so, during the City Council's consideration of the item. The total amount of time that a member of the public may address the City Council on a given item is limited to three (3) minutes, provided that any member of the public who addresses the City Council on a given item through a translator is limited to six (6) minutes. Comments or discussion by the City Council Members will only be made at the time the agenda item is scheduled for consideration. It is our policy to have all speakers identify themselves by providing their name and residential address when making comments.

II. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 551.0415 of the Texas Government Code, the City Council of the City of Arcola may receive reports about items of community interest from City staff and/or a member of the City Council, but no action or possible action shall be taken or discussed concerning the subject of such report, except as provided by Section 551.042 of the Texas Government Code.

Mayor Veeda Williams, Council Member Evelyn Jones, Council Member Greg Abarr, Council Member Florence Jackson, Mayor Pro-Tem Ebony Sanco, and Council Member Rosemary Bigby.

Mayor Pro-Tem E. Sanco stated this was her last meeting as a council member, but she will be attending council meetings. She thanked the residents for their support.

Council Member R. Bigby spoke about speed humps and she will miss Mayor Pro-Tem E. Sanco.

III. PRESENTATIONS (INFORMATION ONLY)

- A. State of the City- *Mayor Veeda V. Williams, PhD*

IV. CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

- A. Discussion, Consideration of and Possible Action to approve the **Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Memorandum of Understanding**. *David Olson, City Attorney*

David Olson gave a presentation, made comments and answered questions from the City Council.

A motion to **Approve**, Item IV-A: the **Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Memorandum of Understanding** was made by Council Member E. Jones, and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem E. Sanco, the motion **Passed**.

Ayes: Council Member E. Jones, Council Member G. Abarr, Council Member R. Bigby, Council Member F. Jackson and Mayor Pro-Tem E. Sanco.

Nay: 0

Motion carried. 5-0

- B. Discussion, Consideration of and Possible Action to enter into an agreement with **Family Matters Consulting, LLC** for vending machines at Arcola City Hall. *Dr. Annette Goldberg, City Administrator*

Dr. Annette Goldberg gave a presentation, made comments and answered questions from the City Council.

A motion to **Approve**, Item IV-B: Action to enter into an agreement with **Family Matters Consulting, LLC** for vending machines at Arcola City Hall was made Council Member E. Jones, and seconded by Council Member R. Bigby, the motion **Passed**.

Ayes: Council Member E. Jones, Council Member G. Abarr, Council Member R. Bigby, Council Member F. Jackson and Mayor Pro-Tem E. Sanco.

Nay: 0

Motion carried. 4-0

Mayor Pro-Tem E. Sanco signed a conflict of interest form and did not vote due to the conflict.

V. CANVASS ELECTION

- A. Consideration and Possible Action: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARCOLA, TEXAS, CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE SECOND ELECTION HELD ON JUNE 7, 2025; AND CONTAINING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT: certificates of election and written statements of elected officers. *Mayor Veeda V. Williams, PhD*

A. A motion to **Approve**, Item V-A: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARCOLA, TEXAS, CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE SECOND ELECTION HELD ON JUNE 7, 2025; AND CONTAINING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT: certificates of election and written statements of elected officers motion was made by Council Member Jones and seconded by Council Member R. Bigby, the motion **Passed**.

Ayes: Council Member E. Jones, Council Member G. Abarr, Council Member R. Bigby, Council Member F. Jackson and Mayor Pro-Tem E. Sanco

Nay: 0

Motion carried. 5-0

VI. OATH OF OFFICE

- A. Administer the Oath of Office to Fred Burton, Council Member At-Large Position 5. *Ingrid Flornoy, City Secretary*

Judge Mo Ghuneim administered the Oath of Office to Council Member F. Burton

VII. ELECTING A MAYOR PRO-TEM

- A. Discussion, consideration of and possible action to elect a Mayor Pro-Tem from the city council members for a one-year term. Texas Local Government Code 22.037(b). *Mayor Veeda V. Williams, PhD*

Council Member E. Jones nominated Council Member G. Abarr to be the new Mayor Pro-Tem. Council Member G. Abarr accepted the nomination.

A motion to **Approve**, Item VII-A: the nomination and to make Council Member G. Abarr the Mayor Pro-Tem was made by Council Member E. Jones, and seconded by Council Member R. Bigby, the motion **Passed**.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council Member E. Jones, Council Member G. Abarr, Council Member R. Bigby,
Council Member F. Jackson and Council Member F. Burton.

Nay: 0

Motion carried. 5-0

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

A motion to **Approve** to close out the city council meeting, was made by Council Member E. Jones, and seconded by Mayor Pro -Tem G. Abarr, the motion **Passed**.

Ayes: Council Member E. Jones, Council Member F. Burton, Council Member R. Bigby, Council Member F. Jackson, Mayor Pro -Tem G. Abarr.

Nays: 0

Motion carried: 5-0

Ingrid Flornoy, City Secretary

