

# CITY OF ANGLETON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES 120 S. CHENANGO STREET, ANGLETON, TEXAS 77515 TUESDAY, APRIL 08, 2025 AT 6:00 PM

THE FOLLOWING REPRESENTS THE ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE ANGLETON CITY COUNCIL IN THE ORDER THEY OCCURRED DURING THE MEETING. THE CITY COUNCIL OF ANGLETON, TEXAS CONVENED IN A MEETING ON TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025, AT 6:00 P.M., AT THE CITY OF ANGLETON COUNCIL CHAMBERS LOCATED AT 120 S. CHENANGO STREET ANGLETON, TEXAS 77515.

# DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Mayor Pro-Tem Townsend called the Council Meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

## **PRESENT**

Mayor Pro-Tem Travis Townsend Council Member Cecil Booth Council Member Tanner Sartin Council Member Christiene Daniel Vacant Position No. 3

City Attorney Grady Randle City Secretary Michelle Perez

## **ABSENT**

Mayor John Wright City Manager Chris Whittaker

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Sartin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## INVOCATION

Council Member Booth led the invocation.

#### CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS CITY COUNCIL

Mike Challenger, Richwood Resident, addressed the Council and the public and stated he is running for Port Freeport Commissioner Position No. 3 and listed his qualifications.

Jodi Depriest, Angleton Resident, addressed Council and stated she is a personal trainer, fitness instructor, nutritionist, and she teaches classes at the recreation center. She would like to add more classes to the recreation center and bring revenue into the city.

# **CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS**

1. Presentation of the National Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week Proclamation.

Mayor Pro-Tem Townsend presented the National Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week Proclamation to Angleton Animal Services.

2. Presentation of the National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week Proclamation.

Mayor Pro-Tem Townsend presented the National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week Proclamation to the Telecommunicators for Angleton Police Department.

3. Presentation of employee service award.

Colleen Martin, Director of Human Resources, recognized the employee service award for Raphael Hernandez for five years of service and Thomas Hall for fifteen years of service with the City of Angleton.

4. Ceremonial Presentation of April 2025 Keep Angleton Beautiful Yard of the Month and Business of the Month.

Jason O'Mara, Interim Director of Parks and Recreation, presented Yard of the Month to Bruce and Pella Branch and Business of the Month to Brazoria County Alliance for Children.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- 5. Discussion and possible action to approve the City Council minutes for January 28, February 11, February 26, March 11, and March 25, 2025.
- 6. Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution No. 20250408-006 suspending the effective date proposed by CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., Texas Division, to increase rates under the gas reliability infrastructure program for 45 days and authorize the city's continued participation in a coalition of cities known as the "Alliance of CenterPoint Municipalities-Texas Coast Utilities Coalition".
- 7. Discussion and possible action to waive fees for the Juneteenth Mass Gatherings permit and authorize use of Bates Park pavilion.
- 8. Discussion and possible action to waive the Mass Gathering permit fees for the Angleton Girls Softball Association's 10U State Tournament and authorize closure of Bates Park.

Upon a motion by Council Member Booth and seconded by Council Member Daniel, Council approved Consent Agenda items <u>5</u>. Discussion and possible action to approve the City Council minutes for January 28, February 11, February 26, March 11, and March 25, 2025; <u>6</u>. Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution No. 20250408-006 suspending the effective date proposed by CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., Texas Division, to increase rates under the gas reliability infrastructure program for 45 days and authorize the city's continued participation in a coalition of cities known as the "Alliance of CenterPoint Municipalities-Texas Coast Utilities

Coalition"; 7. Discussion and possible action to waive fees for the Juneteenth Mass Gatherings permit and authorize use of Bates Park pavilion; and 8. Discussion and possible action to waive the Mass Gathering permit fees for the Angleton Girls Softball Association's 10U State Tournament and authorize closure of Bates Park. The motion passed on a 4-0 vote. Mayor Wright was absent.

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ACTION ITEMS

9. Conduct a public hearing, discussion, and possible action to receive comments regarding the 2025 Standards of Care the Angleton Parks and Recreation Department will operate for youth recreational programs and to approve Ordinance No. 20250408-009 amending and adopting the 2025 Standards of Care for Youth Programs by revising Chapter 17 – Parks and Recreation, Article 1. – In Genera, Section 17-3 Standards of care for youth recreational programs.

Jason O'Mara, Interim Director of Parks and Recreation, addressed Council and stated that the City of Angleton seeks to promote to protect the health, safety, and well-being of the children of the City of Angleton, Texas. Based on Section 42.041 of the Texas Human Resources Code, the City of Angleton is not required to obtain a license from the Department of Family and Protective Services to operate an elementary age (ages 5-13) recreation program provided that the governing body of the City of Angleton annually adopts standards of care by ordinance after a public hearing. On May 14, 2024, the City Council held a public hearing regarding standards of care for its recreation program for elementary-age children (ages 5 through 13) and thereafter passed and approved Ordinance No. 20240514-014 that adopted such standards of care. The Standards of Care for 2025 for the elementary-age recreation youth programs operated by the City of Angleton are included as Exhibit "A" and will replace the standards of care adopted in 2024 codified in Section 17-3, Chapter 17 Parks and Recreation of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Angleton. Staff will provide the standards of care to the parents of each program participant which will outline at a minimum of staffing ratios; staff qualifications; facility, health, and safety standards, and mechanisms for monitoring and enforcing the adopted local standards; and inform parents that the program is not licensed by the state and the program will not be advertised as a childcare facility.

Upon a motion by Council Member Daniel and seconded by Council Member Sartin, Council approved to open the public hearing at 6:17 PM. The motion passed on a 4-0 vote. Mayor Wright was absent.

Upon a motion by Council Member Daniel and seconded by Council Member Sartin, Council approved to close the public hearing at 6:19 PM. The motion passed on a 4-0 vote. Mayor Wright was absent.

Upon a motion by Council Member Daniel and seconded by Council Member Booth, Council approved Ordinance No. 20250408-009 amending and adopting the 2025 Standards of Care for Youth Programs by revising Chapter 17 – Parks and Recreation, Article 1. – In General, Section 17-3 Standards of care for youth recreational programs. The motion passed on a 4-0 vote. Mayor Wright was absent.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

10. Discussion and possible action to close the Angleton Recreation Center to host the My Neighbor Day event on December 5-7, 2025, to serve Brazoria County residents.

Jason O'Mara, Interim Director of Parks and Recreation, addressed Council and stated in October of 2024 the Better Life in Sight Foundation partnered with the City of Angleton and Remote Area Medical (RAM) to host a healthcare event called My Neighbor Day in the Angleton community. The event was held at the Angleton Recreation Center and offered eye care, dental, and medical care at no charge to the patients. Data from the event proved that the event was a true success and was well received by Angleton and the surrounding community. Over 200 individuals visited the health clinic throughout the events with 73 people from Angleton city limits. Due to event success and the growing need to serve the greater community, Better Life in Sight is seeking support from the City of Angleton on hosting the My Neighbor Day event in December 2025 and permission to use the Angleton Recreation Center. To facilitate the event, the Angleton Recreation Center will need to be closed to the public from December 5 at 12:00 PM to December 8 at 5:00 AM. To mitigate the impact of the closure, the Better Life in Sight Foundation has agreed to contribute \$1,961 to the Recreation Center, covering the estimated revenue loss based on past attendance data.

Upon a motion by Council Member Daniel and seconded by Council Member Booth, Council approved to close the Angleton Recreation Center to host the My Neighbor Day event on December 5-7, 2025, to serve Brazoria County residents. The motion passed on a 4-0 vote. Mayor Wright was absent.

11. Discussion and possible action to award Bid No. 2025-04 Texian Trail Subdivision Drainage Improvements to Scope Twenty-Eight, LLC for an amount not to exceed \$211,327.10.

Hector Renteria, Director of Public Works, presented the agenda item.

Upon a motion by Council Member Booth and seconded by Council Member Sartin, Council approved to award Bid No. 2025-04 Texian Trail Subdivision Drainage Improvements to Scope Twenty-Eight, LLC for an amount not to exceed \$211,327.10. The motion passed on a 4-0 vote. Mayor Wright was absent.

12. Discussion and possible action on the Final Plat of the Ashland Project Sapphire Springs Trail Street Dedication/Number 4.

Otis Spriggs, Director of Development Services, introduced the agenda item.

Upon a motion by Council Member Booth and seconded by Council Member Sartin, Council approved the Final Plat of the Ashland Project Sapphire Springs Trail Street Dedication/Number 4. The motion passed on a 4-0 vote. Mayor Wright was absent.

13. Discussion and possible action on the Final Plat of Ashland Section 3, located east of Sections 1 & 2 off Almadine Dr.

Otis Spriggs, Director of Development Services, introduced the agenda item.

Upon a motion by Council Member Booth and seconded by Council Member Daniel, Council approved the Final Plat of Ashland Section 3, located east of Sections 1 & 2 off Almadine Drive. The motion passed on a 4-0 vote. Mayor Wright was absent.

14. Discussion and possible action on the Final Plat of Ashland Development Section 4, located south of Section 3.

Otis Spriggs, Director of Development Services, introduced the agenda item.

Upon a motion by Council Member Booth and seconded by Council Member Daniel, Council approved the Final Plat of Ashland Development Section 4, located south of Section 3. The motion passed on a 4-0 vote. Mayor Wright was absent.

15. Discussion and possible action on the Final Plat of Ashland Development Section 5, located directly east of Section 4.

Otis Spriggs, Director of Development Services, introduced the agenda item.

Upon a motion by Council Member Daniel and seconded by Council Member Booth, Council approved the Final Plat of Ashland Development Section 5, located directly east of Section 4. The motion passed on a 4-0 vote. Mayor Wright was absent.

16. Discussion and possible action on the Final Plat of Ashland Section 6, located south of future Sapphire Springs Trail.

Otis Spriggs, Director of Development Services, introduced the agenda item.

Upon a motion by Council Member Daniel and seconded by Council Member Sartin, Council approved the Final Plat of Ashland Section 6, located south of future Sapphire Springs Trail. The motion passed on a 4-0 vote. Mayor Wright was absent.

17. Discussion and possible action regarding the proposed updates to the Angleton Parks & Recreation Department Cost Recovery policy.

Jason O'Mara, Interim Director of Parks and Recreation addressed Council and stated on March 11, 2025, staff presented an updated Cost Recovery Policy to City Council, introducing new standards that incorporate both direct costs, originally included in the 2020 policy, and indirect costs to better capture additional expenses associated with programs and events. Following the presentation of the revised policy and a newly proposed cost recovery worksheet, the Council recommended gathering community feedback. To engage residents, staff held a public meeting on April 1, 2025, where 23 Angleton residents attended to review the proposed updates and discuss the pyramid methodology for cost recovery. Attendees participated in an activity to categorize

current programs and events within the cost recovery pyramid, and their input is summarized in the Cost Recovery Public Meeting Data chart included in your packet. Overall, participants provided positive feedback on the structured approach to cost recovery, expressing appreciation for having a clear and transparent method for determining cost recovery rates. Many residents valued the opportunity to contribute their perspectives and found the tiered methodology helpful in understanding how programs are categorized.

On February 3, 2025, the Senior Citizens Commission recommended an alternative approach to cost recovery for senior trips. Instead of shifting these programs to a 25% cost recovery rate under Tier 2: Considerable Community Benefit, they suggested implementing a gas or bus usage fee while keeping the trips in Tier 1.

On February 20, 2025, the Angleton Better Living Corporation (ABLC) expressed support for incorporating indirect costs and recommended moving forward with the updated policy and revised cost recovery spreadsheet.

On March 4, 2025, the Parks Board reviewed the updated policy, discussed the methodology for classifying programs within the pyramid tiers, and endorsed the proposed updates.

Upon a motion by Council Member Daniel and seconded by Council Member Booth, Council approved the proposed updates to the Angleton Parks & Recreation Department Cost Recovery policy to be effective October 1, 2025. The motion passed on a 4-0 vote. Mayor Wright was absent.

18. Update, discussion, and possible action on city special events.

Martha Eighme, Director of Communications, addressed Council and stated in response to citywide budget constraints for FY2024–25, the Communications and Marketing Department submitted a proposal recommending temporarily suspending the Concerts in the Park series and the Freedom Fireworks event. This proposal aimed to help offset the General Fund deficit and included a strategy to contribute a \$100,000 transfer from Fund 11 – Community Events Fund to the General Fund by the end of the fiscal year. In March, Finance Director Susie Hernandez presented an agenda item for acceptance of the budgets for the Special Revenue Funds and associated transfers. At that time, the Council approved the \$100,000 fund balance transfer from Fund 11.

Concert in the Park - Following Council feedback expressing interest in hosting a limited number of concerts, staff began exploring options for a scaled-back concert series. After receiving Angleton Independent School District's (AISD) football schedule on April 1, staff engaged Jim Luna and the production team, who helped find entertainers to coordinate potential dates. Staff are proposing three Friday evening concerts in September—9/5, 9/12, and 9/19—to take advantage of a one-time stage delivery and set-up while securing reduced rates on portable restrooms. Conversations with potential sponsors are underway to support the modified series.

Staff are also pursuing options to move forward with Freedom Fireworks on Saturday, June 28. Although this event was originally removed from the budget, early sponsor interest suggests a scaled-back show in the \$20,000 range would be feasible with 50% or more in sponsorship support. The 2024 show was \$28,500.

New Artisan Market, set for August 30–31 at the Brazoria County Fairgrounds. Since its announcement in mid-March, the event had already received 45 vendor applications, indicating strong interest. Modeled after the growth and success of Angleton Market Days, this juried event will feature original handmade goods, culinary creations, and small-batch products, laying the groundwork for a new signature event and future revenue growth.

Upon a motion by Council Member Daniel and seconded by Council Member Booth, Council approved syncing the music through an app to have a grander firework display. The motion passed on a 4-0 vote. Mayor Wright was absent.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The City Council convened into Executive Session at 7:51 P.M. pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained therein:

19. Discussion and possible action on the deliberation of real property; pursuant to Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code.

## **OPEN SESSION**

The City Council adjourned Executive Session at 8:16 P.M. and reconvened into Open Session pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 Texas Government Code and take action, if any, on item(s) discussed during Closed Executive Session.

19. Discussion and possible action on the deliberation of real property; pursuant to Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code.

No action taken.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Council Member Booth thanked Precinct 1 County Commissioner Jay Burridge for the cleanup next to Masterson Park.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 P.M.

These minutes were approved by Angleton City Council on this the 22nd day of April, 2025.

# CITY OF ANGLETON, TEXAS

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ATTEST:

City Secretary