

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF DIMMIT §
CITY OF CARRIZO SPRINGS §

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the City Council of the City of Carrizo Springs, Texas has called a **Regular Session** at the City Hall Municipal Building, 308 West Pena Street, Carrizo Springs, Texas, 78834 on **Tuesday, April 14, 2026**, commencing at **5:30 p.m.** for considering the following items of business:

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Mario Ruiz called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL & ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

The Council conducted their own roll call and declared the following Councilmembers present:

Mario Ruiz	Mayor
Sofia Morones	Mayor Pro Tem
Noel Galvan	Councilor
Estanislado Z. Martinez	Councilor
Anika Santana	Councilor (Arrived at 5:32 p.m.)
Azalia Garcia	City Manager
Melissa M. Guerra	City Clerk

A quorum was established.

STAFF

Edgardo Castillo, Finance Director	John Camarillo, Public Works Director
Ernest Flores, HR Specialist	

WELCOME & RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Mayor Mairo Ruiz welcomed and recognized all guest present.

Angelina Rios, Patsy Galvan, Jose Robles, Adriana Rios, Jesse Saucedo, Melissa Saucedo, Eric Olivarez-Victory Ambulance, Loretta Rodriguez, Adrian Rodriguez, Ruby Tristan, Hector Gonzales, Laura Rogers, Veronica Gonzalez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The City Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

No citizen comments.

PROCLAMATION(S)

1. PROCLAMATION - OLDER AMERICANS MONTH 2026

Mayor Mario Ruiz recited the Older Americans Month 2026 Proclamation.

ESCAMILLA & PONECK, LLC

2. **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 877 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF "CITY OF CARRIZO SPRINGS, TEXAS COMBINATION TAX AND LIMITED PLEDGE REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2026;" PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE CERTIFICATES BY THE LEVY OF AN AD VALOREM TAX UPON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY AND FURTHER SECURING THE CERTIFICATES BY A LIEN ON AND LIMITED PLEDGE OF THE REVENUES OF THE CITY'S WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEM; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO**

Motion Councilor Noel Galvan, seconded by Councilor Estanislado Z. Martinez to approve Ordinance No. 877 an ordinance authorizing the issuance of "City of Carrizo Springs, Texas Combination Tax and Limited Pledge Revenue Certificate of Obligation, Series 2026;" providing for the payment of the certificates by the levy of an ad valorem tax upon all taxable property within the city and further securing the certificates by a lien on and limited pledge of revenues of the city's water wastewater system; and providing for other matters related thereto.

Vote for approval 5-0 (unanimous).

Motion carried.

Mayor Mario Ruiz moved to Item 11.

PERDUE BRANDON FIELDER COLLINS & MOTT LLP

3. **DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 624 A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARRIZO SPRINGS TO RESELL THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED ON EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO, WHICH WAS ACQUIRED THROUGH TAX FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS**

Motion made by Councilor Estanislado Z. Martinez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sofia Morones to table item.

Vote for approval 5-0 (unanimous).

Motion carried.

4. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE RESALE OF PROPERTY ACCOUNT NOS. 14324 AND 12977 AND THE ISSUANCE OF A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO TEXAS TAX CODE SEC. 34.05**

Motion made by Councilor Estanislado Z. Martinez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sofia Morones to table item.

Vote for approval 5-0 (unanimous).

Motion carried.

5. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE RESALE OF PROPERTY ACCOUNT NO. 12903 PURSUANT TO TEXAS TAX CODE SEC. 34.05**

Motion made by Councilor Noel Galvan, seconded by Councilor Anika Santana to approve the resale of property account no. 12903 for \$11,539.00 pursuant to Texas Tax Code Sec. 34.05.

Vote for approval 5-0 (unanimous).

Motion carried.

6. PERDUE BRANDON FIELDER COLLINS & MOTT LLP QUARTERLY REPORT

Carlos Arce presented Council with the delinquent property tax collection quarterly report for January, February, and March 2026.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

7. DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION TO APPROVE PARKING LOT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CARRIZO SPRINGS, FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND CULTIVATE CARRIZO COLLECTIVE, LLC

Motion made by Councilor Anika Santana, seconded by Councilor Noel Galvan to approve parking lot agreement between the City of Carrizo Springs and Cultivate Carrizo Collective, LLC.

Vote for approval 5-0 (unanimous).

Motion carried.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

8. DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER AND ACT ON THE REQUEST OF ANGELINA G. RIOS, APPLICANT, REQUESTING A NON-CONFORMING VARIANCE PERMIT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PLACING A DOUBLE-WIDE MANUFACTURED HOME IN A R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY) PROPERTY SAID PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 1603 LEE ST. PROPERTY (ID 13275 & 13276),CS-LINDA VISTA ADDN, BLOCK 2A, LOT 2 & 3, CITY OF CARRIZO SPRINGS, DIMMIT COUNTY TEXAS

Motion made by Councilor Anika Santana, seconded by Councilor Noel Galvan to approve Angelina G. Rios request for a 5-year non-conforming variance permit for the purpose of placing a double-wide manufactured home in an R-1 (single family) property said property is located at 1603 Lee St. (Property ID 13275 & 13276), CS-Linda Vista Addn, Block 2A, Lot 2 & 3, City of Carrizo Springs, Dimmit County Texas.

Vote for approval 5-0 (unanimous).

Motion carried.

9. DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER AND ACT ON THE REQUEST OF ADRIAN & LORETTA RODRIGUEZ, APPLICANT, REQUESTING A NON-CONFORMING VARIANCE PERMIT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PLACING A SINGLE-WIDE MANUFACTURED HOME IN A R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY) PROPERTY. SAID PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 1510 NICHOLSON ST. PROPERTY (ID 13766),CS-VIVIAN HTS, BLOCK 2, LOT 6, CITY OF CARRIZO SPRINGS, DIMMIT COUNTY TEXAS

Motion made by Councilor Anika Santana, seconded by Councilor Noel Galvan to approve Adrian & Loretta Rodriguez request for a 5-year non-conforming variance permit for the purpose of placing a single-wide manufactured home in an R-1 (single family) property. Said property is located at 1510 Nicholson St property (ID 13766), CS-Vivian HTS, Block 2, Lot 6, City of Carrizo Springs, Dimmit County Texas.

Vote for approval 5-0 (unanimous).

Motion carried.

10. DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE TO CONSIDER AND ACT ON THE REQUEST OF RUBY LEE TRISTAN, APPLICANT, IS REQUESTING A NON-CONFORMING VARIANCE PERMIT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PLACING A DOUBLE-WIDE MANUFACTURED HOME IN A R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY) PROPERTY. SAID PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 115 MINERAL ST. PROPERTY (ID 12731), CS-EAST SIDE ADDN, BLOCK 10, LOT 9 &10, CITY OF CARRIZO SPRINGS, DIMMIT COUNTY TEXAS

Motion made Councilor Anika Santana, seconded by Councilor Noel Galvan to approve Lee Tristan’s request for 5-year non-conforming variance permit for the purpose of placing a double-wide manufactured home in an R-1 (single family) property. Said property is located at 115 Mineral St. property (ID 12731), CS-East Side Addn, Block 10, Lot 9 & 10, City of Carrizo Springs, Dimmit County Texas.

Vote for approval 5-0 (unanimous).

Motion carried.

PRESENTATION(S)

11. DIMMIT COUNTY ANNEXATION PROPOSAL - SOUTHWEST TEXAS COLLEGE

Hector Gonzales – Southwest Texas College President presented Council an annexation proposal to establish a Carrizo Springs Technical Campus.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

12. DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES

A. REGULAR SESSION - MARCH 10, 2026

Motion made by Councilor Noel Galvan, seconded by Councilor Estanislado Z. Martinez to approve minutes as presented.

Vote for approval 5-0 (unanimous).

Motion carried.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

13. DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FOR THE MONTH MARCH 2026

Motion made by Councilor Estanislado Z. Martinez to approve Accounts Payable for the month of March 2026 as presented.

Vote for approval 5-0 (unanimous).

Motion carried.

14. MONTHLY REPORTS

A. FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

B. DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Finance Director Edgardo D. Castillo presented Council with the financial analysis and departmental expenditures for the month of March 2026.

Mayor Mario Ruiz moved to Item 27.

PUBLIC SAFETY QUARTERLY REPORTS

15. DIMMIT COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

16. VICTORY AMBULANCE SERVICES

Eric Olivarez presented Victory Ambulance Services quarterly to the City Council.

17. CARRIZO SPRINGS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

18. CARRIZO SPRINGS MUNICIPAL COURT

City Council reviewed the Public Safety Quarterly Reports.

Mayor Pro Tem Sofia Morones requested to have the Carrizo Springs Municipal Court Quarterly Report to be in a different format with larger font.

VICTORY AMBULANCE

19. DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING VICTORY AMBULANCE CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Motion made by Councilor Noel Galvan, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sofia Morones to amend the Victory Ambulance Contract to be paid on the 15th & 30th of each month for a total of \$16,666.66 per month.

Vote for approval 5-0 (unanimous).

Motion carried.

CARRIZO SPRINGS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

20. DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING CARRIZO SPRINGS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF

A. JOSE ROBLES

B. JESUS P. SAUCEDO

Motion made by Councilor Anika Santana, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sofia Morones to appoint Jesus P. Saucedo as the Carrizo Springs Volunteer Fire Department Chief.

Vote for 5-0 (unanimous).

Motion carried.

21. DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 620 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARRIZO SPRINGS APPOINTING A FIRE CHIEF PROVIDING FOR DUTIES AND AUTHORITY; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATE

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Sofia Morones, seconded by Councilor Estanislado Z. Martinez to approve Resolution No. 620 a resolution of the City Council of the City of Carrizo Springs appointing a Fire Chief providing for duties and authority; and providing effective date.

Vote for approval 5-0 (unanimous).

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

22. DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING MUNIGAS ADDENDUM

Motion made by Councilor Noel Galvan, seconded by Councilor Estanislado Z. Martinez to approve Munigas addendum.

Vote for approval 5-0 (unanimous).

Motion carried.

23. DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING THEME FOR THE CITY OF CARRIZO SPRINGS ANNUAL EVENT

Motion made by Council Anika Santana, seconded by Councilor Noel Galvan to approve the theme Nopalitos for the City of Carrizo Springs Annual Event.

Vote for approval 4-1. Mayor Pro Tem Sofia Morones opposed.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

24. DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING MAY 2, 2026, GENERAL ELECTION

A. APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDING JUDGE & ALTERNATE JUDGE

1. PRESIDING JUDGE - MARISELA TRISTAN

2. ALTERNATE JUDGE - IRENE GARCIA

B. JUDGES & ELECTION CLERKS SALARY

1. JUDGES - \$18.00 PER HOUR + \$25.00 FOR RETURNS

2. ELECTION CLERKS - \$15.00 PER HOUR

Motion made by Councilor Noel Galvan, seconded by Mayor Mario Ruiz to approve Item 24 A. – the appointment of Marisela Tristan as the Presiding Judge and Irene Garcia as the Alternate Judge for the May 2, 2026 General Election and approve the judge’s salary of \$18.00 per hour plus \$25.00 for returns and election clerks for a salary of \$15.00 per hour.

Vote for approval 5-0 (unanimous).

Motion carried.

25. DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING PAY INCREASE FOR CITY EMPLOYEES BASED ON YEARS OF SERVICE

Mayor Pro Tem Sofia Morones requests a PayScale study and that salary increases should not be made in the middle of the fiscal year if it is not in the budget.

Motion made by Councilor Anika Santana, seconded by Councilor Noel Galvan to table item and gather more information regarding pay increases for city employees on years of service.

Vote for approval 5-0 (unanimous).

Motion carried.

26. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION INITIATE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 BUDGET EMPLOYEE SALARY INCREASE TO SUPPORT COST LIVING

Mayor Pro Tem Sofia Morones would like to initiate discussing salary increases to support the cost-of-living for city employees for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Sofia Morones, seconded by Councilor Estanislado Z. Martinez to initiate a discussion regarding cost-of-living increase for city employees for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget and to exclude the city manager for an increase.

Vote for approval 5-0 (unanimous).

Motion carried.

27. RECOGNITION OF THE CARRIZO SPRINGS CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT EDUCATOR OF THE MONTH

Rosemary Pearson – CSCISD Superintendent requested from the City Council to recognize the educator of the month at their council meetings.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

28. ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATES

- 1. MARKET DAY**
- 2. DIA DE LOS NINOS EVENT**
- 3. COMMUNITY PROJECT GRANT**
- 4. STAFF WELLNESS DAY**

**5. CARRIZO SPRINGS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF
& SAFETY OFFICER APPOINTMENTS**

6. MONTHLY REPORT

City Manager Azalia Garcia updated the Council with the city events, community project grant, and the assistant fire chief and safety officer appointments for the Carrizo Springs Volunteer Fire Department.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Councilor Noel Galvan, seconded by Councilor Anika Santana to adjourn.

Vote for approval 5 - 0 (unanimous).

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:25 p.m.

/s/Mario Ruiz
Mario Ruiz, Mayor
City of Carrizo Springs

ATTEST:

/s/Melissa M. Guerra
Melissa M. Guerra, City Clerk
City of Carrizo Springs