

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 **Special Session** at the City Hall Municipal Building, 308 West Pena Street, Carrizo Springs, Texas, 78834 on **Friday, December 19, 2025** 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 (Left meeting at 7:05 p.m.)
Anika Santana	Councilor (Left meeting at 7:05 p.m.)
Bobby Maldonado	City Attorney
Azalia Garcia	City Manager
Melissa M. Guerra	City Clerk

A quorum was established.

STAFF

Arnold Aguilar, City Marshal

WELCOME & RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Mayor Mairo Ruiz welcomed and recognized all guest present.

Commissioner Jose A. Urenda, CSVFD Fire Chief Carlos Lara, Jose Robles - CSVFD, Yurtha (Rita) Riojas, Jose Fregoso III, Julie Carmona, Laura Carmona, Isabella Carmona, Melissa Saucedo, Jesse Saucedo, Ted Rodriguez Jr., Dimmit County Judge Martha Ponce, Rudy Duran, Oscar E. Puente, Claudia McDaniel, Connie Sample, Alberto Maciel Jr., San Juanita Maciel

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The City Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Jose Robles states to Council that he has been in CSVFD for 56 years and asks Council to keep Carlos Lara as the Fire Chief that was elected by the majority of the Fire Department.

Attorney Ted Rodriguez states that his client Fire Chief Carlos Lara was not given 30-day notice to discuss any concerns with his client's performance. Mr. Rodriguez states that the CSVFD is a separate entity and that they are volunteer fire fighters not employees of the City of Carrizo Springs.

Dimmit County Judge Martha Ponce states to Council that she was not informed of the No Parking Zone resolution and would have liked to discuss the matter before coming before Council.

OLD BUSINESS

1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO REVOKE THE RATIFICATION OF CARLOS LARA AS THE CITY OF CARRIZO SPRINGS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF

CITY COUNCIL WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED MEETING AS AUTHORIZED BY THE PROVISION OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT. CHAPTER 51 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE. THIS CLOSED SESSION IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION: LEGAL 551.071

Mayor Mario Ruiz convened into Executive Session at 5:42 p.m.

Mayor Mario Ruiz reconvened into Special Session at 6:18 p.m.

Mayor Mario Ruiz asks Fire Chief Carlos Lara if he is willing to answer questions from Council. Attorney Ted Rodriguez states to the Council that he would need 30 days to respond to their questions.

Councilor Anika Santana asked who gave Fire Chief Carlos Lara permission to give free water to a ranch in Carrizo Springs. Councilor Anika Santana also asked Fire Chief Carlos Lara if he was aware that the city sold bulk water and that it was a criminal offense to be giving away free water. Fire Chief Carlos Lara stated that he spoke with City Manager Azalia Garcia and Mayor Mario Ruiz and offered to pay for the water.

Mayor Mario Ruiz asked Fire Chief Carlos Lara if he let the Girl Scouts ride in the fire truck for a parade and that it was a liability for the city. The CSVFD also held an event that Council was not aware of. Attorney Ted Rodriguez stated that he will answer questions in writing to Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Sofia Morones states to Fire Chief Carlos Lara that he cannot ignore Council's concerns regarding giving away free water, personal cars responding to calls, Girl Scouts riding in the fire truck, not following the by-laws and not making any improvements after being made aware of the issues by City Manager Azalia Garcia.

Motion made by Councilor Anika Santana, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sofia Morones to revoke the ratification of Carlos Lara as the City of Carrizo Springs Volunteer Fire Department Chief.

Vote for approval 4-1. Councilor Estanislado Z. Martinez.

Motion carried.

2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO RATIFY A CARRIZO SPRINGS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Sofia Morones, seconded by Councilor Anika Santana to ratify the Carrizo Springs Volunteer Fire Department Chief Carlos Lara and appoint Jesse Saucedo as the new CSVFD Fire Chief.

Vote for approval 4-1. Councilor Estanislado Z. Martinez opposed.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

3. DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 875 AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARRIZO SPRINGS, TEXAS TO ENFORCE A NO PARKING ZONE ON NORTH 4TH STREET BETWEEN WEST HOUSTON & WEST ALAMO STREET

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Sofia Morones, seconded by Councilor Noel Galvan to approve Ordinance No. 875 an ordinance by the City Council of the City of Carrizo Springs, Texas to enforce a No Parking Zone on North 4th Street between West Houston Street and West Alamo Street.

Vote for approval 3-0.

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Sofia Morones, seconded by Mayor Mario Ruiz to adjourn.

Vote for approval 3 - 0 (unanimous).

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:15 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