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CITY OF BIG SPRING MASTER PARKS PLAN

City of Big Spring

MASTER PARKS PLAN

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INTRODUCTION

The City of Big Spring recognizes the significance of park facilities and recreational resources in enhancing the community's overall quality of life and promoting future development. In line with Big Spring's 2030 Comprehensive Plan, the allocation for parks in future land use is estimated at 2.5%, equating to more than 1,000 acres designated for parks and recreation within the city limits. This comprehensive plan takes into account the evolving population's needs in terms of housing, food, and industry while acknowledging that parks and recreational areas are essential for fostering economic growth. By establishing a 2024 Master Parks Plan, Big Spring can effectively implement the necessary measures to ensure that its parks align with the preferences of its residents and adapt to the changing economic landscape.

The Big Spring Community

Big Spring's population has been on a slow decline since the late 1960's. The 1960 Census reported 32,230 and the 1990 Census reported 23,093, for a loss of 9,137 persons or approximately 30%. The population shifted upward until 2010 where we see a steady decline. The 2010 and 2020 census reported 27,282 and 26,144 respectively, and an estimated population of 25,318 in 2022. The initial loss in population can be attributed to several major upsets in the local economy including: the closure of Webb Air Force Base, the relocation of a major oil company's headquarters, and the reduction in oil and gas production.

The State of Texas estimates the 2022 population of Big Spring to be 25,318 constituting over 75.17% of the population in Howard County 33,672. Big Spring's population is 72.9% white and 27.1% other in racial origin. A little over seventy-eight (78.4%) percent of the population have had some level of formal education.

Big Spring's population is fairly young with 29% of the population age 19 and under. The largest category is the age group of 20 to 49 year old's who make up 40.5% of the population. Those ages 50 to 64 year old's constitute 16.9% of the population and persons 65 and older make up 13.7% of the population. These figures are important to the Big Spring Master Parks Plan because members of each division represent specific challenges.

The primary challenge associated with a fairly young population is that they are known for mobility. Typically, this group has not developed a strong allegiance to the community and has limited time or financial resources to make commitments outside their young families.

The older ages (50-60) and (65 and older) are typically the sector of the population with more spendable income and with community leadership and influence. This group tends to be well established, very committed to their community and conservative. They often require special consideration in a parks program in terms of accessibility, hours of operation and adequate safety measures to accommodate limited mobility.

The income levels in Big Spring suggest a higher than average poverty rate (19.2% versus the state average of 14.2%). Twenty two percent (22.4%) of the families have an annual income of less than \$35,000. This presents a challenge in providing quality recreational opportunities to the community at little or no cost.

Future population projections estimate Big Spring's population in 2022 to around 25,318 residents. In order to meet the recreational needs of a changing population, the City of Big Spring should plan for slow and steady updates and enhancement in recreation options through the parks department as well.

The City of Big Spring Parks Department

The City's Parks Department, under the direction of the City Manager, is staffed by the Community Service Director, Facilities Supervisor, and Parks Supervisors. The Parks Department operates the city's parks and recreation facilities to provide family-oriented recreational areas in order to contribute to the high quality of life for residents and visitors alike. The Parks Department oversees improvements and upkeep for parks and sports field facilities available for public use. The department strives to present aesthetically pleasing areas through the maintenance of playground and other recreational equipment, grounds maintenance, weed and litter control, and other landscaping activities. These responsibilities stretch the department's human and financial resources. State and Federal inmates are available to supplement the available manpower and have assisted in many improvements at the Comanche Trail Park and in the construction of Dr. Morgan Park. The Parks Supervisor also assists the Chamber of Commerce and other community groups in coordinating festivals, tournaments and other events at the city parks. Comanche Trail Golf Course and Moss Creek Lake are staffed and budgeted separately from the Parks Department.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The following goals and objectives represent Big Spring's commitment to long-term planning for the development of the parks system in coordination with the overall development of the community. This plan will be implemented from FY 2024-25 through FY 2029-30.

Goal 1: Provide citywide park facilities that meet the current and future demands of the Big Spring community.

Objective 1a: Prioritize needs to assist in the allocation of limited resources.

Objective 1b: Upgrade existing park facilities to meet accepted standards and citizen demand.

Objective 1c: Periodic evaluation of the need for new facilities as the community grows.

Goal 2: Protect and Promote the area's natural resources.

Objective 2a: Continue development of facilities in proximity to the historic spring in order to encourage use and visitation in this area.

Objective 2b: Evaluate the impact of new facility development on the natural resources of the surrounding area.

Goal 3: Incorporate parks planning into tourism and economic development strategies.

Objective 3a: Continue to coordinate the development and promotion of facilities with the Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

Objective 3b: Initiate cost effectiveness studies to determine the efficiency of operations and the cost/benefit of upgrades to tourist attractions within the parks system.

Objective 3c: Continue to work with the Convention and Visitors Bureau to attract sports events that will utilize city-owned ballfields.

PLAN DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

As mentioned in the introduction, the Big Spring Comprehensive Plan serves as the foundation for the development of a new master park plan. This Master Parks Plan emphasizes the city's commitment to aligning parks and recreation facilities with the preferences of the community. To ensure that this goal is achieved, a survey was distributed to residents, allowing them to provide valuable input that would shape the updated plan. The survey was available through numerous online platforms, including the city website and social media posts, from March 21st through April 25, 2022. For a detailed copy of the survey, please refer to the Appendix.

Using the input received, the city devised a rough outline of what they would like to include in the Master Parks Plan, and held public hearings on November 17, 2021, January 23, 2024, and February 13, 2024. Feedback received from the public hearing and further review was utilized to draft the completed Master Parks Plan.



Comanche Trail Park entrance

STANDARDS FOR PARKS DEVELOPMENT

The National Park and Recreation Association (NPRA) has been a leader in the development of park standards for the past several decades. Their publication, Park, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway Guidelines, is used as a national standard. The standards and guidelines have been the foundation of implementing the necessary priorities and development for the new 2024 Master Parks Plan.

Classification

NPRA identifies approximately 16 classifications of parks ranging from mini-parks to national parks. Not all classifications are found in all communities. Detailed information regarding Big Spring's parks facilities can be found in the Inventory of Areas and Facilities.

The park classifications and standards that are found in the Big Spring area are:

Neighborhood/Mini Park: The neighborhood/mini park is the basic unit of the park system and serves as the recreational focus of a neighborhood. It is an area for active recreation such as field games, court games, playgrounds, picnicking, etc. Although normally at least one to fifteen acres, the neighborhood park can be smaller in smaller communities serving smaller neighborhoods. This park should serve an area of 2 to 3 mile radius if uninterrupted by a major road or barrier. NPRA standards for these parks are 1.25-2.5 acres per 1,000 population. The Big Spring Park System includes seven (7) neighborhood parks totaling approximately 56 acres and are open to the public from 6:00am to 10:00pm.

Community Parks: The community park serves a broader purpose than the neighborhood park by meeting community-based recreational needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces. These parks usually range from 16 to 50 acres and serve neighborhoods that are one to two miles in radius. The community park may include areas for intense recreation activity such as competitive sports, swimming, tennis, playgrounds, volleyball, etc. There may also be passive recreation opportunities such as walking, viewing, sitting and picnicking. NPRA standards for these parks are 5-8 acres per 1,000 population. There are two (2) community parks in Big Spring totaling approximately 206 acres. Both parks are open to the public from 6:00 am to 10:00 pm.

Special Use Parks: Special use parks target one specialized or single purpose recreation activity. Examples are golf courses, nature centers, marinas, zoos, conservations, arboretums, arenas, amphitheaters, plazas or community squares. Currently, the City of Big Spring has one (2) Special Use Parks, with approximately 184 acres.

Regional Parks: Regional parks are very large multi-use parks that serve several communities within a particular region. They range in size from 500 acres and above and serve those areas with a one hour driving distance. The regional park provides both active and passive recreation, with a wide selection of facilities for all age groups. They may also include areas of nature preservation for activities such as sight-seeing, nature study, wildlife habitat, and conservation areas. NRPA standards for regional parks vary due to the specific site and natural resources. Big Spring currently has two (2) regional parks, including the State park, totaling approximately 1,022 acres.



Old Settlers Pavillion located inside of Comanche T

Old Settlers Pavillion located inside of Comanche Trail Park

Total Parkland Standard

It is generally accepted that a total parkland standard must be maintained for the community. NRPA recommends that the local park system contain 11.25 to 20.5 acres of developed open space per 1000 population. The following chart shows recommended distribution as well as Big Spring's distribution of park land.

Park Type	NRPA Standard	Big Spring's Current System
Neighborhood/Mini	1.25 to 2.5 ac/1,000	1.1 ac/1,000
Community	5.0 to 8.0 ac/1,000	8.2 ac/1,000
Regional	Unspecified	1,022 acres
Special Use Areas	Unspecified	184 acres
Total	11.25 to 20.5 ac/1,000	57 ac/1,000*

*Includes all available facilities (City of Big Spring Park System and Big Spring State Park)

Classification of Parks			
Neighborhood/Mini	Community	Regional	Special Use Areas
ABC Park	Roy Anderson Park	Moss Creek Lake	Comanche Golf Course
Bert Andries Park	Comanche Trail Park	Big Spring State Park	Amphitheater (located in Comanche Trail Park)
Birdwell Park	Roy Anderson Sports Complex		
Dr. Morgan Park	Russ McEwen Family Aquatic Center		
Jefferson Park			
Elgin Park			

Facility Standards

NRPA and other sources provide standards for the number of facilities a parks and recreation system should provide. The facilities applicable to the Big Spring Master Parks Plan are included in the table below:

Activity / Facility	Recommended Facility Per Population	Recommended Facilities for 2022 Population of 25,318	Current Counts of Facilities (not including school or other facilities)
Baseball Fields	1 per 5,000	5.1	6
Basketball Court	1 per 5,000	5.1	3
Football Fields	1 per 20,000	1.3	2
Picnic Tables	1 per 300	84.3	83
Playgrounds	1 per 1,000	25.3	13
Recreation Center	1 per 20-30,000	1	1
Softball Fields	1 per 5,000	5.1	6
Soccer Fields	1 per 10,000	2.5	5
Tennis Center	1 court per 2,000	12.7	9
Trails	.5 to 1 mile per 10,000	1.3 - 2.5 miles	1.95 miles*
Volleyball Areas	1 court per 5,000	5.1	2
Disc Golf Courses	1 per 30,000	1	2

*includes Big Spring State Park

Location Standards

Parks are to be located in proximity to the park users, based upon the type of park facility. Map #2 in the Appendix shows the 2 mile service area for each of Big Spring's developed parks. From this map, one can identify several pockets of residential areas which are not within the service area of a city park.

Close review of this map shows three developed areas that are not within standard acceptable distances of either a park or playground.



Playground in Comanche Trail Park

INVENTORY FOR AREAS AND FACILITIES

The City of Big Spring's park system includes 1,469 acres of developed park land that provide over 170 recreational and sports facilities. The distribution of park land by category is as follows:

Park Type	Acres
Neighborhood/Mini	56.46
Community	206.67
Regional	1,022.00
Special Use Areas	184.20
Total	1,469.33

However, the recreational opportunities available to the community can not be fully assessed without taking school and other facilities into account. These are essential to providing the community with a full range of facilities since the city-owned system is deficient in some areas. Foremost of these facilities is the Big Spring State Park. With 382 acres and several amenities, the State Park is heavily used by Big Spring State Park. Though the use of some facilities is restricted, most are open to the public during park hours. Inclusion of these facilities provides the Big Spring community with a total of 1,691 acres of park and recreation facilities. Additionally, regular park facilities open and close to the public during the designated park times. For instance, several of the larger parks such as Comanche Trail Park have restrooms available to the public, however, those bathrooms are open to the public only during park designated park hours: 8:00am to 10:00pm.

The table on page 11 provides a listing of all park and recreational facilities available to the community.

Community Park and Recreational Facilities

	Acres	Baseball Fields/Backstops	Basketball Courts	Benches	Football Fields	Amphitheater	Gazebo/Pavilion	Picnic Tables/ Shelters	Playgrounds	Restrooms	Softball Fields	Soccer Fields	Swimming Pool/Water Rec. Center	Tennis Courts	Trails/Walking (mi.)	Frisbee Golf	Golf Course	Volleyball Area	Camping	Lake or Pond	Disc Golf
City Park Facilities																					
ABC Park	3.15	1	1					2	1												
Birdwell Park	15.04							2	1							1					1
Comanche Golf Course	184.20									YES							1				
Comanche Trail Park	136.00			17		1	7	40	5	3	1		1	9	0.75			1	YES	1	1
Dr. Morgan Park	7.50		1				2	10	2						0.2			1			
Elgin Park	1.30								1												
Jefferson Park	0.50								1												
Moss Creek Lake	640.00						2	28	1	YES									YES	1	
Bert Andries Park	1.20		1				2	1	1												
Roy Anderson Ballfields	70.67	5		6	2		2			3	5	5									
TOTAL CITY PARK FACILITIES	1,059.56	6	3	23	2	1	15	83	13	6	6	5	1	9	0.95	1	1	2		2	2
School Facilities																					
Anderson Kindergarten	8.42								1		2										
Bauer Elementary	6.73		2						1		4										
Big Spring High School	22.67	1			2						1			5	0.25						
College Heights Elementary	7.11		2						1		4										
Goliad Middle School	15.00				2				1		6										
Howard College	57.66	2			2									4							
Kentwood Elementary	10.07		2								4										
Lakeview Headstart	11.17								1		2										
Marcy Elementary	8.38		2						1		6										
Moss Elementary	7.05		4						1		2										
Runnels Junior High	3.36								1		4										
South Collegiate Institute for the Deaf	46.66	4									1	5									
Washington Elementary	9.68		4						1		4										
Other Facilities																					
Big Spring State Park	382.00						1	12	1	1					1				YES	1	
Nat'l Little League	4.60	1								1											
Internat'l Little League	3.44	1								1											
YMCA	-		1										1								
TOTAL ALL FACILITIES	2,723.12	21	23	46	10	2	31	178	36	15	52	15	3	27	3.15	2	2	4	3	5	4

NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

Since 1995, the City of Big Spring has made great progress in correcting some of the more visible deficiencies in the parks system. One of the most recent additions was the Russ McEwen Family Aquatic Center. Additionally, the construction of Dr. Morgan Park and the addition of the Kids Zone playground in Comanche Trail Park have added needed facilities. However, there are still many areas of the parks system that must be addressed in order to adequately meet the needs of the community.

In determining the needs of the Big Spring parks system, the following approaches for assessment and identification were utilized:

- **Demand-Based:** Relies on public input to determine satisfaction with current facilities and demand for additional facilities.
- **Standard-Based:** Determines both the number and quality of the facilities needed to meet accepted standards.

In the public opinion survey conducted, only 18.24% of the 898 respondents rated the overall parks system as excellent or good. Numerous individual comments accompanying surveys completed indicate that maintenance and lack of improvements to existing facilities as major contributing factor to this attitude.

Also, noted in the surveys was a deficiency in the number and quality of restroom facilities, drinking fountains, and picnic facilities. Though the overall number of picnic facilities is sufficient according to NPRA standards, it may be that these facilities are not distributed evenly throughout all parks in the system and this presents a shortage for users of certain parks. When asked to indicate whether or not there was a need for more specific items in the Big Spring Parks System, survey respondents showed a strong interest in an increased number of recreation programs, playground equipment, lighting for evening play, recreation centers, neighborhood parks, hike/bike/walking trails and handicapped accessibility throughout the Big Spring parks system. When asked to identify three areas that are most important to park improvement, the survey respondents showed a strong preference for (1) additional neighborhood parks or recreational fields (2) new or updated playground equipment (3) additional lighting for evening play.

In addition to the needs cited above, citizens were given the opportunity for open comments about the park. From this, the most common results were the need for more public restrooms in parks facilities, increased routine maintenance, addition of a dog park, and more recreational programs.

While overall the City of Big Spring's current parks systems meet or exceed almost all NRPA facility standards per population, the system does fall short in four areas. One of the most obvious deficiencies is the insufficient number of playgrounds according to established standards. But, perhaps more important, much of playground equipment in the City's parks does not meet current standards for safety and durability. The surveys also reveal a demand for more playground equipment. Additionally, another deficiency that may be noted is the number of volley ball courts according to established standards. Current standards recommend a minimum standard of 5.1 volleyball courts for the city's current population. Currently, two volley ball courts exist in the city's parks system. Another deficiency noted includes number of tennis courts. Current standards recommend a minimum standard of 12.7 tennis courts for the city's current population. Currently 9 tennis courts exist in the city's parks system. Additionally, it is important to note that the tennis courts identified at Comanche Trail are managed by Big Spring Independent School District and are subject to their rules and regulation. The public can utilize these tennis courts at times but at the discretion of the BSISD. Finally, one minor deficiency that may be noted is the number of picnic tables available throughout the parks system. Currently 83 picnic tables exist in the city's parks system while the current standards recommend a minimum standard of 84.3 picnic tables for the city's current population.

While the City of Big Spring meets NPRA standards for community parks, the city falls short on standards for neighborhood and mini parks. Current standards recommend a minimum standard of 1.25 to 2.5 acres of parks land per 1,000 citizens. The City of Big Spring's current parks system includes approximately 1.1 acres per 1,000 citizens. Additionally, survey results indicate a community desire for additional neighborhood parks (as demonstrated in the survey). This need may be due in part to the pockets of residential areas not within the service area of a park as identified in Map #2 in the Appendix. Overall, Big Spring is not lacking in total park acreage due to the presence of the Big Spring State Park and Moss Creek Lake. Still, it is recognized that additional park construction should be evaluated as the community continues to grow.



Field inside of Comanche Trail Park

Plan Prioritization and Implementation

This section identifies elements of implementation to address the needs cited in the previous section. It also prioritizes these elements to assist City staff in the management and allocation of personnel and budgetary resources. The prioritization schedule is based upon facilities not meeting acceptable standards, public demand, staff recommendations, current budget allocations, and current project schedules.

Priorities for the City of Big Spring Parks System

- Priority 1: Provide increased hiking and biking trails.
- Priority 2: Make improvements to existing parks, repair & update existing facilities
- Priority 3: Acquire new parkland and increase mini/neighborhood parks in most underserved area
- Priority 4: Consider new park signage to provide continuity between sites
- Priority 5: Provided new facilities based on identified deficiencies: trails, volleyball, play areas
- Priority 6: Increase Park funding and annual budget and continue to provide exceptional park maintenance.
- Priority 7: Continue to explore alternative funding opportunities

Livability/Social Interaction Requests:

- Downtown Farmers Market
- Additional Activities for Youth
- Downtown Park & Revitalization
- Additional Neighborhood Parks

Identified Challenges:

- Limited Staff
- Budgetary
- Obtain additional acreage for neighborhood parks
- Obtain additional funding from outside sources

Project Implementation

The implementation schedule of this plan will be based on a number of factors, the foremost being financial. The schedule presented below represents the City staff's best estimate regarding the feasibility of each project implementation based on current and anticipated resources.

FY 2024-2025

- Construction of Restrooms (Local Funding)
- Rehabilitation of Hike & Bike Trail at Comanche Trail Park (50% TP&W/ 50% Local Funding)
- Develop Master Plan for the Comanche Trail Golf Course
- Install Irrigation at the Old Settlers Pavilion in Comanche Trail Park
- Construct pavilion at Kids Zone Playground

FY 2025-2026

- Replacement of Playground Equipment in Comanche Trail Park (Local Funding)
- Evaluate feasibility of Lighting for Evening Play in Comanche Trail Park and provide if determined feasible (Local Funding)
- Provide potable water to the RV Park at Moss Creek Lake (Local Funding)
- Develop Facilities Maintenance Plan

FY 2026-2027

- Replace Playground Equipment as needed in Neighborhood Parks (Local Funding)
- Evaluate feasibility of Lighting for Evening Play in Neighborhood Parks (Local Funding)
- Address Handicapped Accessibility Needs in Comanche Trail Park and provide if determined feasible (Local Funding)

FY 2027-2028

- Improvements to ABC Park (Local Funding)

FY 2028-2029

- Replace Playground Equipment as needed in Neighborhood Parks (Local Funding)
- Address any Handicapped Accessibility Needs in Neighborhood Parks (Local Funding)
- Install Irrigation at Comanche Trail Park (Local Funding)

FY 2029-2030

- Review and Update Master Parks Plan
- Enhance Parking at Kids Zone Playground

Appendix

Maps

Public Survey

Survey Results

Proof of Adoption

Agendas/Minutes

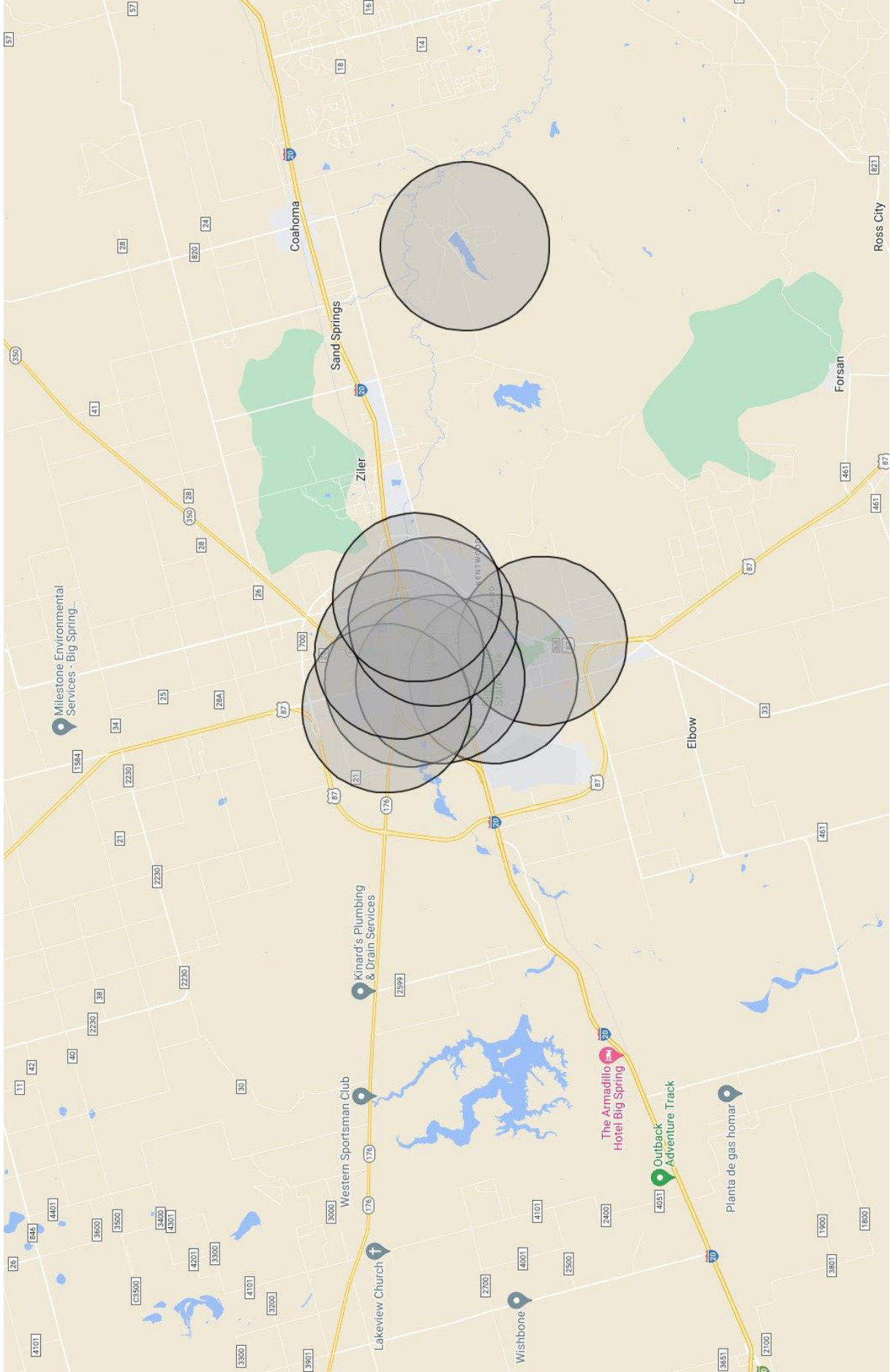
City of Big Spring Public Parks

Map #1



Two Mile Radius per Each Public Park

Map #2



We Want Your Opinion

The City of Big Spring is currently working to produce a Master Parks Plan. The Master Parks Plan will inventory out current park facilities, determine how Big Spring is meeting National Parks and Recreation Association standards, and establish goals and programs for the parks department over the next 10 years. Your input will help to determine user satisfaction and community needs. Please answer the following questions and return the survey to the following address by April 25, 2023.

City of Big Spring Parks Survey

*1. Are you a resident of the City of Big Spring/Howard County?

Yes

No

2. Based on your knowledge and opinion, how would you rate Big Spring's park facilities?

3. Please check the park or type of park that your family frequents most often in Big Spring:

Dr. Morgan Park

Jefferson Park

Birdwell Park

Roy Anderson Ballpark

ABC Park

Elgin Park

Bert Andries Park

Moss Creek Lake

Big Spring State Park

Comanche Trail Park- Golf Course

Comanche Trail Park- Kids Zone

Comanche Trail Park- Russ McEwen Family Aquatic Center

Comanche Trail Park-Comanche Trail Lake

4. How would you rate the parks that you frequent most often in each area listed below:

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Not Available	Not Familiar
Size of Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Softball Fields	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Soccer Fields	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tennis Courts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Swimming Pool	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Restrooms	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Drinking Fountains	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Benches/Seating Area	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Picnic Area	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lighting	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Playground Equipment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hike/Bike/Walk Trails	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Maintenance of Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

5. Do you feel there is a need for more of the following items in the Big Spring Parks System?

	Definitely	Somewhat	No Need	No Opinion
Recreation Center	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hike/Bike/ Walk Trails	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
More Neighborhood Parks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Handicapped Accessibility	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Renovate Outdoor Pool	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
More Tennis Courts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
More Volleyball Courts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
More Basketball Courts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
More Softball Fields	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
More Baseball Fields	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
More Soccer Fields	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lighting for Evening Play	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Playground Equipment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Picnic Facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recreation Programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

6. Of the items checked in Question 4 as "Definitely" please rank your top three priorities:

1.

2.

3.

7. How else could the Big Spring Parks System improve?

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Survey Responses

Public Opinion Survey Master Parks Plan 2023

Overall Rating of Big Spring's Park Facilities:

Rating	Percentage
Excellent	1.4%
Good	16.9%
Fair	48.8%
Poor	32.6%
No opinion	0.3%

Park Usage by Survey Respondents:

Park	Percentage
Big Spring State Park	50.2%
Moss Creek Lake	21.5%
Roy Anderson	13.6%
Dr. Morgan Park	2.6%
Bert Andries Park	8.4%
Jefferson Park	2.2%
Birdwell Park	9.8%
ABC Park	10.1%
Elgin Park	1.1%

Facility Usage in Comanche Trail Park:

Facility	Percentage
Kids Zone	63.5%
Picnic/ Playground	56.8%
Comanche Trail Lake	57.6%
Swimming Pool	40.3%
Golf Course	29.3%

Survey Responses

Public Opinion Survey Master Parks Plan 2023

Rating of Park Characteristic (based on facilities most often frequented):

Characteristic	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Not familiar	Not available
Size of Park	8.8%	36.0%	41.5%	13.4%	0.2%	0.2%
Softball Fields	2.7%	21.9%	25.6%	19.1%	27.3%	2.7%
Soccer Fields	1.6%	14.5%	19.8%	13.0%	40.0%	11.4%
Tennis Courts	3.6%	21.2%	21.6%	14.9%	34.0%	4.5%
Swimming Pool	8.8%	32.2%	28.1%	4.2%	15.5%	4.2%
Restrooms	0.5%	3.4%	19.7%	65.3%	9.0%	2.2%
Drinking Fountains	0.2%	6.8%	6.8%	49.1%	26.7%	16.5%
Benches/ Seating	1.9%	12.4%	44.0%	35.8%	5.0%	0.9%
Picnic Area	2.5%	20.0%	45.9%	27.5%	3.8%	0.3%
Lighting	1.7%	14.3%	30.0%	36.8%	14.8%	2.4%
Playground Equipment	1.9%	19.2%	29.4%	40.4%	6.2%	0.3%
Hike/Bike/ Walk Trails	4.4%	31.6%	38.3%	13.3%	11.3%	1.3%
Maintenance	4.0%	20.2%	37.2%	37.4%	1.1%	0.2%

Public Meetings

Agenda From 1/26/2022



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD REGULAR AGENDA

Wednesday, January 26, 2022

Notice is hereby given that the Parks and Recreation Board of the City of Big Spring, Texas will meet in Regular Session on Wednesday, January 26, 2022, at 5:15 pm in the City Council Chambers located at 307 East 4th Street, Big Spring, Texas.

Open Session

1. Call to Order DeLeon

Public Comment

Public Comment – Speakers are Requested to Stand at the Podium and State Their Name and Address. Speakers Should Fill out the Form at the Podium and Turn it into the Admin Assistant. Please Do Not Exceed Five (5) Minutes.

2. DeLeon

Disposition of Minutes

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 17, 2021 DeLeon

New Business

4. Discussion and Possible Action- Stewart Pavilion Telchik/
Herrera
5. Discussion and Possible Action- Parks Master Plan Telchik/
Herrera

Member Input

6. Input
7. Adjourn DeLeon

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Hayley Herrera, Community Services Director

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Public Meetings

Minutes From 1/26/2022

Parks and Recreation Board
Minutes from Wednesday, January 26, 2022
City Council Chambers

Present: Juanita Alexander-Porras, Patsy Garza, Johnny DeLeon, Danny Flenniken, Nolan Dominguez, Ryan Williams
Staff: Hayley Herrera, Terri Telchik, Joann Olvera, Gregory Canales

Johnny DeLeon called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Public Comment

No Public Comments.

Approval of minutes

The minutes from November 17, 2021, meeting were reviewed. Motion was made by Ryan Williams to approve the minutes as written. Motion was seconded by Nolan Dominguez and passed unanimously.

New Business

1. Terri Telchik provided the board with a draft of the ordinance to be taken to city council to rename the 2nd Pavilion to the Stewart Pavilion in memory of Howard and Vicky Stewart. A motion was made by Danny Flenniken to send approval for the ordinance to city council. Motion was seconded by Patsy Ryan and passed unanimously. Ordinance will be taken to city council for approval.

2. Terri Telchik provided the board with a list of items up for discussion to update the Parks Master Plan. Discussion was made amongst the board members, currently no action being taken.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Johnny DeLeon, Chair

Date

Public Meetings

Agenda From 11/17/2021



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD REGULAR AGENDA

Wednesday, November 17, 2021

Notice is hereby given that the Parks and Recreation Board of the City of Big Spring, Texas will meet in Regular Session on Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at 5:15 pm in the City Council Chambers located at 307 East 4th Street, Big Spring, Texas.

Open Session

1. Call to Order Herrera

Public Comment

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2. Herrera
3. Welcome New Members Herrera
4. Election of Chair and Vice Chair Herrera

Disposition of Minutes

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 19, 2021 Chair

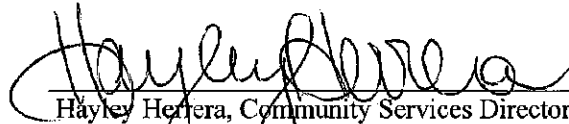
New Business

6. Discussion and Possible Action - Parks Master Plan Herrera/
Chelsey
Baldivia

Member Input

8. Input
9. Adjourn Chair

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Hayley Herrera, Community Services Director

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Public Meetings

Minutes From 11/17/2021

Parks and Recreation Board
Minutes from Wednesday, November 17, 2021
City Council Chambers

Present: Juanita Alexander-Porras, Patsy Garza, Johnny DeLeon, Danny Flenniken, Nolan Dominguez

Staff: Hayley Herrera, Terri Telchik, Joann Olvera, Gregory Canales

Guests: Brandi Pelletier, Nick Ornales, Joe Alexander, Diane Yanez, Maury Smith

Hayley Herrera called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Public Comment

No Public Comments.

New Members

Hayley Herrera welcomed Juanita Alexander-Porras, Patsy Garza, and Nolan Dominguez to the board. Danny Flenniken made a motion for Johnny DeLeon to be the new Chair, no other motions were made. The vote was seconded by Patsy Garza and passed unanimously. Johnny DeLeon then made a motion for Danny Flenniken to be the new Vice Chair, no other motions were made. Vote was seconded by Patsy Garza and passed unanimously.

Approval of minutes

The minutes from May 19, 2021, meeting were reviewed. Motion was made by Danny Flenniken to approve the minutes as written. Motion was seconded by Nolan Dominguez and passed unanimously.

New Business

Hayley Herrera provided the board with a copy of the current Parks Master plan and brought into discussion the need for it to be updated. Chelsey Baldivia with SPAG was introduced via zoom at which time she informed the committee of the steps needed to update the Parks Master Plan. Hayley Herrera asked the board to review the current Parks Master Plan over the holidays and at the next meeting further discussion and updates will be presented to replace the current plan.

Member Comments

Juanita Alexander-Porras, Patsy Garza, and Nolan Dominguez introduced themselves to the board and staff. Danny Flenniken asked about the renaming of the 2nd Pavilion to the Howard and Vicki Stewart Pavilion. Terri Telchik updated him on the status.

Patsy Garza asked about the status of the bbq pits being installed at ABC Park. Hayley Herrera informed her that she will ask David Fort about the status and cost.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Johnny DeLeon, Chair

Date

Public Meetings

Agenda From 1/23/2024



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas will meet in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at 5:30 PM at the City Council Chambers Located at 307 East 4th Street, Big Spring, Texas. **We welcome the public to attend the meeting via telecommunication. Citizens will be able to view the City Council Meeting on Our Local Channel 17 through Suddenlink or on Our Website <http://mybigspring.com/224/Channel-17-Live>.**

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Thank you!

Open Session

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| 1. Call to Order | Moore |
| 2. Invocation | Moore |
| 3. Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and to the Texas State Flag | Moore |

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| 4. Public Comment | Moore |
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Public Meetings

Agenda From 1/23/2024

Announcements, Presentations and Public Hearings

<p>Public Hearings – The Council will take Input on Items Requiring Public Hearing Items Prior to any Action.</p>

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| 5. PUBLIC HEARING - Regarding a Proposed 2024 Master Parks Plan | | Lewis |
| 6. PUBLIC HEARING - Consideration and Possible Action Concerning Abatement of Public Nuisance, at 1319 UTAH, BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720 – LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LT 10 BK 3 WRIGHTS AIRPORT ANNEX (50X130) 550 0.149 ACRES – OWNER: MARGARET EASTER | 6-36 | Hagen |
| 7. PUBLIC HEARING - Consideration and Possible Action Concerning Abatement of Public Nuisance, at 506 NE 8TH, BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720 – LEGAL DESCRIPTION: SC 42 BK 32 1N TR 29 WILLIAM B CURRIE 44X140 613 0.141 ACRES ACQ 05272015 – OWNER: RAMON RODRIGUEZ | 37-82 | Hagen |
| 8. PUBLIC HEARING - Consideration and Possible Action Concerning Abatement of Public Nuisance, at 801 PINE, BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720 – LEGAL DESCRIPTION: SC 26 BK 33 1N 51X280 109.04 ACQ 03292017 BLK/TRACT 33 1N 0.33 ACRES – OWNER: MARIA BURCIAGA | 83-143 | Hagen |

City Manager's Report

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| 9. City Manager's report on the following items: | | Darden |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update - Large Item Pickup, District 1 • Update - E-Waste • Update - Water Line Breaks • Chamber Banquet - February 1, 2024 • Summit Meeting - February 7, 2024 | | |
| 10. Report on the Administrative Hearings Held on January 17th, 2024, Concerning Abatement of Premises Nuisance Violations | 144-157 | Hagen |

Consent Items

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| 11. Approval of the City Council Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 9, 2024. | 158-164 | Davis |
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Public Meetings

Minutes From 1/23/2024

Public Meetings

Agenda From 2/13/2024



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

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| 4. Public Comment | Moore |
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Public Meetings

Agenda From 2/13/2024

Announcements, Presentations and Public Hearings

Public Hearings – The Council will take Input on Items Requiring Public Hearing Items **Prior** to any Action.

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| 5. | PUBLIC HEARING - Regarding a Proposed 2024 Master Parks Plan | | Lewis |
| 6. | PUBLIC HEARING - Regarding a Zone Change (Z23-01) From General Residential (GR) to Heavy Commercial (HC) Zoning for 3.450 Acres of Land in Section 32, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P RR. Co. Survey, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas. Generally Located on W. Business 20 East of Old State Highway 80. | 8-10 | Bowles |
| 7. | PUBLIC HEARING - Consideration and Possible Action Concerning Abatement of Public Nuisance, at 1008 E 12TH, BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720 – LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LT 5 BK 29 COLE & STRAYHORN 50X140 251 ACQ 032206 BLK/TRACT 29 0.161 ACRES – OWNER: TYRA LENDERMON | 11-48 | Hagen |
| 8. | PUBLIC HEARING - Consideration and Possible Action Concerning Abatement of Public Nuisance, at 1400 STATE PARK, BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720 – LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LTS 5-6 BK 2 MOUNTAIN VIEW 100X140 216 0.321 ACRES – OWNER: EARL D. KOLDEN | 49-91 | Hagen |

City Manager's Report

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| 9. | City Manager's report on the following items: | | Darden |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large Item Pickup, District 2 - February 21 • City Holiday - President's Day - February 19 • Update - Atmos Lane Closure for Maintenance • Update - Road Maintenance - Birdwell Lane from 25th to FM700 • Update - Opening of the Auditorium • Installation of the Cardboard Recycling Bailer | | |
| 10. | Presentation Regarding Staff Recommendations for Police/Fire Retention and Recruitment | | Darden |
| 11. | Report on the Administrative Hearings Held on February 7th, 2024, Concerning Abatement of Premises Nuisance Violations. | 92-106 | Hagen |

Public Meetings

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Agenda From 2/27/2024



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, February 27, 2024

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| 4. Public Comment | Moore |
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Agenda From 2/27/2024

Announcements, Presentations and Public Hearings

Public Hearings – The Council will take Input on Items Requiring Public Hearing Items **Prior** to any Action.

City Manager's Report

5. City Manager's report on the following items: Darden
- Update - Large Item Pickup, District 2 - 17 Tons
 - Update - Job Fairs - Attended One at UTPB and Howard College - Next One on March 13th - Workforce Center
 - Update - Fire Department Applicants
 - Police Testing - March 7, 2024

Consent Items

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| 6. Approval of the City Council Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 13, 2024. | 7-17 | Davis |
| 7. Acknowledge Receipt of the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors Minutes for the Regular Meeting of January 16, 2024 | 18-19 | Mark Willis |
| 8. Acknowledge Receipt of the McMahon-Wrinkle Aviation Advisory Board Minutes for the Regular Meeting of November 16, 2023 | 20-21 | Feeley |
| 9. Final Reading of a Resolution of the City of Big Spring, Texas, Amending the Big Spring City Code to Amend Resolutions 005-2023 and 012-2023 and the Underlying Real Estate Purchase Agreement with 3-D Development as Amended to Provide for a Third Inspection Period; Providing for Repeal of Conflicting Resolutions; Finding and Determining that the Meetings at Which the Resolution Were Discussed Were Open to the Public as Required by Law; Providing a Savings and Severability Clause; Establishing an Effective Date | 22-29 | Medina |
| 10. Final Reading of a Resolution Authorizing and Appointing the City Manager to Submit an Application to the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Grant Program to Secure Funding for a SWAT Transport Van; and Providing an Effective Date | 30-32 | Williams |
| 11. Final Reading of a Resolution Accepting a Grant from the | 33-35 | Feeley |

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Resolution From 3/12/2024