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The State of Texas  
The County of San Patricio  
The City of Mathis

Regular Meeting

July 14, 2025

In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551.041 of the Texas Government Code, the City Council of the City of Mathis held a **Regular Meeting** at **7:00 P.M.** on **Monday, July 14, 2025**, at City Hall Annex, 401 E. San Patricio Avenue. **Public Notice** was hereby given that the City Council may elect to go into closed session at any time during the meeting in order to discuss matters listed on the agenda concerning personnel, consultation with the city attorney, real estate acquisition, or other purposes authorized under the "Open Meetings Act". In the event the City Council elects to go into closed session regarding an agenda item; the purpose of the closed session and the section of the Open Meetings Act authorizing the session will be publicly announced by the presiding officer.

**Mayor Pro-Tem David Garcia led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.**

1. Roll call to determine presence of a quorum.

Mayor Ciri Villarreal, Councilwoman Sandra Quinones, Councilman Richard Salinas, Councilman Israel Gonzales, and Councilwoman Isabel Monsibaiz Rivera and Mayor Pro-Tem David Garcia.

City Staff Present: City Manager, Cedric W. Davis, Sr.; City Secretary, Mary A. Gonzales; H.R. Supervisor, Roxanne Ramirez; and Finance Director, Caron S. Vela.

Guests: J.H. Godinez; William Castillo (Big Fish Consulting); Sabas Encina (MEDC Ex. Director)

2. Call to order.

**With a quorum of the Council Members present, the Regular Meeting was called to order by Mayor Ciri Villarreal at 7:01 p.m.**

The City Council of the City of Mathis will discuss and act on the following:

3. Consider approval of minutes for June 23, 2025, Regular Meeting.

**MOTION: Councilwoman Sandra Quinones motioned to approve the minutes for June 23, 2025, Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Israel Gonzales and the motion carried 5-0.**

4. Citizens to be heard.

*William Castillo with Big Fish Consulting, addressed the council regarding their services of recovering hidden or unnecessary fees on utility bills.*

5. Discussion on presentation by MEDC Director, Sabas Encinia, regarding a Hometown Hero Banner Program.

*Mr. Encinia addressed the Council, regarding a proposed project of offering community members an opportunity to sponsor a pole banner displaying a photo of a Veteran and place the banners along the downtown area during Veteran's Day. Mr. Encinia further informed of the work in progress of formalizing the requirements and fees with plans to report back to Council with the finalized plans on time to present to the*

*community allowing time for orders and printing to decorate the utility poles and sidewalk lamps in the downtown district. After much discussion and sharing ideas, there was a complete consensus among the Council in full support of the program.*

**No Action Taken**

6. Discussion on presentation by MEDC Director, Sabas Encinia, regarding a Fall Music Festival at the city's 8-acre Park.

*Mr. Encinia briefed the Council on a proposed community event that has been decided to be delayed for the upcoming year of 2026 for proper budgeting and timely planning.*

**No Action Taken**

6. City Business updates and all matters pertaining there

MEDC Executive Director, Sabas Encinia, Jr.

- *Mr. Encinia issued updated information on the future development called the "Hard Corner" regarding drainage engineering and pad expansion; and attending the San Patricio County EDC Annual Site Selector Conference. General updates were provided regarding the Redwood Housing Development that is being delayed due to cost figures and engineer recommendations regarding the need of a lift station for the development. Retailer location search continues as an effort to attract businesses such as Advanced Auto, Dominos, Starbucks, AutoZone and Dollar Tree.*

City Manager, Cedric Davis, Sr.

- *Mr. Davis reported on participating in the Freedom Fest event; a teleconference with City Attorney and Ardurra Engineering regarding the lease agreement with Corpus Christi and the water well project at the city's water treatment plant; attended a pre-bid meeting with LJA Engineering regarding the contractor scope of work and project site visit; met with EDC Director regarding economic development opportunities, a fall festival and veteran banner project; a Firehouse Sub Grant for \$39,995 for bunker gear was submitted in support of the Volunteer Fire Department. The Warning/emergency siren is being worked on and held preliminary budget meetings with each of the departments.*

City Secretary, Mary A. Gonzales

- *Mrs. Gonzales shared video drone footage of this year's Freedom Fest event.*

7. City Council requests for future Agenda Items.

- *Councilman Israel Gonzales requested status on the restriping of parking spaces along downtown and to add Big Fish Consulting on the upcoming agenda.*
- *Councilman Richard Salinas requested to add Big Fish Consulting on the upcoming agenda; continue mosquito spraying; thanked the staff on the work on Freedom Fest and requested budget workshops.*
- *Councilwoman Sandra Quinones thanked the city staff on the work on Freedom Fest and mentioned that she has heard nothing but positive feedback on this year's event.*
- *Councilwoman Isabel Rivera thanked the staff for the work on Freedom Fest.*
- *Mayor Pro-Tem David Garcia thanked the staff on this year's Freedom Fest event and requested a .COM report regarding stop signs and/or yield signs tilting or out of line.*
- *Mayor Ciri Villarreal requested to reach out to TxDOT on the status of the street lights being out along Loop 459.*
- *City Secretary, Mary Gonzales, reminded the council of the upcoming council workshop scheduled for Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup>.*

8. Adjourn

*With no further items to discuss, Mayor Ciri Villarreal requested a motion to adjourn the council meeting at 8:14 p.m.*

**MOTION: Mayor Pro-Tem David Garcia motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Richard Salinas and the motion carried 5-0.**

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS THE 28<sup>th</sup> DAY OF July, 2025

UPON THE MOTION OF Councilwoman Sandra Quinones

SECONDED BY Councilman Israel Gonzales AND ADOPTED

BY A VOTE OF 4 TO 0.

ATTEST:

  
Mary Acosta Gonzales, City Secretary

  
Ciri Villarreal, Mayor