



MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 16, 2026

SEABROOK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Jim Sweeney called the Seabrook Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers in Seabrook City Hall. Present were City Councilmembers Jim Sweeney, Jared Sessum, Angela Cervantes (remotely), Summer Sanford, Melanie Deemer, and Guy Rodgers. Also in attendance were: City Manager Gayle Cook, City Secretary Rachel Lewis, and City Attorney David Olson. Pledges were conducted.

1. PRESENTATIONS

1.1 Presentation of the Lucky Trails Post-Event Report.

Jeremy Fermo of 3 Bros Running presented a report on the event, noting that this was the 22nd year it had been held in Seabrook. He showcased event awards, participant guides, and promotional items that included information about the City of Seabrook. Mr. Fermo reported that event marketing reached audiences in every state and 64 countries, generating approximately 1.9 million social media impressions and increased engagement. He also noted growth in the event ambassador program, which expanded the event's reach.

Mr. Fermo reported that participation increased to 1,440 runners and has grown each year since the event's inception. He provided demographic information on participants, noting that 87.7% traveled from outside Seabrook. He further reported that the event resulted in area hotels being sold out and generated an estimated economic impact of \$51,044.75.

1.2 Presentation of the Certificate of Court Clerk Level II to Elva Martinez recognizing her for achieving certification as a Court Clerk Level II by the State of Texas, and acknowledging her professional accomplishment.

Municipal Court Judge Dick Gregg presented the certificate to Elva Martinez recognizing her accomplishment at a Court Clerk Level II.

1.3 Presentation of the Annual Review by Carother's Coastal Gardens 501(c)(3) for the Carother's Community Garden project. Representative from Carother's Coastal Gardens

Jesse Jones of Carothers Coastal Gardens presented a report on the activities and accomplishments of the Carothers Community Garden. He provided historical background on the garden and discussed the construction of the greenhouse, which was funded through a grant from the Port of Houston. Mr. Jones also reported that the Texas Department of Transportation awarded a grant to the City that was partially attributed to the presence and impact of the community garden.

Mr. Jones highlighted new benches purchased by Coastal Gardens that will be donated to the City and reviewed educational and community programs offered at the garden for both youth and adults.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joe Machol Seabrook, Tx Pool bond bids, Fire Station work, Conflict of interest, Municipal fees, Meador Park signs, E. Meyer Construction, fishing on Todville

Mayor Sweeney replied with statements of facts including: There was no conflict of interest, fishing signs were in place, no money is kept in drawers, and there were not two sets of books.

2.1 Mayor, City Council and/or members of the City staff may make announcements about City/Community events. City Council

Councilmember Deemer announced the following events:

Water Wars on June 20, 2026

Movie Night at Meador Park on June 20, 2026

Chalk the Station on June 27, 2026

4th of July Parade on July 4, 2026

Councilmember Sanford updated on meetings she attended at BAYTRAN, Economic Alliance Port Region, and Harris County Mayor & Council.

Councilmember Sessum reported information from a recent state training he attended dedicated to small cities

He also reported a blood drive event at the Seabrook Volunteer Fire Department on June 29, 2026, and a kickball competition between the fire department and police department on July 24, 2026.

2.2 City Manager update and report to City Council on various items that require no action, including Seabrook Boards and Commissions, Transportation Projects, Capital Projects, and other city projects.

City Manager Gayle Cook updated Council on the following:

Parks & Trails Committee, Economic Development Corporation, and Planning & Zoning Commission meeting updates

SH146 at Red Bluff transportation project

Harris County Rail removal project

Pine Gully Pier contract

East Meyer Avenue project

Lyman Street project

Old Wastewater Treatment Plant/Bayside Park

Wildlife park trailhead improvements

Pelican Bay Pool

Carother's East Tract

Rural street preventative maintenance

North Meyer reconstruction

3. BID AWARDS

3.1 Consider and take all appropriate action regarding the award of Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 2026-09 for a Financial Audit of the 2021 Impact Fees to Baker Tilly US, LLC and authorize the City Manager to execute the associated contract.

City Manager Cook requested the item be pulled until more information was received for future presentation. Mayor Sweeney stated the item was pulled from consideration.

- 3.2 Consider and take all appropriate action on the approval of a Request for Proposals (RFP) #2026-07, Health & Welfare, for employee medical and prescription benefits with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas (BCBSTX), dental insurance with Aetna, and vision insurance with Superior Vision for plan year 2026-2027 and authorize the City Manager to execute the associated contract documents.**

Motion:	To Approve
Made By:	At-Large Position 2 Sessum
Seconded By:	At-Large Position 6 Sanford
Vote:	Passed unanimously by all present

- 3.3 Consider and take all appropriate action on approval of renewals in Request for Proposals (RFP) #2026-07, Health & Welfare Benefits, for Ancillary Plans to include Life & Disability with Symetra, FSA and COBRA with Surency, Health Saving Account (HSA) with HSA Bank, Legal Protection & ID Theft with LegalShield, Employee Assistance Program (EAP) with Aetna, Voluntary Benefits with Colonial Life, and Long Term Care with Unum for plan year 2026-2027 and authorize the City Manager to execute the associated contract documents.**

Motion:	To Approve
Made By:	At-Large Position 5 Deemer
Seconded By:	At-Large Position 1 Rodgers
Vote:	Passed unanimously by all present

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- 4.1 Approve the minutes of the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting.**

Motion:	To Approve the Consent Agenda
Made By:	At-Large Position 6 Sanford
Seconded By:	At-Large Position 2 Sessum
Vote:	Passed unanimously by all present

5. NEW BUSINESS

- 5.1 Consider and take all appropriate action on the purchase of a picnic shelter structure at Wildlife Park from May Recreation Equipment through the purchasing cooperative BuyBoard Contract #781-25 in the amount of \$28,979.00, to recognize and use the Helen Burton Donation fund. This item will require supplemental funding from Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Fund 28 and will require a CIP amendment.**

City Manager Cook explained \$10,000 was the donated amount for this purchase.

Motion:	To Approve
Made By:	At-Large Position 6 Sanford
Seconded By:	At-Large Position 5 Deemer

Vote: **Passed** unanimously by all present

5.2 Consider and take all appropriate action on Resolution 2026-07, Dedication of Land as Open Space and Parkland, 715 Main Street.

Motion: To Approve
Made By: At-Large Position 2 Sessum
Seconded By: At-Large Position 6 Sanford
Vote: **Passed** unanimously by all present

5.3 Consider and take all appropriate action on first and final reading of Ordinance 2026-09, Budget Amendment No. 3, Amending the Budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026 for General Fund, Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Fund, Public Educational and Governmental Fund (PEG), Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Fund, and General Fund Vehicle Equipment Replacement Fund.

Mayor Sweeney read the corrected amount of \$723,502.81 into the record. City Manager Cook explained the additional expenditures included in the amendment and outlined the reallocation of previously approved expenses.

Motion: To Approve with corrected amount
Made By: At-Large Position 6 Sanford
Seconded By: At-Large Position 5 Deemer
Vote: **Passed** with Councilmembers Rodgers, Sessum, Sweeney, Deemer, and Sanford voting in favor, and Councilmember Cervantes voting opposed.

5.4 Consider and take all appropriate action regarding Amendment No. 2 to the Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Improvement Program.

Motion: To Approve the original amount of \$28,000
Made By: At-Large Position 4 Cervantes
Seconded By: At-Large Position 6 Sanford
Vote: **Passed** unanimously by all present

6. OLD BUSINESS

6.1 Consider and take all appropriate action on selecting a Mayor Pro Tem for 2026-2027.

Mayor Sweeney stated this item would be pulled for consideration until newly elected new Councilmember was seated.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Sweeney announced no closed session was needed.

8. OPEN SESSION

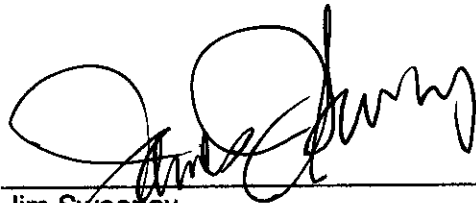
No return to open session was needed.

9. ROUTINE BUSINESS

9.1 Establish future meeting dates and agenda items.

City Secretary Lewis informed Council of the upcoming meeting schedule, including a special meeting to canvass the runoff election on June 24, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.; a special budget workshop on June 30, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.; the next regular City Council meeting on July 7, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.; and an additional special meeting on July 8, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVED:



Jim Sweeney
Mayor

DATE:

7/7/2026

ATTEST:



Rachel Lewis, TRMC
City Secretary