

CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS

RETREAT MEETING OF THE

CITY COUNCIL

May 15, 2024

1:00 p.m.

A retreat meeting of the Sulphur Springs City Council was held at the Sulphur Springs Clarion Pointe, 411 East Industrial Drive, Thursday, May 15, 2024.

Mayor John A. Sellers
Mayor Pro Tem Harold Nash Sr.
Councilman Jay W. Julian
Councilman Oscar Aguilar
Councilman Tommy Harrison
Councilman Gary Spraggins
Councilman Tyler Law

Staff:

Marc Maxwell, City Manager
Natalie Burling, City Secretary
Nate Smith, City Attorney
Lesa Smith, Asst City Manager/Finance Director
Tory Niewiadomski, Asst City Manager/Community Development Director
Gordon Frazier, Asst City Manager/HR Director
Joey Baker, Director of Aviation and Tourism
Bryan Craig, Capital Construction Director
Jason Ricketson, Chief of Police
David James, Fire Chief
James Jordan, Utilities Director
Jerry Maynard, Director of Parks and Recreation Director

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Sellers called the retreat meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. followed by The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the US and Texas. Mayor Pro Tem Nash preformed the invocation.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON CANVASS OF THE MAY 4TH CITY COUNCIL ELECTION

The tally sheet prepared by Hart InterCivic was presented to the Mayor and City Council by City Secretary Burling.

The results were as follows:

	Absentee Votes	Early Voting	Election day	Total
City Council Place 1				
Jay Julian	36	98	64	198
City Council Place 2				
Harold Nash, Sr.	37	95	66	198
City Council Place 6				
Seth McDaniel	18	44	24	86
Oscar Aguilar	24	87	55	166

Mayor Sellers welcomed winners Jay Julian, Harold Nash Sr., and Oscar Aguilar. Councilman Spraggins moved to approve the canvass of returns. Councilman Law seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING DEPARTMENTAL ISSUES

The City Council listened to presentations from each of the departments, taking several recesses during the lengthy presentation process.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 3:19 p.m., Councilman Law made a motion to enter into executive session in accordance with Texas Government Code, Title 5, Chapter 551, Section 551.074, Personnel Matters, specifically relating to discussions on Economic Development Corporation Board and the Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals; §551.087 Deliberations Regarding Economic Development, Thermo; and Consultation with Attorney, §551.072. Councilman Spraggins seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

OPEN SESSION

Mayor Sellers reconvened the meeting in open session at 4:59 p.m.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM, IF ANY

None.

DISCUSSION ONLY ON BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Discussions were held on the possible names for the following boards and commissions: Airport Advisory Board, Sulphur River Municipal Water District, Library Board, Board of Tourism and Promotion, Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals, Planning and Zoning Commission, Ark-Tex Council of Governments, Downtown Revitalization Board, and the Revolving Loan Fund Committee. No action was taken.

ADJOURN

With all business complete the meeting was adjourned at 5:31 p.m.