



# CITY OF SUGAR LAND

## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Sugar Land City Hall  
2700 Town Center Boulevard North  
Sugar Land, Texas 77479

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2023

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

5:30 PM

Cane Room 161

### ATTENTION

*Members of the City Council, Board and/or Commission may participate in deliberations of posted agenda items through videoconferencing means. A quorum of the City Council, Board and/or Commission will be physically present at the above-stated location, and said location is open to the public. Audio/Video of open deliberations will be available for the public to hear/view, and are recorded as per the Texas Open Meetings Act.*

*The meeting will live stream at <https://www.sugarlandtx.gov/1238/SLTV-16-Live-Video> or <https://www.youtube.com/user/SugarLandTXgov/live>. Sugar Land Comcast Cable Subscribers can also tune-in on Channel 16.*

### QUORUM PRESENT

All members of the City Council were present except for Councilman Kermally.

### I. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Option 1:** Members of the public desiring to submit written comments to be read during the Public Comment or Public Hearing portions of the meeting, will be allowed to submit their comments to the Office of the City Secretary ([citysec@sugarlandtx.gov](mailto:citysec@sugarlandtx.gov)). Written/e-mailed comments must be received by 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 24, 2023.

**Option 2:** Members of the public desiring to participate virtually during the set/posted time of the Public Comment or Public Hearing must e-mail ([citysec@sugarlandtx.gov](mailto:citysec@sugarlandtx.gov)) or call ((281) 275-2730) the Office of the City Secretary by 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 24, 2023. Once properly registered, the Office of the City Secretary will provide instructions for direct participation during the Public Hearing.

**Option 3:** Members of the public desiring to address the City Council, Board and/or Commission in person with regard to matters on the agenda must complete a "Request to Speak" form and give it to the City Secretary, or designee, prior to the beginning of the meeting.

Each option available, as described above, is limited to three (3) minutes, and in-person/virtual speakers requiring a translator will have six (6) minutes, regardless of the number of agenda items to be addressed. Comments or discussion by the City Council, Board, and/or Commission Members, will only be made at the time the subject is scheduled for consideration.

**Disclaimer:** *The City of Sugar Land reserves the right to remove any written/emailed comments deemed inappropriate or not adhering to the public comment rules outlined in this notice. The City reserves the right to not read any comments containing -*

- *Links to for-profit sites*
- *Advertising*
- *Promotion of illegal activities*
- *Sexual oriented/explicit comments and sites*
- *Information promoting discrimination/harassment*
- *Political/religious rhetoric, advocacy, or commentary*

***For questions or assistance, please contact the Office of the City Secretary (281) 275-2730.***

The following citizens provided comments regarding Item III-A:

Name	Address	Comment/Position
Robin Cole	6023 Handford Lane	Opposed
Charles J. Neilson	322 Oyster Creek Dr.	Opposed
Leon Anhaiser	164 N. Hall Dr.	Opposed
Mark Macdonell	11A Terry St	Opposed
Farha Ahmed	6 Ellicott Way	Opposed
Dakia Hewig	225 Matlage Way	Opposed
Jeff Dodson	506 Mill Place Ct.	Opposed
Kenyatta Davis	7500 Blankford Pl. Apt 2150	Opposed
James Patterson	Not Provided	Opposed
Doug Goff	Not Provided	In Favor

## **II. WORKSHOP**

- A. Review of and discussion on a proposed Development Agreement with SiFi Networks for a fiber optic network throughout the City.

***Chris Steubing, Director of Special Projects; Steve Budny, Director of Information Technology, Data, & Security; and Scott Bradshaw, President of Sifi Networks***

Mayor Zimmerman proceeded to Item 3-A in place of Item 2-A in regard to the public comments.

Chris Stuebing, Director of Special Projects, gave a presentation, comments, and answered questions from the Council.

Steve Budny, Director of Information Technology, Data, & Security, gave a presentation, comments, and answered questions from the Council.

Scott Bradshaw, President of Sifi Network, gave a presentation, comments and answered questions from the Council.

Council direction for staff to provide the following information regarding the Newtwork Agreement is the following at the time the item comes before the Council as a Public Hearing:

1. SiFi will install a city wide fiber optic infrastructure to be fully complete within 48 months (initial connectivity will become available within 18-24 months)
2. The City will assist in right of way access and other permitting needs
3. SiFi will assure one or more Internet Service Providers (ISP)s are available to provide high-speed internet service, SiFi or its designee will manage the physical infrastructure
4. The City will have the ability to use the fiber optic infrastructure for its own internal communications needs. Existing assets will be connected with the ability to add future connections as desired
5. The fees paid by SiFi and the cost of services to the City are expected to largely offset

## **III. JOINT WORKSHOP WITH QUORUM OF PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MEMBERS**

- A. Review of and discussion on the proposed Imperial Historic District General

Development Plan and Land Use Plan Amendment.

***Lauren Fehr, Assistant Director of Planning & Development Services; Ruth Lohmer, Assistant Director of Planning & Development Services; Devon Rodriguez, Deputy Director of Economic Development; and Mark Toon, Puma Development***

Devon Rodriguez, Deputy Director of Economic Development, gave a presentation, comments, and answered questions from the Council.

Mark Toon, Puma Development, gave a presentation, comments, and answered questions from the Council.

Ruth Lohmer, Assistant Director of Planning & Development Services, gave a presentation, comments and answered questions from the Council.

Lauren Fehr, Assistant Director of Planning & Development Services, gave a presentation, comments, and answered questions from the Council.

Chief Allen gave comments and answered questions from the Council.

RECESS: Mayor Zimmerman recessed the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

RECONVENE: Mayor Zimmerman reconvened the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Council direction for staff to provide the following upcoming next steps for the Land Use Amendment and PD Rezoning (General Development Plan) at the time the item comes before the Council as a Public Hearing:

1. February 14, 2023: Planning & Zoning Commission Public Hearing and Consideration & Action (Recommendation)
2. February 21, 2023: City Council Public Hearing and 1st Reading of Ordinance
3. March 7, 2023: City Council 2nd Reading of Ordinance

#### **IV. CITY COUNCIL CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

##### **A. City Council Member Reports**

- Community Events Attended or Scheduled

##### **B. City Manager Report**

- Community Events Attended or Scheduled
- Other Governmental Meetings Attended or Scheduled
- Council Meeting Schedule

Jennifer May, Deputy City Manager, gave comments and answered questions.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to **Approve** was made by Carol McCutcheon and seconded by Stewart Jacobson, the motion **Passed**.

Absent: Kermally

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**Thomas Harris III, City Secretary**

