

CITY COMMISSION MEETING
CITY HALL COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

THOSE PRESENT: Mayor Clifton Shaw
Commissioner Ward I Carla Rodriguez
Commissioner Ward II Jim Taliaferro
Commissioner Ward III Benny Lopez
Commissioner Ward IV Valarie Johnson

CITY STAFF: Wade Willson, City Administrator
Pamela King, City Secretary
Ross Hester, Police Chief
Waylan Field, Public Works
Colter Peck, Inspections
Rebecca Britton, Code Enforcement

OTHERS PRESENT: Chad Griffith, Doris Jones, Patsy Warshaw, Terry Reeves, Judy Thomas, Mark Meurer, James Forson, Lezlee Harlan, Paula Samuels, Cleve & Patsy Vessels, Betty Deveroe, Frank & Oniega Loera Melissa Mchgarhen.

1. Call to order:

With a quorum of the Commission members present the Regular Meeting of the Slaton City Commission was called to order by Mayor Clifton Shaw at 6:30 p.m. September 8, 2025, in the City Hall Commission Room, 130 S. 9th Street, Slaton, Texas.

2. Pledge of allegiance to the US flag and the Texas state flag:

3. Invocation:

The Invocation was given by Terry Reeves

4. Abstention and Conflict of Interest:

There was none.

5. Public Comment (limited to 5 minutes per person):

Slaton resident, Terry Melugin expressed his concerns on several property lots around town that have several code violations and asked for them to be looked at and cleaned up, and gave each commissioner a copy of the properties with violations. He then expressed his concerns on deed restrictions, replatting concerns, and concerns about the new construction going up Peoria Street.

6. Discuss and consider approval of minutes for the Commission Meeting of August 11, 2025 and the Special Meeting of August 28, 2025:

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson and a second by Commissioner Lopez to approve the minutes of the City Commission Meeting of August 11, 2025 and the Special Meeting of August 28, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Discuss and consider approval of the financial statement, monthly bills, and pooled cash reports:

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A motion was made by Commissioner Lopez and a second by Commissioner Taliaferro to approve the financial statements, pooled cash reports and pays the monthly bills. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Discuss and consider approval of the Public Investment Funds: Commissioner Lopez and a second was made by Commissioner Johnson to approve the Public Investment Funds. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lopez and a second was made by Commissioner Johnson to approve the Public Investment Funds. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Department Reports:

- a. CRMWA Report
- b. Street and Sanitation
- c. Water and Sewer
- d. Code Enforcement
- e. Police, Animal Control
- f. Administration and Finance

All Department reports were presented, except for the CRMWA Report.

10. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on Ordinance #838, adopting the FYE 2026 Proposed Operating Budget **(2nd Reading)**

This budget will have the following impact on the property tax bill of the median home:

	FYE 2025	FYE 2026
Median Household Value	\$100,627.00	\$99,925.00
Median Household Property Tax	\$533.49	\$685.14

A motion was made by Commissioner Lopez and a second was made by Commissioner Johnson to approve Ordinance #838. Motion carried unanimously.

Carla Rodriguez	Voted for	Jim Taliaferro	Voted for
Benny Lopez	Voted for	Valarie Johnson	Voted for
Mayor Shaw	Voted for		

11. Discuss and Take on Action on Ratifying the Property Tax Increase reflected in the FYE 2026 Operating Budget:

A motion was made by Commissioner Taliaferro and a second was made by Commissioner Lopez to ratify the Property Tax Increase reflected in the FYE 2026 Operating Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Carla Rodriguez	Voted for	Jim Taliaferro	Voted for
Benny Lopez	Voted for	Valarie Johnson	Voted for
Mayor Shaw	Voted for		

12. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on Ordinance #839, adopting the Proposed Tax Rate for FYE 2026: **(2nd Reading)**

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A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson to move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.685656 per \$100 valuation, which is effectively a 28.35% increase in the tax rate, and a second was made by Commissioner Taliaferro to approve Ordinance #839. Motion carried unanimously.

Carla Rodriguez	Voted for	Jim Taliaferro	Voted for
Benny Lopez	Voted for	Valarie Johnson	Voted for
Mayor Shaw	Voted for		

13. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on Ordinance #840, authorizing an increase to the employee retirement contribution rate; adopting annually accruing updated service credits and transfer updated service credits; and removing the statutory maximum contribution rate limit:

A motion was made by Commissioner Taliaferro and a second was made by Commissioner Lopez to approve Ordinance #840. Motion carried unanimously.

14. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on a service agreement with Thin Line Software for Municipal Court-Code Enforcement:

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson and a second was made by Commissioner Rodriguez to approve the service agreement with Thin Line for the Code Enforcement. Motion carried unanimously.

15. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on accepting the abatement of mesquite trees, valued at up to \$10,000, in lieu of the annual lease payment for the Wastewater Farm:

A motion was made by Commissioner Rodriguez and a second was made by Commissioner Lopez to approve the abatement of mesquite trees with a maximum amount of \$10,000 in lieu of payment for the year and any cost after the maximum amount shall be paid by Jerry Hopper himself, who is leasing the Wastewater Farm. Motion carried unanimously.

16. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on Resolution #090825, accepting the condition assessment of Water Storage Tanks provided by USG Water Solutions for the GASB 34 Modified Accounting Principle:

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson and a second was made by Commissioner Lopez to approve Resolution #090825. Motion carried unanimously.

17. Discuss and Take Necessary Action Interlocal Agreement with Region 10 Retirement Asset Management Services (RAMS) authorizing the establishment or takeover of one or more plans:

A motion was made by Commissioner Taliaferro and a second was made by Commissioner Rodriguez to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Region 10 Retirement Asset Management Services (RAMS). Motion carried unanimously.

18. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on allowing Slaton ISD consideration for firework display for the Slaton Homecoming Parade and Carnival of September 24, 2025:

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A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson and a second was made by Commissioner Taliaferro to approve the firework display for the Slaton Homecoming Parade and Carnival of September 24, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

19. Discuss and Take Necessary on funding for Hotel/Motel Tax Money:

A motion was made by Commissioner Taliaferro and a second was made by Commissioner Johnson to approve the funding of the Hotel/Motel Tax Money and to award \$893.46 to each association. Motion carried unanimously.

Chamber of Commerce	\$893.46
TX Air Museum	\$893.45
Spirit of Slaton	\$893.46
Harvey House	\$893.46

20. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on approving invoice no 3023145 from Intermountain Slurry Seal Inc. for \$964,661.90 for street micro surfacing as part of the 2023-2035 Capital Improvement Plan funded by the Series 2025B Certificate of Obligation Bond:

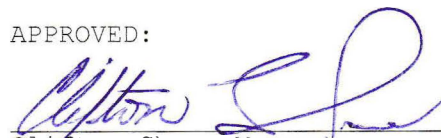
A motion was made by Commissioner Taliaferro and a second was made by Commissioner Johnson to approve invoice #3023145 from Intermountain Slurry Seal Inc. for \$964,661.90 for street micro surfacing as part of the 2023-2035 Capital Improvements Bonds. Motion carried unanimously.

21. Adjournment;

A motion was made by Commissioner Lopez and a second was made by Commissioner Taliaferro to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

APPROVED:


Clifton Shaw, Mayor

ATTEST:


Pamela King, TRMC City Secretary

