

CITY COMMISSION MEETING
CITY HALL COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
FEBRUARY 9, 2026

THOSE PRESENT: Mayor Clifton Shaw
Commissioner Ward I Carla Rodriguez (Absent)
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
Rebecca Britton, Code Enforcement

OTHERS PRESENT: Mark Meurer, Margaret Moore, Ted Williams, Lisa Nowlin, Barry Wicker, Patsy Warshaw, Stacey Butler, Terry Reeves, Mike Delano, Frank Leorea, Doris Whaley, Paula Samuels Bibbs, Lezlee Harlan, Cleve & Patsy Vessels, Melissa Mcgarhen, Becky Ford, Monique Ruiz, Floyd Tablado Ann Marie Wright, Lavance Samuels, Stacy Sahaair.

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. February 9, 2026, 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):

There was none.

6. Discuss and consider approval of minutes for the Commission Meeting of January 12, 2026:

A motion was made by Commissioner Taliaferro and a second by Commissioner Johnson to approve the minutes of the City Commission Meeting of January 12, 2026. 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 Johnson 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:

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson and a second by Commissioner Lopez 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.

10. Canvass of the City of Slaton Election on reduction of the TMRS employee contribution rate from 8% to 6%:

Mayor Shaw and City Commissioner went into Executive Session.

Mayor Shaw closed the Public Meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Mayor Shaw opened the Public Meeting at 7:29 p.m.

No Action was taken in Executive Session.

Mayor Shaw said he would now take a vote by each City Commissioner on how they would like to proceed regarding the TMRS Employee Contribution Rate of 8%.

Slaton City Commissioners voted as follows:

Jim Taliaferro -for

Benny Lopez - for

Valarie Johnson - for

11. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on Ordinance #842 an ordinance regarding the City of Slaton, Texas Municipal Retirement System benefits authorizing (1) a decrease to the employee contribution rate; and (2) annually accruing updated service credits and transfer updated service credits; and providing a repealer clause 1st Reading):

No Action was taken on this Agenda Item.

12. Public Hearing on to allow public comment regarding the completion of the CDBG Street Project CDV23-0036:

Mayor Shaw opened the Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Shaw closed the Public Hearing at 7:36 p.m.

Slaton resident, Stacy Sahaair had questions regarding potholes and the procedure for vehicle repairs resulting from the potholes.

Slaton resident Monique Ruiz said she was proud of the City of Slaton and the direction the city was going.

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13. Presentation on Racial Profiling Report by Chief of Police Ross Hester:

Chief of Police, Ross Hester presented the Racial Profiling report. He went over each specific category of the report and included all the data resulting from the following: Traffic Stops, Warnings, Incident of Arrest, Contraband Discovery, Reason for Search and Complaints of Racial Profiling.

14. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on Master Services Agreement with Clean Harbors for Emergency Response Services:

A motion was made by Commissioner Taliaferro and a second was made by Commissioner Johnson to approve the master service agreement with Clean Harbors for Emergency Response Services. Motion carried unanimously.

15. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on Resolution #020926A a resolution authorizing the appointment of Bilingual Election Clerks, appointment of Early Voting Ballot Board, appointment of Judge and Alternate Judge, appointment of Supervisor and Rover for each vote center, approve Exhibit A dates, times and locations for Early Voting and Exhibit B dates, times, and locations for the May 2, 2026 Election:

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson and a second was made by Commissioner Lopez to approve Resolution #020926A. Motion carried unanimously.

16. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on Resolution #020926B a resolution authorizing the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the 2026 TxCDBG Downtown Revitalization Program:

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson and a second was made by Commissioner Taliaferro to approve Resolution #020926B. Motion carried unanimously.

17. Discuss and Take Necessary Action recommendation approval of SEDCO Board Seats for Carlos Garcia, Paula Bibbs-Samuels, Shannon Taliaferro, and Danielle Talkmitt for the 2026-2027 term. This was approved by the SEDCO Board on January 15, 2026:

A motion was made by Commissioner Lopez and a second was made by Commissioner Johnson to approve the SEDCO Board Seats for Carlos Garcia, Paula Bibbs-Samuels, Shannon Taliaferro, and Danielle Talkmitt for the 2026-2027 term. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Jim Taliaferro abstains.

18. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on the annual lease for the Wastewater Farm to deduct cost of Prairie Dog and Mesquite Tree eradication from lease payment:

A motion was made by Commissioner Taliaferro and a second was made by Commissioner Lopez to approve the annual lease of the Wastewater Farm and

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to deduct cost for the Prairie Dog and Mesquite Tree eradication from the lease payment.

19. Adjournment:

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

APPROVED:


Clifton Shaw, Mayor

ATTEST:


Pamela King, TRMC City Secretary

