



CITY OF WINTERS, TEXAS
310 S. MAIN ST. WINTERS, TX
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES
March 23, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

Call meeting to order. Mayor Chris Bahlman called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and a quorum was established. In attendance at the start of the meeting were Aldermen Jimmy Butler, Mike Neal, Josh Lujano and Randy Loudermilk. Alderwoman Zan Jamieson came in at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance - US and Texas Flag. The pledge and prayer were led by Mayor Bahlman.

Agenda Item 1. Community Input. Carl Squyres addressed the council stating he did not know what was going on with Chief Geyer, but he has been hearing rumors. He stated that he has been in Winters for 25 years and has worked with several chiefs in the WPD and that Chief Geyer has been here longer than any of them and she works well with his department as well as the community. Mr. Squyres stated that it was his hope that the council would work out whatever is going on and retain Chief Geyer in her position, stating that if it is criminal, he understands that and knows they have to do what they have to do.

Sgt. Eric Samaniego addressed the council stating that Chief Geyer is the right person for the job; he stated that he mirrors the way he works after her and he does not feel that this is the time for a change in command that it would be detrimental to the department.

Bryan Phillips, formerly an officer with WPD, stated that Chief Geyer had been nothing but the best to him and had helped him grow as an officer. He stated that Chief Geyer has kept the PD "top-notch" in getting grants and equipment and such for the department and she supports her officers and the citizens of Winters and believes if she leaves it would be detrimental to the department.

Cpl. Clay Bradshaw stated that, as knowing what he knows about the situation, he does not feel she should lose her job for helping one of her officers.

Agenda Item 2. New Business:

- A. EXECUTIVE SESSION – In accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 551.001, et seq., the City Council will recess into Executive Session (closed meeting) to discuss the following:**

The Council went into Executive Session at 6:08 p.m.

- a. §551.087: Economic Development negotiation for Northridge Development.**

- b. §551.074: to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee: City Administrator.
- c. § 551.071(2): Consultation with the City Attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act regarding: Police Chief Paula Geyer.
- d. §551.074: to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee: Police Chief Paula Geyer.

B. Reconvene in Open Session. The Council reconvened in open session at 8:59 p.m.

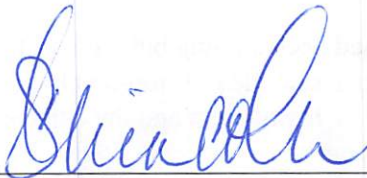
C. Discussion and possible action regarding item(s) discussed in Executive Session.

Alderman Mike Neal made a motion to approve the Chapter 380 Agreement for the Northridge Development (item a.), seconded by Alderman Josh Lujano. All in favor, motion carried. Ayes 5. Noes 0.

There was no further discussion on items b. – d.

Agenda Item 3. Adjourn. Alderman Randy Loudermilk made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderwoman Zan Jamieson. All in favor, motion carried. Ayes 5. Noes 0. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

ATTEST:



Sheila Lincoln-Martinez, City Secretary



Chris Bahlman, Mayor

