

**MINUTES**  
City of Dickinson  
**CITY COUNCIL**  
**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

**February 10, 2026**

The Dickinson City Council met in a duly called and announced on **Tuesday, February 10, 2026** , at **7:00 PM**. Council Chambers 4403 State Highway 3 Dickinson, TX 77539 The meeting was held for the purpose of considering the following items:

**ITEM 1.) CALL TO ORDER AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM**

Councilmembers present were as follows: Travis Magliolo, Johnnie Simpson, Mark Townsend, Bill Schick, Marston S Holt, Scott E Shrader, Kevin D Edmonds.

**ITEM 2.) INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The invocation was led by Councilmember Simpson, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Magliolo.

**ITEM 3.) ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS** Announcements concerning items of community interest. No action will be taken or discussed. Councilmember comments regarding items of community interest in accordance with Texas Government Code section 551.0415.

3.A Council Comments

Councilmember Edmonds thanked those in attendance.

Councilmember Schick – Welcomed attendees; reported participation in DMD meeting, Dickinson Bayou Watershed meeting, DEDC meeting, BayTran meeting; met with Ivan Langford and Matt Maggiolino regarding Railroad Depot status.

Councilmember Schrader – Welcomed attendees

Councilmember Mark – Welcomed attendees; Mardi Gras safety reminder; announced regional leadership changes (HGAC representative Chuck Whipple retirement).

Councilmember Holt – Welcomed attendees.

Councilmember Simpson – Thanked the audience; offered condolences to the family of Archie Williams Sr.

Mayor Magliolo – Provided update on mayor’s quarterly TxDOT meeting (review of long-range projects and Dickinson-specific concerns).

Promotion of upcoming local events:

- Mayor’s Town Hall: Feb 12, 7–10 PM, DHS Auditorium
- Harlem Wizards fundraiser: Feb 20, 7 PM, Kranz Junior High

### 3.B City Manager Update

City Manager Chaise Cary provided:

- Hughes Road Drainage Project: 70% complete; on schedule for October; safety concerns acknowledged; evaluating possible temporary one-way routing.
- Emphasized post-Harvey resiliency.
- Police Department Citizens Academy begins Feb. 19.
- Provided remarks on unity, leadership, declining sales tax revenue (down 16%), economic development stability, and urgency of leveraging current momentum.

### 3.C Department Head Status Report

No Department status, Marketing Firm Presentation (CEM Solutions – Calae Miller)

- CEM explained its services: video-based communications, digital marketing, SEO, AEO (Answer Engine Optimization), community storytelling, event support.
- Emphasized the importance of short-form video and human-centered storytelling to help Dickinson communicate better and strengthen identity.
- Proposed monthly retainer package and workflow with city staff.

**ITEM 4.) PUBLIC COMMENTS** Members of the public are invited to give comments at this time, lasting not longer than 3 minutes. Comments may be general in nature or may address a specific agenda item, and should be directed at the entire Council, not individual members of Council or staff. Any speaker making personal attacks or using vulgar or profane language shall forfeit his/her remaining time and shall be seated. In compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, The City Council may not deliberate.

Joe Wilburn addressed:

- Demographics and development impacts on future grocery stores.
- Concerns about EDC performance and return on investment.
- Suggestions to reduce the EDC's revenue allocation or abolish it.
- Appeals for strategic investment to avoid long-term structural decline.

**ITEM 5.) CONSENT AGENDA** The following items are considered routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be a separate discussion on these items unless a Council member requests, in which event the item will be removed from the consent agenda and discussed after the consent agenda.

5.A Consideration and possible action to approve the Minutes from City Council's Regular Meeting held on January 27th, 2026.

Councilmember Simpson motioned to Approve with amendment (missing affirmative vote notation in Item 7D), and Councilmember Holt seconded the motion.

**VOTE:**

7 AYES (Travis Magliolo, Johnnie Simpson, Mark Townsend, Bill Schick, Marston S Holt, Scott E Shrader, Kevin D Edmonds)

0 NAYS

**MOTION PASSED**

**ITEM 6.) OLD BUSINESS**

6.A **ORDINANCE NO. XXXX-2026** - Consideration and possible action to approve an ordinance calling a special election for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City a ballot proposition to abolish the sales and use tax for the benefit of the Dickinson Economic Development Corporation and increase the City's sales and use tax for general revenue. (Shrader)

No Motion, and No second.

**MOTION FAILS**

**ITEM 7.) NEW BUSINESS**

7.A **ORDINANCE NO. XXXX-2026** - Consideration and possible action to approve an ordinance calling a special election for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City a ballot proposition to reduce the sales and use tax for the benefit of the Dickinson Economic Development Corporation and increase the City's sales and use tax for general revenue. (Shrader)

Councilmember Edmonds motioned to suspend the rules, Councilmember Holt seconded the motion.

**VOTE:**

7 AYES (Travis Magliolo, Johnnie Simpson, Mark Townsend, Bill Schick, Marston S Holt, Scott E Shrader, Kevin D Edmonds)

0 NAYS

**MOTION PASSED**

Council enters executive session at 7:35 PM

Council adjourns executive session at 8:09 PM

Public Comments:

EDC board members( Chris Tucker, Derek Corrick, Callen Hajda) and residents urged council NOT to reduce the EDC's funding.

Key points included:

- The EDC is essential for long-term economic growth.
- Momentum exists with major anchor projects (ELS headquarters nearing completion; Parkview project close to groundbreaking).
- Reducing or dismantling the EDC would signal instability to investors.

- A major developer (approx. \$450M project) is watching council's actions before committing.
- Calls for improved metrics, transparency, and coordination rather than cuts.

Councilmember Shrader motioned to Approve , and there was no second to the motion.

**VOTE:**

AYES

0 NAYS

**MOTION FAILED DUE TO LACK OF SECOND**

- 7.B **RESOLUTION NO. XXXX -2026** - Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution ordering a Special Election to be held on Saturday, May 2, 2026, for the purpose of submitting to the voters proposed charter amendments for their approval.

Public Comments:

Dawn King: thanked council for chance to be on the Charter Review Commission and thanked Kim Waller and City Attorney Nghiem Doan for their help.

Councilmember Edmonds motioned to divide the question, and Councilmember Shrader seconded the motion.

**VOTE:**

7 AYES (Travis Magliolo, Johnnie Simpson, Mark Townsend, Bill Schick, Marston S Holt, Scott E Shrader, Kevin D Edmonds)

0 NAYS

**MOTION PASSED**

Councilmember Simpson motioned to approve Propositions **B, D, E, G, H, I,** and **K,** Councilmember Edmonds seconded the motion.

Discussion: Shrader on D, if previous wording, don't want to violate charter but don't want the money.

**VOTE:**

7 AYES (Travis Magliolo, Johnnie Simpson, Mark Townsend, Bill Schick, Marston S Holt, Scott E Shrader, Kevin D Edmonds)

0 NAYS

**MOTION PASSED**

**Prop A (Disannexation vote count)** - Councilmember Shrader motioned to approve, Councilmember Edmonds seconded the motion.

**VOTE**

5 AYES (Travis Magliolo, Mark Townsend, Marston S Holt, Scott E Shrader, Kevin D Edmonds)

2 NAYS (Johnnie Simpson, Schick)

**MOTION PASS**

**Prop C (Service term limit)** - Councilmember Simpson motion , Councilmember Edmonds seconded the motion

**VOTE:**

7 AYES (Travis Magliolo, Johnnie Simpson, Mark Townsend, Bill Schick, Marston S Holt, Scott E Shrader, Kevin D Edmonds)

0 NAYS

**MOTION PASSED**

**Prop F (Appointments language cleanup)** - Councilmember Edmonds motioned to approve, Councilmember Shrader seconded the motion.

**VOTE**

6 AYES (Travis Magliolo, Mark Townsend, Marston S Holt, Scott E Shrader, Kevin D Edmonds)

1 NAYS (Schick)

**MOTION PASS**

**Prop J (City Secretary direct report to Council)** - Councilmember Townsend motioned to approve, Councilmember Shrader seconded the motion.

**VOTE:**

4 AYES (Mark Townsend, Bill Schick, Scott E Shrader, Kevin D Edmonds)

3 NAYS (Johnnie Simpson, Travis Magliolo, Marston S Holt,)

**MOTION PASSED**

**Prop L (City Attorney appointment)** - Councilmember Townsend motioned to approve, Councilmember Shrader seconded the motion.

**VOTE:**

7 AYES (Travis Magliolo, Johnnie Simpson, Mark Townsend, Bill Schick, Marston S Holt, Scott E Shrader, Kevin D Edmonds)

0 NAYS

**MOTION PASSED**

**Prop M (Police Chief appointment)** - Councilmember Townsend motioned to approve, Councilmember Shrader seconded the motion.

**VOTE:**

1 AYES (Mark Townsend,)

6 NAYS (Travis Magliolo, Johnnie Simpson, Bill Schick, Marston S Holt, Scott E Shrader, Kevin D Edmonds)

**MOTION FAILED**

**Prop N (Recall petition specificity)** - Councilmember Edmonds motioned to approve, Councilmember Schick seconded the motion.

**VOTE:**

7 AYES (Travis Magliolo, Johnnie Simpson, Mark Townsend, Bill Schick, Marston S Holt, Scott E Shrader, Kevin D Edmonds)

0 NAYS

**MOTION PASSED**

**Prop O (Council prohibited from serving on city boards)** - Councilmember Townsend motioned to approve, and Councilmember Shrader seconded the motion.

**VOTE:**

7 AYES (Travis Magliolo, Johnnie Simpson, Mark Townsend, Bill Schick, Marston S Holt, Scott E Shrader, Kevin D Edmonds)

0 NAYS

**MOTION PASSED**

Councilmember Edmonds proposed an additional **Proposition- Service process to City Manager and not the Mayor.**

Councilmember Edmonds Councilmember Edmonds motioned to approve, and Councilmember Schick seconded the motion.

**VOTE:**

7 AYES (Travis Magliolo, Johnnie Simpson, Mark Townsend, Bill Schick, Marston S Holt, Scott E Shrader, Kevin D Edmonds)

0 NAYS

**MOTION PASSED**

- 7.C **RESOLUTION NO. XXXX -2026** - Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution ordering a General Election to be held on Saturday, May 2, 2026, for the purpose of electing a Mayor, City Council Position 1, Position 3, and Position 5; designating the places and manner of holding the election; providing for the posting and publication of notice for the election; providing a savings clause; providing an open meetings clause; and providing an effective date. (Administration)

Councilmember Simpson motioned to Approve , and Councilmember Schick seconded the motion.

**VOTE:**

6 AYES (Travis Magliolo, Johnnie Simpson, Mark Townsend, Bill Schick, Scott E Shrader, Kevin D Edmonds)

0 NAYS

1 ABSENT (Holt)

**MOTION PASSED**

- 7.D **RESOLUTION NO. XXXX-2026** – Consideration and possible action to approve a Resolution of the City Council of the City Of Dickinson, Texas, approving submission of a grant application for the Crime Victim Assistance Program to the Office of the Governor of the State of Texas; Agreeing to provide matching funds for the project; authorizing the Mayor to act as the City's authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the City's participation in the program; providing for incorporation of preamble; and providing for an effective date. (Police Department)

Cpt. Jaekel advised Councilmember Townsend that the match is 20%.

Councilmember Simpson motioned to Approve , and Councilmember Edmonds seconded the motion.

**VOTE:**

7 AYES (Travis Magliolo, Johnnie Simpson, Mark Townsend, Bill Schick, Marston S Holt, Scott E Shrader, Kevin D Edmonds)

0 NAYS

**MOTION PASSED**

- 7.E Discussion and possible action regarding future infrastructure, facility planning, and development of a Capital Improvement Plan. (Magliolo)

Asst. City Manager Matt Maggiolino presents and answers council questions

- 7.F Discussion and possible action on a plan to adjust or remove medians on F.M. 517 W between I-45 and F.M. 646. (Magliolo)

Mayor initiated discussion on:

- Business access issues created by TxDOT median design.
- TxDOT designed medians in 2016 and did not update them after new development.
- TxDOT stated the city may redesign and fund median modifications if built to state specs.

Direction: Staff to explore RFPs, costs, and feasibility for adjustments/removals.

- 7.G Consideration and possible action to appoint a representative(s) to the Southeast Texas Housing Finance Corporation ("SETH") for a specified term. (Administration)

Councilmember Holt was unable to attend and resigned.

Councilmember Edmonds motioned to Approve appoint Chaise Cary to fill unexpired term, and Councilmember Shrader seconded the motion.

**VOTE:**

7 AYES (Travis Magliolo, Johnnie Simpson, Mark Townsend, Bill Schick, Marston S Holt, Scott E Shrader, Kevin D Edmonds)

0 NAYS

**MOTION PASSED**

**ITEM 8.) EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION(S)**

Council enters executive session at 9:36 PM  
Council adjourns executive session at 9:46 PM

**8.A Texas Government Code Section 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney**

Consultation with 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 Open Meetings Act.

**8.B Texas Government Code Section 551.087 - Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations.**

- (1) Deliberations regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations;  
or  
(2) to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect described by Subdivision (1).

**ITEM 9.) ACTION ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION(S)**

**9.A Texas Government Code Section 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney**

Consideration and possible action regarding 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 Open Meetings Act.

Councilmember Simpson motioned *to authorize staff to provide Binnacle Development a written determination that the City of Dickinson declines to act on Binnacle's request that the City analyze the propriety of TNMP's demand for repayment of a Contribution in Aid of Construction*, and Councilmember Edmonds seconded the motion.

**VOTE:**

7 AYES (Travis Magliolo, Johnnie Simpson, Mark Townsend, Bill Schick, Marston S Holt, Scott E Shrader, Kevin D Edmonds)

0 NAYS

**MOTION PASSED**

**9.B Texas Government Code Section 551.087 - Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations.**

- (I) Consideration and possible action regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations;  
or

(2) Consideration and possible action regarding the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect described by Subdivision (I).

**ITEM 10.) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Councilmember Schick requested: Discussion/action on collection of hotel occupancy tax (HOT tax) from short-term rentals.

**ITEM 11.) ADJOURNMENT**

**PASSED APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026.

*Travis Magliolo*

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Travis Magliolo, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

*Claude Allen Oliver*

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Claude Oliver, City Secretary