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Residents pack the room during the San Angelo City Council meeting on Jan 13. ROSANNA FRAIRE/SAN ANGELO STANDARD-TIMES

City approves rezoning for proposed data center

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The San Angelo City Council has approved the rezoning of a district, making way for a possible data center.

In Tuesday's council meeting, nearly all seats were filled as the topic of a data center was on the agenda.

This was the second reading and public hearing for a request to rezone from the ranch and estate zoning district to the light manufacturing zoning district.

Although the item was on the consent agenda, it was pulled by multiple

council members for further discussion.

The second part of the consent item was a request to amend the comprehensive plan to industrial from 345.27 acres south of the intersection of U.S. Highway 67 North and Harriett Road, which is where the data center is expected to be.

The presentation was made by the city's Planning and Development Services Director Aaron Vannoy.

"The Light Manufacturing District allows many uses, from industrial services, warehousing and freight movement, to other less intense land uses," the presentation from Vannoy stated. "The comprehensive plan and rezoning

allow the property to be used today and in the future for multiple uses."

Vannoy said his team didn't think the area called for a zone of heavy manufacturing, which is designated inherently noxious and dangerous due to chemicals or processes involved.

"The day-to-day operations of the facility match closely with our Manufacturing and Production use category," according to presentation documents. "Based on this, Light Manufacturing is the appropriate land use for data centers."

Vannoy's presentation said the light

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ANALYSIS

Detention centers expanding in U.S.

Data: Record number of migrants being detained

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President Donald Trump's second term has brought sweeping changes to immigration enforcement. One of the top takeaways: Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention has expanded dramatically, both in the number of people being held and the sites holding them.

Here are a few things to know about immigration detention today:

Record number of detainees

Trump kick-started his promised "mass deportation" campaign in 2025 with a series of executive orders that paved the way for a stricter application of immigration law and for new policies to expand enforcement.

A year in, immigrant arrests have climbed dramatically. The pace of deportation flights - while rising - hasn't quite kept up. The result is that more people are being held in detention for longer.

There were nearly 69,000 people held in ICE detention on Jan. 7, 2026, according to snapshot data provided by ICE. That figure eclipses the number of people being detained a year earlier, which reached fewer than 38,000 people in early January 2025, before Trump took office.

Trump's orders for ICE to "maximize" detention and end discretionary releases of immigrants have driven the

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What police say about SWAT standoff

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Editor's note: This story references an alleged suicide. If you or anyone you know could be struggling with suicidal thoughts, call or text 988 to connect with trained counselors within the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline network. Live chat services are also available at 988lifeline.org. Veterans can press "1" after dialing 988 to connect directly to the Veterans Crisis Lifeline. Veterans can also text the Veterans Crisis Lifeline short code: 838255.

Here's what the San Angelo Police Department had to say about a family violence situation on Monday that left a man dead.

On Monday, the SAPD became aware of an incident in the 3500 block of Shady Hill Drive involving a domestic-related threat, according to a news release.

"The suspect had allegedly threatened to murder his spouse and then take his own life," the release stated. "The spouse was able to safely leave the residence without injury."

Due to the suspect's history of escalating behavior and information obtained from related investigations, officers secured the area while an arrest warrant was obtained, according to the release.

An arrest warrant was issued, and the department's negotiations team began attempting to communicate with the suspect, police said in the media re-

lease.

"During negotiations, gunshots were heard inside the residence," the release stated. "The SWAT Team then made entry into the home, where the suspect was located suffering from self-inflicted injuries caused by a firearm."

The suspect was transported to Shannon Medical Center where he was later pronounced deceased, the release stated.

This incident remains under investigation, police said.

The staging area for this incident was near Lamar Elementary School, police said. San Angelo ISD school was notified and kept informed.

"There was no danger to the school or students at any point in time," police said in the media release.

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