



City of Hutto

Minutes

Special Called City Council Meeting

Saturday, March 7, 2026 at 9:00 AM

City Council Chambers – 500 W. Live Oak Street

1. CALL SESSION TO ORDER – 9:07 AM

2. ROLL CALL

Members of Council present: Mayor Snyder, Mayor Pro Tem Thornton, Councilmember Warner, Councilmember Morris, Councilmember Gordon, Councilmember Porterfield and Councilmember King

Staff members present: James Earp, City Manager; Matt Wojnowski, Assistant City Manager; David Amsler, Executive Director of Strategic Operations; Alberta Barrett, Finance Director; Sara Cervantes, Executive Director of Community Services; Cheney Gamboa, Director of Economic Development; Laura Hallmark, City Secretary; Dwain Jones, Assistant Police Chief; Kate Moriarty, Executive Director of Administrative Services

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no speakers.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

4.1. City Council Strategic Planning Session led by facilitator Dr. Galia Cohen.

David Amsler, Executive Director of Strategic Operations, reviewed the agenda for the day and presented the results of the City Services and Culture Survey.

Break at 9:45 AM. Reconvened at 9:55 AM.

Dr. Cohen reviewed a strategic planning framework – vision, mission, values and strategy. Further discussion regarding mission – why we exist? Who we serve? What is our core responsibility?

Staff and Council were divided into groups for a mission focused exercise. The groups reported their findings.

Break at 11:10 AM. Reconvene at 11:25 AM.

Dr. Cohen discussed the vision – where are we going? What we want to the City to look and feel like? What will success mean for residents? What will be different if we get this right?

Staff and Council were divided into groups for a vision focused exercise. The groups reported their findings.

Break at 12:41 PM. Reconvene at 12:50 PM.

*A preliminary vision statement after group discussion was created:
To build a financially strong, business-friendly city that delivers efficient services, promotes responsible growth, and enhances the quality of life for our community.*

Dr. Cohen discussed strategic priorities and should reflect the vision statement and what the City wants to achieve.

Staff and Council were divided into groups for a strategic priority exercise. The groups reported their findings.

Preliminary priorities included: growth and infrastructure alignment; responsible financial management; high performing City services; and community trust.

Further discussion regarding metrics and whether they are internal or impactful and show initiative versus are an indicator.

To end the session, Dr. Cohen asked for everyone to provide a takeaway from the day.

Mr. Amsler stated a draft document will be provided to Council at a future meeting for review and formal adoption.

4.2. Consideration and possible action related to item listed above.

There was no action taken.

5. **ADJOURNMENT – 3:02 PM**



Mike Snyder, Mayor

ATTEST:



Laura Hallmark, City Secretary

