



City of Hutto

Minutes

City Council Meeting

Thursday, March 5, 2026 at 7:00 PM

City Council Chambers – 500 W. Live Oak Street

1. CALL SESSION TO ORDER – 7:01 PM

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:

Staff members present: James Earp, City Manager; Matt Wojnowski, Assistant City Manager; Marianne Banks, Legal Counsel; David Amsler, Executive Director of Strategic Operations; Alberta Barrett, Finance Director; Sara Cervantes, Executive Director of Community Services; Rick Coronado, Public Works Director; Patricia Davis, Interim City Engineer; Abby Fenton, Communications Manager; Laura Hallmark, City Secretary; Dwain Jones, Assistant Police Chief; Howard Koontz, Director of Development Services; Kate Moriarty, Executive Director of Administrative Services; Simon Thai, Permit Technician; Jeff White, Parks and Recreation Director;

3. INVOCATION

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5. PROCLAMATIONS

5.1 Women's History Month (DEIB) – presented to members of DEIB in attendance.

6. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

James Earp, City Manager, made the following announcements:

New Hires

Kristopher Haverland – Welcome Kristopher Haverland to his new role as Utility Technician. Previously, Kris worked in Wastewater Treatment at a food production plant. An interesting fact about Kristopher is that he is a member of Team Dreamspeed Car Club and has won small car show awards for one of his vehicles.

Simon Thai – Welcome Simon Thai to his new role as Permit Technician. Previously, Simon worked in hardware production and has a background in Biomedical Sciences. Currently residing in Hutto, Simon enjoys working on his truck and playing basketball in his free time.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no speakers.

8. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

- 8.1. Consideration and possible action regarding possible appointments, re-appointments and/or removals to City Boards, Commissions, Task Forces, Economic Development Corporations, Local Government Corporations and Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Boards, and Area Government appointments.

There was no action for this item.

- 8.2. Consideration and possible action regarding recommendations or updates from City Council sub-committees (i.e. HISD).

There was nothing to report for this item.

9. PRESENTATIONS

- 9.1. Capital Improvement Parks, Water/Wastewater and Facilities Projects (CIP) Update and Presentation. (Patricia Davis)

Patricia Davis, Interim City Engineer, presented the information for this item.

10. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- 10.1 Consideration and possible action for inclusion of the Certified Autism Center design elements and Resolution No. R-2026-060 authorizing the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 1, for design professional services with MWMDesignGroup, Inc. to increase the original timeline by adding 113 business days on the Hutto Lake Park Playground Project at no cost (CIP P34-2025). (Patricia Davis)
- 10.6 Consideration and possible action on Ordinance No. O-2026-009 amending the budget for FY 2026 for expenditures of the Community Benefit Fee Fund. (Alberta Barrett)

10.8 Consideration and possible action on approving the following City Council meeting minutes: February 19, 2026 Work Session and February 19, 2026 Regular Meeting. (Laura Hallmark)

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Thornton, second by Councilmember King, to approve the items submitted on the Consent Agenda as noted above. Motion passed 7:0.

The following items were pulled for individual consideration:

10.2 Consideration and possible action on Resolution No. R-2026-061 authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Fun Abounds, Inc for the purchase of playground equipment using Buyboard Contract #781-25 for Hutto Lake Park Playground (CIP P34-2025) for an amount not to exceed \$222,792. (Patricia Davis)

Ms. Davis presented the information for this item.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Thornton, second by Councilmember Porterfield, to approve the item as presented. Motion passed 5:2 (Snyder, King).

10.3 Consideration and possible action on Resolution No. R-2025-062 related to approval of a change order to STR Constructors and authorizing the City Manager to execute the same for the Fritz Park Improvements project in the amount of \$13,000. (CIP P02-2023). (Patricia Davis)

Ms. Davis presented the information for this item.

Motion by Councilmember Morris, second by Mayor Pro Tem Thornton, to approve the item as presented. Motion passed 7:0.

10.4 Consideration and possible action on Resolution No. R-2026-063 accepting the infrastructure improvements for private development known as Cottonwood Phase 7. (Patricia Davis)

Motion by Mayor Snyder, second by Councilmember Morris, to table the item to March 12, 2026. Motion passed 7:0.

10.5 Consideration and possible action on Resolution No. R-2026-064 for a fiscal year 2026 cleaning contract with Service First Janitorial in the amount of \$91,800 for the custodial services for city buildings through The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) Contract #25010400. (Rick Coronado)

Rick Coronado, Public Works Director, presented the information for this item.

Motion by Councilmember Morris, second by Councilmember King, to approve the item as presented with the correction to Section 2 as presented. Motion passed 7:0.

- 10.7 Consideration and possible action on Resolution No. R-2026-065 approving a Professional Services Agreement with Cobb, Fendley & Associates, Inc. for Preparation of a Record Plat for the Spine Road Project. (Patricia Davis, James Earp)

Motion by Councilmember Morris, second by Councilmember King, to approve the item as presented. Motion passed 7:0.

11. RESOLUTIONS

- 11.1 Consideration and possible action on Resolution No. R-2026-066 of the City Council of the City of Hutto, Texas, approving the form and authorizing the distribution of a Preliminary Limited Offering Memorandum for "City of Hutto, Texas Special Assessment Revenue Bonds, Series 2026 (Prairie Winds Public Improvement District Area #2). (Alberta Barrett)

Ms. Barrett and Bart Fowler with McCall Parkhurst & Horton – bond counsel, provided information for this item.

Motion by Councilmember Morris, second by Councilmember Gordon, to approve the item as corrected noting Place 1 and Mayor Pro Tem. Motion passed 7:0.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 12.1. Receive legal advice pursuant to Texas Government Code Sec. 551.071, (Consultation with Attorney), to deliberate and seek legal advice regarding: a) Interlocal Agreements for the allocation of sales tax revenue between the Williamson County Emergency Services District #3 and the City of Hutto, Texas; b) *Odis Jones v. City of Hutto, Texas*, Case No. 1:20-cv-01210-ML, pending in the U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas, Austin Division; c) *Midway Development Group, LLC v. Hutto Economic Development Corporation, et. al*, cause no. 2026-11003, pending in the 334th District Court, Harris County, Texas; d) Procuring successor contractor to Elecnor Belco Electric, Inc. as Limmer Loop and Innovation Boulevard signal contractor after February 11, 2026, termination for cause of original contract, authorized by Resolution R-2025-68, dated March 27, 2025.

- 12.2 Pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.071 (Attorney Consultation) and section 551.072 (Real Estate), Deliberation and consideration of possible action on a Resolution authorizing the acquisition of real property interests as part of the CR 132 Realignment project (CIP T41-2025): Parcel 2.

In Executive Session at 8:28 PM. Out at 9:56 PM.

13. ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 13.1 Consideration and possible action related to Executive Session agenda items, listed above.

There was no action for this item.

- 13.2 Consideration and possible action approving the engagement of Hyde Kelley LLP to represent the City of Hutto, Texas, in *Odis Jones v. City of Hutto, Texas*, Case No. 1:20-cv-01210-ML, pending in the U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas, Austin Division, and authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreement.

Motion by Councilmember Gordon, second by Councilmember Morris, to approve Resolution No. R-2026-068 as presented. Motion passed 7:0.

- 13.3 Consideration and possible action approving the engagement of Hyde Kelley LLP to represent the City of Hutto, Texas, in a joint engagement agreement with the Hutto economic development corporations, in *Midway Development Group, LLC v. Hutto Economic Development Corporation, et. al*, cause no. 2026-11003, pending in the 334th District Court, Harris County, Texas, and authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreement.

There was no action for this item.

- 13.4 Consideration and possible action on Resolution No. R-2026-XXX authorizing the acquisition of real property interests as part of the CR 132 Realignment project (CIP T41-2025): Parcel 2.

Motion by Mayor Snyder, second by Councilmember Morris, to table this item to March 12, 2026. Motion by 7:0.

14. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

- 14.1 General Comments from City Council

Mayor Snyder thanked staff for their work on the State of the City presentation and event.

14.2 Future Agenda Items

Gordon: March 12, 2026 – appoint a Charter Review Commission

Snyder: April 2, 2026 – stop work order for HISD if not permitted

15. **ADJOURNMENT – 10:03 PM**



Mike Snyder, Mayor

ATTEST:



Laura Hallmark, City Secretary

