City of Hutto

Minutes

City Council Meeting

Thursday, July 2, 2026 at 7:00 PM

City Council Chambers – 500 W. Live Oak Street

1. **CALL SESSION TO ORDER** – 7:00 PM

2. **ROLL CALL**

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

STAFF:

Staff members present: David Amsler, Executive Director of Strategic Operations; Marianne Banks, Legal Counsel; Alberta Barrett, Finance Director; Patricia Davis, Interim City Engineer; Abby Fenton, Communications Manager; Cheney Gamboa, Director of Economic Development; Laura Hallmark, City Secretary; Kelly Isham, Deputy Director of Emergency Management; Kate Moriarty, Executive Director of Administrative Services;

3. **INVOCATION –** Arthur Spence, Little Ebenezer Baptist Church

4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

5. **CITY COUNCIL INSTALLATION**

5.1 Recognition of outgoing Councilmember Place 1, Charles Warner.

Mayor Snyder presented Mr. Warner with a framed certificate, his official Council photo, dais name plate and a potted plant.

5.2 Conduct Oath of Office for newly elected Councilmember Place 1 - Jerrel W. Reynolds. (Judge Lucas Wilson)

Judge Wilson conducted the oath for Mr. Reynolds, who was joined by his family.

6. **CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**

There were no comments for this meeting.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Rudy Perez

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.

Councilmember Morris stated several applications have been received and the nominating committee will be reviewing them.

This item was recalled for an additional speaker:

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Daniel Arenas

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

HISD – did not meet; CIP – did not meet; Fire Safety – meets Friday, July 3rd

9. PRESENTATIONS AND RELATED ACTION

9.1. Presentation and possible action on recommendations from the Charter Review Commission. (Laura Hallmark)

Perry Savard, Chair of Charter Review Commission, presented the recommendations for possible propositions and clerical changes. City Council will review and take action at a future meeting.

10. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

10.1 Consideration and possible action on Resolution No. R-2026-141 approving Supplement No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc. (JMT) in the amount of $359,145.14 for additional professional engineering services associated with the CR 163 Reconstruction Project, including schematic design and preparation of Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) (CIP Project T18-2025). (Patricia Davis)

10.2 Consideration and possible action on Resolution No. R-2026-142 approving Supplement No. 2 with WSB LLC in the amount of $253,674 for professional engineering services related to the Limmer Loop Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE) analysis, Schematic and Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) (Project T48-2025). (Patricia Davis)

10.3 Consideration and possible action on Resolution No. R-2026-143 accepting the infrastructure improvements for the Creekside Park (pickleball court) Capital Improvement Project (CIP-P18) as public infrastructure. (Patricia Davis)

10.4 Consideration and possible action on Resolution No. R-2026-144 accepting the infrastructure improvements for private development known as Hutto Crossing Phase 4 section 19 project. (Patricia Davis)

10.5 Consideration and possible action on Resolution No. R-2026-145 accepting the infrastructure improvements for private development known as Hutto Crossing Phase 4 section 18 project. (Patricia Davis)

10.6 Consideration and possible action on Ordinance No. O-2026-031 amending the FY 2026 Budget for grant revenues and expenditures related to the library and short-term rental software in the City's general fund. (Alberta Barrett)

10.7 Consideration and possible action on Resolution No. R-2026-146 approving the release of April 2, 2026 memo related to the Williamson County Emergency Services District #3. (Legal)

10.8 Consideration and possible action on approving the following City Council meeting minutes: June 18, 2026 Work Session and June 18, 2026 City Council Meeting. (Laura Hallmark)

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

11. OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 Consideration and possible action electing a Mayor Pro Tem pursuant to Hutto City Charter Section 3.05. (City Council)

Councilmember Zepeda nominated Councilmember King.
Councilmember Morris nominated Councilmember Porterfield.

Councilmembers were polled to determine for whom a vote would be taken.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Thornton, second by Councilmember Morris, to select Councilmember Porterfield as Mayor Pro Tem. Motion passed 7:0.

11.2 Discussion and possible action regarding the long-term financial and operational implications of a City-owned fire department. (Councilmember Zepeda)

Motion by Councilmember Zepeda, second by Mayor Pro Tem Porterfield, to direct staff to provide a budget for the long-term financial and operational implications of a City-owned fire department.

Council discussion regarding the source of information and the use of consultants; proper procurement process for consultants and legal implications in selecting consultants that have potential conflict down the road for "expert witness" use.

Mayor Pro Tem Porterfield offered a friendly amendment, which was accepted, to direct staff to bring back the cost of a consultant.

Further discussion regarding the possibility of the HEDC being directed to prioritize a consultant for this.

Councilmember Zepeda rescinded her original motion.

Motion by Councilmember Zepeda, second by Mayor Pro Tem Porterfield, to direct the HEDC to select a consultant to provide information needed for long-term financial and operational implications of a City-owned fire department. Motion passed 7:0.

11.3 Discussion and possible action regarding the May 2026 agreement between the City of Hutto and the Williamson County Emergency Services District #3 - terms for sales tax sharing and termination timelines. (Councilmember Morris)

Councilmember Morris requested this item be deferred until after the Executive Session.

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) River Creek Development Corporation et al. v. Preston Hollow Capital, LLC, et. al, pending in the Texas Supreme Court; b) City of Hutto v. Preston Hollow Capital, LLC, pending in the Texas Supreme Court; c) Amendment to the Incentive Agreement with Paradigm Metals; and d) Sales Tax Sharing Interlocal Agreements and proposed Interlocal Agreement for Fire Services with the Williamson County Emergency Services District # 3.

12.2 Receive legal advice pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) and deliberations pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.072, (Real Property); 551.087 (Economic Development Negotiations) related to pending economic development projects being considered by the Hutto Economic Development Corporation or the City of Hutto, including but not limited to: (a) Project Core; (b) Project Football; (c) Project Blue Hub; (d) Project Heartbeat; (e) Project Air; (f) Project Orchard; (g) Project Sprouts; (h) Proposed City of Hutto Fire Station #1; and (i) Project 107 East St.

In Executive Session at 8:21 PM. Out at 11:36 PM.

13. ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

The following item was recalled:

11.3 Discussion and possible action regarding the May 2026 agreement between the City of Hutto and the Williamson County Emergency Services District #3 - terms for sales tax sharing and termination timelines. (Councilmember Morris)

Councilmember Morris discussed the memo received from legal counsel regarding this item.

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

Item 12.1.c: Motion by Councilmember Zepeda, second by Mayor Pro Tem Porterfield, to approve the third amendment to the development agreement with Paradigm Manufacturing Inc. to clarify inconsistencies regarding reimbursement incentives. Motion passed 7:0.

Item 12.1.d: Motion by Councilmember Morris, second by Councilmember Reynolds, to direct staff to propose an Interlocal Agreement with the ESD#3 similar to the one between the City of Round Rock and ESD#9. Motion passed 7:0.

14. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

14.1 General Comments from City Council

There were no comments.

14.2 Future Agenda Items

Porterfield: Charter Review Commission recommendations – 1st meeting in August

Snyder: CR 132 bridge/Garver/communications with Garver regarding direction to design the bridge

Thornton: discuss helping residents who have to move mailboxes due to one-way street change downtown

15. ADJOURNMENT – 11:43 PM

Mike Snyder, Mayor

ATTEST:

Laura Hallmark, City Secretary