City of Hutto

Minutes

City Council Meeting

Thursday, July 16, 2026 at 7:00 PM

City Council Chambers – 500 W. Live Oak Street

1. **CALL SESSION TO ORDER** – 7:04 PM

2. **ROLL CALL**

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

   STAFF:

   Staff members present: James Earp, City Manager; Dottie Palumbo, Legal Counsel; David Amsler, Executive Director of Strategic Operations; Alberta Barrett, Finance Director; Christina Bishop, Assistant Finance Director; Sara Cervantes, Executive Director of Community Services; Rick Coronado, Public Works Director; 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; Jeff White, Parks and Recreation Director

3. **INVOCATION** – Kerby Campbell, Lone Star Baptist Church

4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

   Chuck Throop

6. **BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

   6.1. 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.

   Speaker: Rick Hudson

   Motion by Councilmember Morris, second by Councilmember Thornton, to reappoint Kyle Parkinson to the Library Advisory Board. Motion passed 7:0.

   Motion by Councilmember Morris, second by Councilmember Zepeda, to reappoint Jim Morris and Rick Hudson to the TIRZ #3 Board. Motion passed 7:0.

Motion by Councilmember Morris, second by Mayor Pro Tem Porterfield, to appoint Councilmember Corina I. Zepeda to the Cottonwood Development Corporation Board. Motion passed 7:0.

Motion by Councilmember Morris, second by Councilmember Zepeda, to reappoint Rick Hudson to TIRZ #1 Board. Motion passed 7:0.

Motion by Councilmember Morris, second by Councilmember Reynolds, to reappoint Erin Clancy, Jim Morris, and Kurt Schwerdtfeger to TIRZ #2 Board. Motion passed 7:0.

Motion by Councilmember Morris, second by Councilmember King, to appoint Jose DeLaCruz and Joelle Dan to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion passed 7:0.

6.2. Consideration and possible action regarding recommendations or updates from City Council sub-committees (i.e. HISD, CIP, UDC, Public Safety, Co-Op).

Fire Safety was the only committee to meet. There was no further report.

7. PRESENTATIONS

7.1. Hutto Gateway Public Improvement District and Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Presentation (Derek Pampe)

Derek Pampe, with Capland Development, reviewed the project.

7.2 Presentation and discussion of the June 2026 financial report. (Alberta Barrett)

Alberta Barrett, Finance Director, presented the report.

7.3 Presentation and Discussion of the 100% Justice Center Design Prior to Consideration of Calling a Bond Election. (David Amsler)

David Amsler, Executive Director of Strategic Operations, introduced representatives from PBK – Jessica Molter, Scott Smith and Heather Rule, who presented the information. Council discussion regarding scaling down and up; and the licensing requirements for an emergency dispatch center.

8. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

8.3 Consideration and possible action on Resolution No. R-2026-149 authorizing additional professional design and environmental services for the Brushy Creek Wastewater Interceptor Phase 4 Capital Project, included in the original Individual Project Order (IPO) Task Order 24-03A-01 with STV (Capital Improvement Project WW11-2025), and approving the reallocation of funds in the amount of $194,455.00, with no new funds being requested. (Patricia Davis)

8.4 Consideration and possible action on Resolution No. R-2026-150 accepting the infrastructure improvements for private development known as Villas at Cottonwood Trail project. (Kate Moriarty)

8.8 Consideration and possible action on Resolution No. R-2026-153 authorizing the City Manager to submit grant applications to the Texas Water Development Board for water supply and infrastructure projects. (Rick Coronado)

8.9 Consideration and possible action of acceptance of the appointment of acting City Manager(s) in case of extended City Manager absence, per City Manager Absence policy. (James Earp)

8.10 Consideration and possible action on approving the following City Council meeting minutes: June 24, 2026 Special City Council Meeting, June 25, 2026 Joint City Council/P&Z CIP Work Session, July 2, 2026 Joint Meeting City Council/HEDC and July 2, 2026 City Council meeting. (Laura Hallmark)

Motion by Councilmember Morris, 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:

8.1 Consideration and possible action on Resolution No. R-2026-147 designating Core Construction, Inc. Georgetown, Texas the Construction Manager at Risk in accordance with Texas Government Code §2269.056(a), as the Most Qualified Firm for "Construction Manager at Risk" services associated with the Justice Center Project. (Kate Moriarty)

Kate Moriarty, Executive Director of Administrative Services, presented the information for this item. James Earp, City Manager, provided additional information.

Motion by Mayor Snyder, second by Mayor Pro Tem Porterfield, to approve the item as presented. Motion passed 7:0.

8.2 Consideration and possible action on Resolution No. R-2026-148 authorizing the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement between CORE Construction Services of Texas, Inc. and the

City of Hutto for Preconstruction Services for the Police Department Justice Center Project in the amount of $35,000 (CIP F02-2024). (Kate Moriarty)

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

8.5 Consideration and possible action on Ordinance No. O-2026-032 amending the fee schedule for deposits and service charges associated with Utilities. (Christina Bishop)

Christina Bishop, Assistant Finance Director, provided the information for this item.

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

8.6 Consideration and possible action on Resolution No. R-2026-151, authorizing the City Manager to execute the First Amendment to the Facilities Utilization Agreement between the City of Hutto and the Hutto Youth Baseball Softball Association (HYBSA). (Jeff White)

Jeff White, Parks and Recreation Director, presented the information for this item. Council discussion regarding clarification of additional stipulations.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Porterfield, second by Councilmember King, to postpone the item until the August 6, 2026 meeting. Motion passed 7:0.

8.7 Consideration and possible action on Resolution No. R-2026-152 amending the City Council Protocols regarding the appointments to Boards and Commissions by City Council Place designation. (City Council)

Councilmember Morris and Mayor Snyder clarified the changes. Laura Hallmark, City Secretary, provided additional information.

Motion by Mayor Snyder, second by Councilmember Morris, to approve the item as presented and Councilmember Morris and Mayor Pro Tem Porterfield with Ms. Hallmark for further clarification. Motion passed 7:0.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Discussion and possible action setting the City Council meeting dates for 2027. (Laura Hallmark)

Ms. Hallmark presented the information for this item.

Motion by Mayor Snyder, second by Councilmember King, to approve the dates as presented. Motion passed 7:0.

Councilmember Thornton left the dais.

9.2 Discussion and possible action regarding FY 2026-2027 (Year 1) and FY 2029-2030 (Year 4) and FY 2030-2031 (Year 5) of the City's Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). (Alberta Barrett)

Ms. Barrett presented the information for this item.

Motion by Mayor Snyder, second by Councilmember Porterfield, to:
move P24 to year 4
move P17 to year 2
move $400,000 of P15 to year 1, designate in blue (possible optional funding source) for design of fields.
Motion passed 6:0.

Motion by Mayor Snyder, second by Councilmember Reynolds, to borrow approximately $10 million for Series 2027 Certificates of Obligation for the following street projects: T47, T48 and T73. Motion passed 6:0.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

10.1 Receive legal advice pursuant to Texas Government Code Sec. 551.071, (Consultation with Attorney), to deliberate and seek legal advice regarding: a) Hutto Gateway Public Improvement District and Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone; b) Sales Tax Sharing Interlocal Agreements and proposed Interlocal Agreement for Fire Services with the Williamson County Emergency Services District # 3; c) Dissolution of Williamson County Emergency Services District pursuant to the Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 775, Emergency Services District; Sales Tax Election to reduce Williamson County Emergency Services District # 3 sales tax; Annexation or Disannexation of an area within the Williamson County Emergency Services District # 3; and d) Adam Orgain Restroom Project Defects (CIP P19-2024, IFB No. 2025-060-JW-02).

10.2 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 Gotham; (c) Project Blue Hub; (d) Project Heartbeat; (e) Project Air; (f) Project Orchard; (g) Project Hulk; (h) Proposed City of Hutto Fire Station #1; and (i) Project 107 East St.

In Executive Session at 9:36 PM. Out at 12:13 AM.

11. ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Item 10.1.d: Motion by Mayor Snyder, second by Councilmember Morris, to direct staff to send a letter to Microteq as discussed in Executive Session. Motion passed 6:0.

12. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

12.1 General Comments from City Council

Councilmember Morris commented about the Downtown grant program, which evolved into a future agenda item (seen below).

12.2 Future Agenda Items

Morris (no date designation): requirement for a percentage of local dollars in bidding process/review bidding process; and review of downtown grant program.

Reynolds (no date designation): Riverwalk wastewater update

Mayor for the 8/6 meeting: all emails from Garver and any communication between Garver and TxDOT regarding bridge construction at CR 132.

13. ADJOURNMENT – 12:21 PM

Mike Snyder, Mayor

ATTEST:

Laura Hallmark

Laura Hallmark, City Secretary

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