

CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS

Russell Humphrey, Mayor

Vicki McKenzie, Mayor Pro Tem
Position 3 At-Large
Bert Lyle, Position 1 At-Large
Karen Denman, Position 2 At-Large
Pat Graham, Position 4 At-Large



Tore Fossum, Ward 1
Casey Cox, Ward 2
Anissa Antwine, Ward 3
Jon Strong, Ward 4

**HUNTSVILLE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2025**

REGULAR SESSION 6:00 P.M. - Main Conference Room

City of Huntsville Service Center Complex, 448 Highway 75 N, Huntsville, Texas, 77320

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and may need auxiliary aids or services are requested to contact the City Secretary's office (936.291.5413) two working days prior to the meeting for appropriate arrangements.

MAIN SESSION (6:00 p.m.)

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION AND PLEDGES - *U.S. Flag and Texas Flag: Honor the Texas Flag. I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state, under God, one, and indivisible.*

1. CONSENT AGENDA

The presiding officer will call for public comments before action is taken on these items. *(Approval of Consent Agenda authorizes the City Manager to implement each item in accordance with staff recommendations. An item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and added to the Statutory Agenda for full discussion by request of a member of Council.)*

- a.** Consider approving the Minutes from the December 17, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting.
Kristy Doll, City Secretary
- b.** Consider adoption of Ordinance 2025-2 to amend the budget for FY 24-25 and/or CIP Project Budgets.
Steve Ritter, Finance Director
- c.** Consider adopting Resolution 2025-01 to adopt a policy to set guidelines for the management of the City of Huntsville's electronic textual communication, including email and text messages, and establish guidelines for managing email communications.
Kristy Doll, City Secretary
- d.** Consider approving the expenditure of funds approved in the 2024-2025 FY budget for the up-fitting of police vehicles.
Darryle Slaven, Police Chief
- e.** Consider authorizing the City Manager to approve a supply agreement with Badger Meter for water meters, software, and associated supply items.
Brent Sherrod, Public Works Director
- f.** Consider authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract for sewer line replacement and rehabilitation.
Brent Sherrod, Public Works Director

2. STATUTORY AGENDA

- a. First Reading** - Consider and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 2025-1, authorizing participation with other Entergy Service Area Cities in matters concerning Entergy Texas, Inc and authorizing the hiring of lawyers and rate experts and the City's participation at the Public Utility Commission of Texas.
Leonard Schneider, City Attorney
- b. Second Reading** - Consider Ordinance 2024-34, a Zoning District Map Amendment request to change the zoning designation from Medium-Density Residential to Mixed Use at 1605 15th Street, Walker County Property ID 27851.
Layne Yeager, City Planner/Airport Manager

3. CITY COUNCIL/MAYOR/CITY MANAGER

- a.** Receive an update from Development Services Staff on The Ridge development and its current stage in the City's development process.
Jon Strong, Councilmember Ward 4
Vicki McKenzie, Councilmember At-Large Position 3
Tore Fossum, Councilmember Ward 1
- b.** Consider authorizing staff to solicit a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a Municipal Court Prosecutor.
Russell Humphrey, Mayor
- c.** Consideration and possible action to accept Judge Gaines's Letter of Resignation effective January 1, 2025.
Russell Humphrey, Mayor

4. MEDIA INQUIRIES RELATED TO MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

5. ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a.** City Council will convene in closed session as authorized by Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Section 551.071, to receive legal advice on personnel matters and procedures involving Municipal Court, and Chapter 551, Section 551.074 – Personnel Matters: regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee: Municipal Court Judge and Municipal Court Alternate Judge.
Leonard Schneider, City Attorney
Russell Humphrey, Mayor
- b.** City Council will convene in closed session as authorized by Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Section 551.074 – Personnel Matters: regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee: Municipal Court Prosecutor.
Russell Humphrey, Mayor
- c.** City Council will convene in closed session as authorized by Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Section 551.074 – Personnel Matters: regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee: City Manager.
Russell Humphrey, Mayor

7. RECONVENE

Take action on items discussed in executive session, if needed.

ADJOURNMENT

*If during the course of the meeting and discussion of any items covered by this notice, City Council determines that a Closed or Executive session of the Council is required, then such closed meeting will be held as authorized by Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Section 551.071 – consultation with counsel on legal matters; 551.072 – deliberation regarding purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property; 551.073 – deliberation regarding a prospective gift; 551.074 – personnel matters regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; 551.076 – implementation of security personnel or devices; 551.087 – deliberation regarding economic development negotiation; Sec. 551.089 - deliberation regarding security devices or security audits; and/or other matters as authorized under the Texas Government Code. If a Closed or Executive session is held in accordance with the Texas Government Code as set out above, the City Council will reconvene in Open Session to take action, if necessary, on the items addressed during Executive Session.

CERTIFICATE

I, Kristy Doll, City Secretary, do hereby certify that the above notice was posted on the City Hall bulletin board, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times, and to the City’s website, www.HuntsvilleTX.gov, in compliance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

DATE OF POSTING: January 3, 2024

TIME OF POSTING: 10:00 a.m.

TAKEN DOWN:

Kristy Doll

Kristy Doll, City Secretary