

HUNTSVILLE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025 AT 6:00 P.M.
AT THE HUNTSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY, LOCATED AT 1219 13th STREET,
IN THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, WALKER COUNTY, TEXAS

MAIN SESSION (6:00 p.m.)

The City Council met in regular session with the following:

Present: Mayor Humphrey, Councilmember At-Large Position 2 Denman, Councilmember At-Large Position 3 McKenzie, Councilmember Ward 4 Strong, Councilmember At-Large Position 4 Graham, Councilmember At-Large Position 1 Lyle, Councilmember Ward 3 Antwine, Councilmember Ward 1 Fossum, Councilmember Ward 2 Cox

Absent:

Officers Present: Aron Kulhavy, City Manager; Kristy Doll, City Secretary; Leonard Schneider, City Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Humphrey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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.*

PROCLAMATION

PRESENTATIONS

- a. Receive a presentation from Downtown Strategies on the Downtown 5-Year Action Plan.

Sam Masiel, Interim City Manager

Jenn Gregory, Retail Strategies gave a presentation.

PUBLIC HEARING

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 February 4, 2025, Special City Council Meeting.
Kristy Doll, City Secretary

- b.** Consider approving the Minutes from the February 4, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting.
Kristy Doll, City Secretary
- c.** Consider adoption of Ordinance 2025-8 to amend the budget for FY 24-25 and/or CIP Project budgets.
Steve Ritter, Finance Director
- d.** Consider authorizing the City Manager to award the purchase of Vegetative Debris Grinding Services.
Kim Kembro, Asst. Public Works Director
- e.** Consider ratifying the award of a contract for the emergency purchase of sewer bypass pumping equipment.
Kim Kembro, Asst. Public Works Director
- f.** Consider authorizing City Manager to renew Stop-Loss coverage for 2025.
Brian Beasley, HR Director
- g.** Consider approving a first amendment to the Agreement to Construct Public Improvements with BTR Advisors, LLC.
Kathlie Jeng-Bulloch, City Engineer
- h.** Consider approving an Agreement to Construct Public Improvements with BTR Advisors, LLC for the construction of Sidewalks for the Project The Reserve at Huntsville.
Kathlie Jeng-Bulloch, City Engineer

Councilmember Vicki McKenzie made a motion to approve the Agreement to Construct Public Improvement, Sidewalks, between the City of Huntsville and BTR Advisors, LLC regarding for the Project known as The Reserve at Huntsville, Project PD #2021-10-03. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jon Strong. The motion passed 9 - 0. Yes: Russell Humphrey, Karen Denman, Vicki McKenzie, Jon Strong, Pat Graham, Bert Lyle, Anissa Antwine, Tore Fossum, Casey Cox; No: None

- i.** Consider Resolution 2025-07 designating authorized signatories for the contractual documents pertaining to the Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Resilient Communities Program through the General Land Office.
Kathlie Jeng-Bulloch, City Engineer

Councilmember Vicki McKenzie made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items a. through j. except h. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Pat Graham. The motion passed 9 - 0. Yes: Russell Humphrey, Karen Denman, Vicki McKenzie, Jon Strong, Pat Graham, Bert Lyle, Anissa Antwine, Tore Fossum, Casey Cox; No: None

- a.** Consider authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement for professional engineering services for the FY24-25 CIP AJ-09 Basin Replacement Design Project.
Kathlie Jeng-Bulloch, City Engineer

Councilmember Vicki McKenzie made a motion to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with LJA Engineering for professional engineering services for the FY24-25 CIP AJ-09 Basin Gravity Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project in the amount of \$382,500. This authorization is only for part of the Basic Services. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jon Strong. The motion passed 9 - 0. Yes:

Russell Humphrey, Karen Denman, Vicki McKenzie, Jon Strong, Pat Graham, Bert Lyle, Anissa Antwine, Tore Fossum, Casey Cox; No: None.

- b. First Reading** - Consider Ordinance 2025-6, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Texas, amending the Zoning District Map of the City of Huntsville, Texas, to change the Zoning District classification for property adjacent to Veterans Memorial Parkway and Smither Drive on approximately 708.866-acre tracts located on Walker County Property ID #11382, 45683, 11417, 45685, 42930, 45678, 21344, 15912, 20702, 69467, 20703, 38208, 17467, and 45680, also known as the Legacy Pines Planned Development from Mixed Use to Planned Development (Huntsville Planned Development-3) and approve the Planned Development Design Standards.

Layne Yeager, City Planner/Airport Manager

First reading no action taken.

3. CITY COUNCIL/MAYOR/CITY MANAGER

- a.** Consider Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) 2025 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA) Program Call for Projects

Sam Masiel, Interim City Manager

Councilmember Vicki McKenzie made a motion to approve the City of Huntsville's partnership with Walker County to support the 2025 TxDOT Transportation Alternatives Project grant. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bert Lyle. The motion passed 9 - 0. Yes: Russell Humphrey, Karen Denman, Vicki McKenzie, Jon Strong, Pat Graham, Bert Lyle, Anissa Antwine, Tore Fossum, Casey Cox; No: None.

- b.** Consider adopting Resolution No. 2025-05 to support Walker County's application for the USDA Community Wildfire Defense Grant and to collaborate on the development and implementation of the project if selected.

Russell Humphrey, Mayor

Councilmember Bert Lyle made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-05 for the City of Huntsville to support Walker County's application for the USDA Community Wildfire Defense Grant and to collaborate on the development and implementation of the project if selected. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tore Fossum. The motion passed 9 - 0. Yes: Russell Humphrey, Karen Denman, Vicki McKenzie, Jon Strong, Pat Graham, Bert Lyle, Anissa Antwine, Tore Fossum, Casey Cox; No: None.

- c.** Consider adopting Resolution No. 2025-06 to support Walker County and legislation for the Constable to enforce commercial motor vehicle laws.

Russell Humphrey, Mayor

Councilmember Tore Fossum made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025.06 to support Walker County and its legislation that allows constables to enforce commercial motor vehicle laws. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Anissa Antwine. The motion passed 9 - 0. Yes: Russell Humphrey, Karen Denman, Vicki McKenzie, Jon Strong, Pat Graham, Bert Lyle, Anissa Antwine, Tore Fossum, Casey Cox; No: None.

- d.** Receive a Strategic Plan Update.

Sam Masiel, Interim City Manager

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 and Chapter 551, Section 551.087 for deliberation regarding economic development negotiations - Zinc Point and Rock MFG, LLC and Project Carve.
Tammy Gann, Director of Economic Development
- b.** 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 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 Prosecutor.
Russell Humphrey, Mayor
- c.** 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 involving Charter Officers and 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
- d.** City Council will convene in closed session as authorized by Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Section 551.071, to receive legal advice on Case No. 2431382; Gregory Frank v. Darryle Slaven, Chief of Police and the City of Huntsville, Texas.
Leonard Schneider, City Attorney

Council convened into Executive Session at 8:59 p.m

7. RECONVENE

Take action on item discussed in executive session, if needed.
Council reconvened from Executive Session at 10:03 p.m.

Councilmember Vicki McKenzie made a motion to Authorize the City Manager to extend the Compliance date of the 380 Agreement with Weatherford to December 31, 2026. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bert Lyle. The motion passed 9 - 0. Yes: Russell Humphrey, Karen Denman, Vicki McKenzie, Jon Strong, Pat Graham, Bert Lyle, Anissa Antwine, Tore Fossum, Casey Cox; No: None

Councilmember Vicki McKenzie made a motion to instruct Staff to enforce the 380 Agreement with Rock Mfg Councilmember. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bert Lyle. The motion passed 9 - 0. Yes: Russell Humphrey, Karen Denman, Vicki McKenzie, Jon Strong, Pat Graham, Bert Lyle, Anissa Antwine, Tore Fossum, Casey Cox; No: None

Councilmember Vicki McKenzie made a motion to authorize the appointment of Cody Corcoran as Municipal Court Prosecutor at the same compensation as the previous Municipal Court Prosecutor and subject to an executed contract. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bert Lyle. The motion passed 9 - 0. Yes: Russell Humphrey, Karen Denman, Vicki McKenzie, Jon Strong, Pat Graham, Bert Lyle, Anissa Antwine, Tore Fossum, Casey Cox; No: None

Councilmember Vicki McKenzie made a motion to approve the hiring of attorney Ray Biada to represent the City and Chief Darryle Slaven in Cause number 2431382, 12th Judicial Court, Walker County, Texas. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bert Lyle. The motion passed 9 - 0. Yes: Russell Humphrey,

Karen Denman, Vicki McKenzie, Jon Strong, Pat Graham, Bert Lyle, Anissa Antwine, Tore Fossum, Casey Cox; No: None.

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.

Mayor Humphrey adjourned the meeting without objection at 10:07 p.m.