MINUTES FROM THE HUNTSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THE 17TH DAY OF JUNE 2025 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE SERVICE CENTER COMPLEX, LOCATED AT 448 HIGHWAY 75, IN THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, WALKER COUNTY, TEXAS.

The City Council met in a workshop and regular session with the following:
COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Humphrey, Mayor Pro Tem McKenzie, Councilmember At-Large Position 1 Lyle, Councilmember Ward 1 Fossum, Councilmember At-Large Position 2 Denman, Councilmember Ward 2 Cox, Councilmember Ward 3 Antwine, Councilmember At-Large Position 4 Graham, Councilmember Ward 4 Strong

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:

OFFICERS PRESENT: Scott Swigert, City Manager; Kristy Doll, City Secretary; Leonard Schneider, City Attorney

OFFICERS ABSENT:

WORKSHOP (5:00-6:00 p.m.)

Mayor Humphrey called the Workshop to order at 5:30 p.m.

a. **Discuss IT Department annual replacement schedule for equipment for Budget FY 25-26.**
Bill Wavra, IT Director

Mayor Humphrey adjourned the Workshop at 5:46 p.m.

MAIN SESSION 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.*

Councilmember Lyle gave the invocation and Councilmember Cox led the pledges.

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 June 3, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting.**
   Kristy Doll, City Secretary

   b. **Consider approving the Professional Service Agreement(s) with both Lone Star PACE and Texas PACE Authority for administration services for the City of Huntsville Property Assessed Clean Energy ("PACE") Program.**
   Scott Swigert, City Manager

   c. **Consider authorizing the City Manager to approve the Additional Professional Engineering Services with RPS for the IH-45 Segment 2B Widening and Utility Relocation with Betterment Project (Water Fund 701, Wastewater Fund 702) – Project 18-03-01.**

Kathlie Jeng-Bulloch, City Engineer

d. **Consider Resolution No. 2025-20 authorizing the analysis of the Huntsville Municipal Airport runway approach, more specifically described as the obstruction survey of runway 18/36, and requesting financial assistance from the Texas Department of Transportation for these improvements.**
Layne Yeager, City Planner/Airport Manager

Councilmember Vicki McKenzie made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items a. through d. 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

2. **STATUTORY AGENDA**

a. **Consider adoption of Ordinance No. 2025-16 to amend the budget for FY 24-25 and/or CIP Project Budgets.**
Lance Hall, Finance Director

Councilmember Vicki McKenzie made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-16 to amend the budget for FY 24-25 and/or CIP Project budgets for $647,935. 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

b. **Consider purchasing PCs originally scheduled for replacement in FY25/26 to the current FY for cost savings due to the temporary suspension of foreign goods tariffs.**
Bill Wavra, IT Director

Councilmember Vicki McKenzie made a motion to approve the purchase of PCs originally scheduled for replacement in FY25/26 to the current FY for cost savings due to the temporary suspension of foreign goods tariffs, not to exceed $96,639.45. 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. **First Reading - Consider purchasing network and virtualization hardware originally scheduled for replacement in FY25/26 to the current FY for cost savings due to the temporary suspension of foreign goods tariffs.**
Bill Wavra, IT Director

Councilmember Casey Cox made a motion to waive the two-reading requirement and authorize the City Manager to purchase network and virtualization hardware originally scheduled for replacement in FY25/26, to the current FY for cost savings due to the temporary suspension of foreign goods tariffs, not to exceed $448,941.21. 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

d. **First Reading - Consider adopting Resolution No. 2025 -19 Ratifying submission and approving acceptance of a federal grant award under the Emergency Watershed Protection Program and authorizing the City Manager to act as the City's authorized representative.**
Lance Hall, Finance Director

Councilmember Tore Fossum made a motion to waive the two reading requirement and approve Resolution

No. 2025-19 to ratify the submission and approve the acceptance of grant funding under the United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, EWP Project #5118 in Walker County for $1,884,836 ($1,315,002.00 NCRS grant share, $483,334.00 city match share, Technical Assistance $131,500.00) and authorize the City Manager to act as the City's Executive Officer and Authorized Representative in all matters pertaining to the grant.. 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

e. **Consider action to waive interest or any other additional charges on the invoice for demolition at 122 Johnson Road so that $1,525.00 can be paid and the property lien removed.**
   Kevin Byal, Director of Development Services

Councilmember Tore Fossum made a motion to waive the interest or any other additional charges on the invoice for demolition at 122 Johnson Road so that $1,525.00 can be paid and the property lien removed. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Anissa Antwine.

Councilmember Vicki McKenzie made a motion to postpone this agenda item until the next city council meeting. 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

3. **CITY COUNCIL/MAYOR/CITY MANAGER**

a. **Consider the appointment to the Library Advisory Board vacant position.**
   Russell Humphrey, Mayor

Councilmember Tore Fossum made a motion that Mayor Humphrey nominates Daniel C. Blosser to seat seven of the Library Advisory Board. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Vicki McKenzie. 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

4. **MEDIA INQUIRIES RELATED TO MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

None

5. **ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST**

Councilmembers announced 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 Easement Acquisition - MUD No. 2**
   Leonard Schneider, City Attorney.

City Council convened into Executive Session at 6:50 p.m.

7. **RECONVENE**

City Council reconvened from Executive Session at 7:10 p.m.

Councilmember Tore Fossum made a motion to instruct staff to start the process of easement acquisition pursuant to the Development Agreement with Forestar USA Real Estate Group and authorize the City Attorney and City Manager to retain outside counsel to assist in any condemnation proceedings subject to an executed written agreement that Forestar pays the City's cost to exercise its eminent domain authority including the cost of any acquired easements for water and or sewer lines. 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

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Humphrey adjourned the meeting without objection at 7:11 p.m.

ATTEST:

Kristy Doll, City Secretary

HOME OF GENERAL SAM HOUSTON City of Huntsville TEXAS

CITY OF HUNTSVILLE

Russell Humphrey, Mayor