

MINUTES FROM THE HUNTSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THE 1ST DAY OF JULY 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 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 Ward 4 Strong

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Councilmember At-Large Position 4 Graham

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

OFFICERS ABSENT:

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.*

Mayor Humphrey gave the invocation, and the pledges were led by Councilmember Lyle.

PROCLAMATION

- a. **Proclamation No. 2025-13 Parks and Recreation Month**
Russell Humphrey, Mayor

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 17, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting.**
Kristy Doll, City Secretary
- b. **Consider adopting Resolution No. 2025-21 of the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Texas, authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation for funding an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00 to acquire a dedicated water rescue boat.**
Lance Hall, Finance Director
- c. **Consider authorizing the City Manager to award a construction contract for enclosing two bays of the Fleet Services Building.**
Kim Kembro, Interim Public Works Director
- d. **Consider approving the Fourth Amendment to the Option to Purchase and Agreement to Pursue Water Supply between the City of Huntsville and Montgomery County Municipal Utility Districts Number 8 and 9.**
Kim Kembro, Interim Public Works Director

Consent Agenda Item 1.d. was moved from the Consent Agenda to the Statutory Agenda for consideration.

- e. **Consider authorizing the City Manager to award a contract to Agile Interiors for the Huntsville Public Library Maker Space.**

Sam Masiel, Assistant City Manager

Councilmember Jon Strong made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items a, b, c and e. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Vicki McKenzie. The motion passed 8 - 0. Yes: Russell Humphrey, Karen Denman, Vicki McKenzie, Jon Strong, Bert Lyle, Anissa Antwine, Tore Fossum, Casey Cox; No: None

2. STATUTORY AGENDA

Item 1.d. was moved from the Consent Agenda to the Statutory Agenda.

- 1.d. Consider approving the Fourth Amendment to the Option to Purchase and Agreement to Pursue Water Supply between the City of Huntsville and Montgomery County Municipal Utility Districts Number 8 and 9.**

Kim Kembro, Interim Public Works Director

Councilmember Jon Strong made a motion to approve the Fourth Amendment to the Option to Purchase and Agreement to Pursue Water Supply between the City of Huntsville and Montgomery County Municipal Utility Districts 8 and 9 with an effective date of January 31, 2025. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tore Fossum. The motion passed 8 - 0. Yes: Russell Humphrey, Karen Denman, Vicki McKenzie, Jon Strong, Bert Lyle, Anissa Antwine, Tore Fossum, Casey Cox; No: None

- a. **Consider adopting Ordinance No. 2025-17 Authorizing the Issuance of the City of Huntsville, Texas Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2025, for Stormwater Drainage Projects.**

Lance Hall, Finance Director

Councilmember Vicki McKenzie made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-17 authorizing the issuance of the City of Huntsville, Texas Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2025, for Stormwater Drainage Projects; authorizing the Levy of an Ad Valorem Tax and the Pledge of Certain Revenues in Support of the Certificates; approving an Official Statement and a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement; awarding the sale of the certificates; and authorizing other matters related to the issuance of the certificates. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jon Strong. The motion passed 8 - 0. Yes: Russell Humphrey, Karen Denman, Vicki McKenzie, Jon Strong, Bert Lyle, Anissa Antwine, Tore Fossum, Casey Cox; No: None

- b. **First Reading - Consider adopting Resolution No. 2025-22 authorizing the City Manager to apply for and accept, if awarded, funding under the Texas General Land Office (GLO) Community Development and Revitalization Department which oversees the administration of Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds provided by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the amount of \$3,500,000.00 for the erosion mitigation downstream of the Dawson Lake Dam.**

Kathlie Jeng-Bullock, City Engineer

Councilmember Jon Strong made a motion to waive the two reading requirement and adopt Resolution 2025-22 authorizing the City Manager to apply for and accept, if awarded, funding under the Texas General Land Office (GLO) Community Development and Revitalization Department, which oversees the administration of Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds provided by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the amount of \$3,500,000.00 with the City's match requirement of (10%) \$350,000.00 for the downstream of Dawson Lake area; and to designate the City Manager as the

City's Authorized Representative. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Vicki McKenzie. The motion passed 8 - 0. Yes: Russell Humphrey, Karen Denman, Vicki McKenzie, Jon Strong, Bert Lyle, Anissa Antwine, Tore Fossum, Casey Cox; No: None

- c. First Reading - Consider adopting Resolution No. 2025-23 authorizing the City Manager to apply for and accept, if awarded, funding under the Texas General Land Office (GLO) Community Development and Revitalization Department, which oversees the administration of Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds provided by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the amount of \$5,500,000.00 for the Town Creek Master Drainage Plan and Design of Drainage Projects in the watershed.**
Kathlie Jeng-Bulloch, City Engineer

Councilmember Vicki McKenzie made a motion to waive the two reading requirement and approve Resolution 2025-23 authorizing the City Manager to apply for and accept, if awarded, funding under the Texas General Land Office (GLO) Community Development and Revitalization Department, which oversees the administration of Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds provided by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the amount of \$5,500,000.00 with the City required match of (10%) \$550,000.00 for the Town Creek/Lower Town Creek Master Drainage Plan and Design for Drainage Projects in the watershed; and to designate the City Manager as the City's Authorized Representative. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Anissa Antwine. The motion passed 8 - 0. Yes: Russell Humphrey, Karen Denman, Vicki McKenzie, Jon Strong, Bert Lyle, Anissa Antwine, Tore Fossum, Casey Cox; No: None

- d. First Reading - Consider adopting Resolution No. 2025-24 authorizing the City Manager to apply for and accept, if awarded, funding under the Texas General Land Office (GLO) Community Development and Revitalization Department, which oversees the administration of Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds provided by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the amount of \$4,500,000.00 with the City's 10% match amount of \$450,000.00 for the MLK Street Improvements.**
Kathlie Jeng-Bulloch, City Engineer

Councilmember Jon Strong made a motion to waive the two reading requirement and adopt Resolution 2025-24 authorizing the City Manager to apply for and accept, if awarded, funding under the Texas General Land Office (GLO) Community Development and Revitalization Department which oversees the administration of Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds provided by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the amount of \$4,500,000.00 with the City's 10% match amount of \$450,000.00 for a total of \$4,950,000.00 for the MLK Street Improvements; and to designate the City Manager as the City's Authorized Representative. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tore Fossum. The motion passed 8 - 0. Yes: Russell Humphrey, Karen Denman, Vicki McKenzie, Jon Strong, Bert Lyle, Anissa Antwine, Tore Fossum, Casey Cox; No: None

- e. Consider adopting Resolution No. 2025-25 authorizing the City Manager to apply for and accept, if awarded, funding under the 2025 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA) Program, Texas Department of Transportation, in the amount of \$4,594,000.00 for the Sycamore Avenue Project.**
Kathlie Jeng-Bulloch, City Engineer

Councilmember Vicki McKenzie made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-25 authorizing the City Manager to apply for and accept, if awarded, funding under the 2025 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA) Program, Texas Department of Transportation in the amount of \$4,594,000.00 for the Sycamore Avenue Sidewalk Improvements Project; and to designate the City Manager as the City's Authorized Representative. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tore Fossum. The motion passed 8 - 0. Yes: Russell Humphrey,

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

- f. 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 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 Jon Strong made a motion to amend the motion to direct the Finance Department to waive interest from 2016 forward and allow them their payment plan and freeze the interest as long as they make their payment plan. The amended motion was seconded by Councilmember Vicki McKenzie. The amended motion passed 7 – 1.

roll call vote:

Yes: Anissa Antwine, Jon Strong, Mayor Humphrey, Vicki McKenzie, Bert Lyle, Casey Cox, Karen Denman

No: Tore Fossum

Consider action to waive interest from 2016-2025 and freeze any interest penalties or charges on the invoice for demolition at 122 Johnson Road so that \$1,525.00 can be paid and the lien removed provided payments are made. The motion passed 8 - 0. Yes: Russell Humphrey, Karen Denman, Vicki McKenzie, Jon Strong, Bert Lyle, Anissa Antwine, Tore Fossum, Casey Cox; No: None

- g. Consider authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Professional Engineering Services Agreement with KSA Engineering for aviation engineering services for the Huntsville Municipal Airport.**

Layne Yeager, City Planner/Airport Manager

Councilmember Jon Strong made a motion to approve authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Professional Engineering Services Agreement with KSA Engineering for aviation engineering services for the Huntsville Municipal Airport. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tore Fossum. The motion passed 8 - 0. Yes: Russell Humphrey, Karen Denman, Vicki McKenzie, Jon Strong, Bert Lyle, Anissa Antwine, Tore Fossum, Casey Cox; No: None

3. CITY COUNCIL/MAYOR/CITY MANAGER

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 - Walker County Economic Development Corporation.**
Leonard Schneider, City Attorney

- b. City Council will convene in closed session as authorized by Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Section 551.071, to receive legal advice on claims by Frost Construction Company, Inc. regarding Service Center Expansion & Renovation.**

Leonard Schneider, City Attorney

City Council convened into Executive Session at 6:51 p.m.

7. RECONVENE

City Council reconvened from Executive Session at 7:47 p.m.

Mayor Humphrey recused himself and left the Council Chambers.

Councilmember Vicki McKenzie made a motion to direct the City Attorney and staff to enter into negotiations with Walker County Economic Development Corporation and bring the agreement for approval at the next City Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tore Fossum. The motion passed 7 - 0. Yes: Karen Denman, Vicki McKenzie, Jon Strong, Bert Lyle, Anissa Antwine, Tore Fossum, Casey Cox; No: None; Abstain: Russell Humphrey

Mayor Humphrey returned to the Council Chambers.

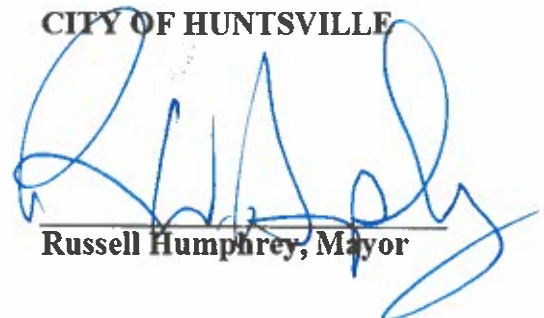
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Humphrey adjourned the meeting without objection at 7:48 p.m.

ATTEST:


Kristy Doll, City Secretary



CITY OF HUNTSVILLE

Russell Humphrey, Mayor