MINUTES FROM THE HUNTSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THE 5TH DAY OF AUGUST 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 5:00 p.m.

a. **Fire Department Best Practices.**
   Greg Mathis, Fire Chief

b. **Receive Parks and Recreation Master Plan Presentation.**
   Penny Joiner, Director of Parks and Leisure

Mayor Humphrey adjourned the Workshop at 5:58 p.m.

MAIN SESSION CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Humphrey called the meeting to order at 6:05 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 the pledges were led by Mayor Humphrey.

PROCLAMATION

PRESENTATION

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Humphrey opened the Public Hearing at 6:07 p.m.

a. **Public Hearing on Ordinance 2025-19, amending the Huntsville Municipal Code, Chapter 46 "Utilities" Article IV "Stormwater Utility System" Division 3, "Stormwater Utility Fees".**
   Kathlie Jeng-Bulloch, City Engineer

Public comments were heard from Mr. Marshall Willey, in opposition of the item.

Mayor Humphrey closed the Public Hearing and opened the Main Session at 6:14 p.m.

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 July 15, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting.**
Kristy Doll, City Secretary

b. **Consider adopting Ordinance No. 2025-21, Ordering a Municipal Election to be held on November 4, 2025, a General Election to elect the Mayor at-large and a Councilmember from each of the four (4) Wards to serve three-year terms.**
Kristy Doll, City Secretary

c. **Consider approving the 2025 Election Services Contract and Joint Election Agreement with Walker County for the November 4, 2025, General Election for the purpose of electing a Mayor at-large and four (4) Ward Councilmembers to serve three-year terms and any Special Election that may be called by the City.**
Kristy Doll, City Secretary

d. **Consider adopting Resolution No. 2025-27 approving an exception to permit, during calendar year 2025, the refinancing of the financing of a Qualified Project, the last improvement of which was finally installed within the three (3) year period prior to the application to the Authorized Representative of the 2025 City of Huntsville PACE Program.**
Sam Masiel, Assistant City Manager

e. **Consider the approval of the Quarterly Investment Reports for the First Quarter ending 03/31/2025 and the Second Quarter ending 06/30/2025.**
Lance Hall, Finance Director

f. **Consider authorizing the City Manager to award a construction contract to clean, repair, and paint the Sam Houston Statue.**
Tammy Gann, Director of Economic Development

Councilmember Vicki McKenzie made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items a. through f. 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 adopting the Parks and Recreation Master Plan presented by Burditt Consultants.**
Penny Joiner, Director of Parks and Leisure

Councilmember Vicki McKenzie made a motion to adopt the Parks and Recreation Master Plan presented by Burditt Consultants, LLC. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Anissa Antwine. The motion passed 8 - 1.

roll call vote:

Yes: Russell Humphrey, Karen Denman, Vicki McKenzie, Jon Strong, Pat Graham, Bert Lyle, Anissa Antwine,

Casey Cox
No: Tore Fossum

b. First Reading - Consider adoption of Ordinance 2025-19, amending the Huntsville Municipal Code, Chapter 46 "Utilities" Article IV "Stormwater Utility System" Division 3, "Stormwater Utility Fees". Kathlie Jeng-Bulloch, City Engineer

First reading, no action taken.

Public comments were heard from Mr. Colt Christian (Walker County Judge) and Mr. Ken Holland (HISD Board) in opposition of the item.

c. First Reading - Consider authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with LJA Engineering for professional engineering services for the Bonds Issued 2025 Drainage Projects. Kathlie Jeng-Bulloch, City Engineer

Councilmember Vicki McKenzie made a motion to waive the two-reading requirement and authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with LJA Engineering for professional engineering services for the Bonds Issued 2025 Drainage Projects in the amount of $671,065.00. This authorization is only for System A at the Elkins Lake Subdivision downstream of the Woods at the Elkins Lake development. 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

3. CITY COUNCIL/MAYOR/CITY MANAGER

a. Consideration and possible action to participate in the Purdue Pharma, et al, opioid settlement. Sam Masiel, Assistant City Manager

Councilmember Vicki McKenzie made a motion to participate in the Opiod Settlement with Purdue and Sackler Family and submit the Participation Form. 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

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 - Internment on public land and cemeteries. 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 authorizing the release of +/- 57.162 acres, parcel numbers 19825 and 24381 from the City of Huntsville Extra Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) pursuant to Senate Bill 2038 enacted during the 88th Texas Legislative Session and current legal action filed by other Cities. Leonard Schneider, City Attorney

City Council convened into Executive Session at 7:15 p.m.

7. **RECONVENE**

Council reconvened from Executive Session at 7:48 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Humphrey adjourned the meeting without objection at 7:49 p.m.

ATTEST:

Kristy Doll, City Secretary

CITY OF HUNTSVILLE

Russell Humphrey, Mayor