

MINUTES FROM THE HUNTSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THE 17TH DAY OF MARCH 2026 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 Strong, Councilmember Ward 1 Fossum, Councilmember At-Large Position 2 Denman, Councilmember Ward 2 Cox, Councilmember Ward 3 Antwine

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Councilmember At-Large Position 3 McKenzie, Councilmember At-Large Position 4 Graham, Councilmember At-Large Position 1 Lyle

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 led the pledges.

PROCLAMATION

- a. **Proclamation No. 2026-05 Small Business Development Center Day**
Russell Humphrey, Mayor

PRESENTATIONS

- a. **GLO - RCP Resilient Communities Program Comprehensive Plan Update, Public Meeting #1.**
Kathlie Jeng-Bulloch, City Engineer

Update presentation given by Jerri Comrado with Langford Community Management Services and Thomas Duncan Engineering with Pape Dawson.

PUBLIC HEARING

- a. **Town Creek Channel Improvements Project (GLO LCP Grant Application).**
Christina Bodin-Turner, Grants Manager

Mayor Humphrey opened the Public Hearing at 6:14 p.m.

Christina Bodin-Turner, Grants Manager and Ricardo Villagrand, Assistant City Manager presented information regarding the Item.

There were no Public Comments in support or opposition of the Item.

Mayor Humphrey closed the Public Hearing and opened the Regular Session at 6:18 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 March 3, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting.**
Kristy Doll, City Secretary
- b. **Consider Resolution No. 2026-13 authorizing the submission of an application and acceptance of funding if awarded under the Texas General Land Office 2024 Disasters Local Communities Program (LCP) for Town Creek Channel Improvements.**
Christina Bodin-Turner, Grants Manager
- c. **Consider Resolution No. 2026-14 declaring a blighted area within the downtown district of the City of Huntsville and authorizing the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the Texas Capital Fund Downtown Revitalization Program.**
Christina Bodin-Turner, Grants Manager

Councilmember Jon Strong made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items a. through c. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Casey Cox. The motion passed 6 - 0. Yes: Russell Humphrey, Karen Denman, Jon Strong, Anissa Antwine, Tore Fossum, Casey Cox; No: None

2. STATUTORY AGENDA

- a. **Receive presentation from Pattillo, Brown, and Hill, LLP, CPAs concerning the audit and consider acceptance of the audit for FY 24-25.**
Lance Hall, Finance Director

Councilmember Jon Strong made a motion to accept the FY 24-25 audit from Pattillo, Brown and Hill, LLP, CPAs. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tore Fossum. The motion passed 6 - 0. Yes: Russell Humphrey, Karen Denman, Jon Strong, Anissa Antwine, Tore Fossum, Casey Cox; No: None

- b. **First Reading - Consider Ordinance No. 2026-05, suspending the rates proposed by CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., D/B/A CenterPoint Energy Entex and CenterPoint Energy Texas Gas Company's Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program filing made with the City on or about February 17, 2026.**
Leonard Schneider, City Attorney

Councilmember Anissa Antwine made a motion to waive the two-reading requirement and adopt Ordinance No. 2026-05, suspending the rates proposed by CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., D/B/A CenterPoint Energy Entex and CenterPoint Energy Texas Gas Company's Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program filing made with the City on or about February 17, 2026. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tore Fossum. The motion passed 6 - 0. Yes: Russell Humphrey, Karen Denman, Jon Strong, Anissa Antwine, Tore Fossum, Casey Cox; No: None

- c. **First Reading - Consider Ordinance No. 2026-07, modifying the Code of Ordinances Chapter 48, Article 3 - Tow Trucks, to allow for a comprehensive policy administered by the Police Department.**
James Barnes, Lieutenant
Roy Moore, Sergeant

Councilmember Casey Cox made a motion to waive the two-reading requirement and adopt Ordinance No. 2026-07 to modify the Code of Ordinances Chapter 48, Article 3 - Tow Trucks, to allow for a comprehensive policy administered by the Police Department. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jon Strong. The motion passed 6 - 0. Yes: Russell Humphrey, Karen Denman, Jon Strong, Anissa Antwine, Tore Fossum, Casey Cox; No: None

- d. First Reading - Consider and possible action approving expenditure of \$2.35 million to purchase FBO Operating Agreement from Huntsville Aviation Inc. and Wade Gillaspie.
Lance Hall, Finance Director**

Councilmember Jon Strong made a motion to waive the two-reading requirement and approve expenditure of \$2.35 million to purchase FBO Operating Agreement from Huntsville Aviation Inc. and Wade Gillespie. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tore Fossum. The motion passed 6 - 0. Yes: Russell Humphrey, Karen Denman, Jon Strong, Anissa Antwine, Tore Fossum, Casey Cox; No: None

- e. Consider adoption of Ordinance 2026-06 to amend the budget for FY 25-26 and/or CIP Project Budgets.
Lance Hall, Finance Director**

Councilmember Karen Denman made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-06 to amend the budget for FY 25-26 and/or CIP Project Budgets. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Anissa Antwine. The motion passed 6 - 0. Yes: Russell Humphrey, Karen Denman, Jon Strong, 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.

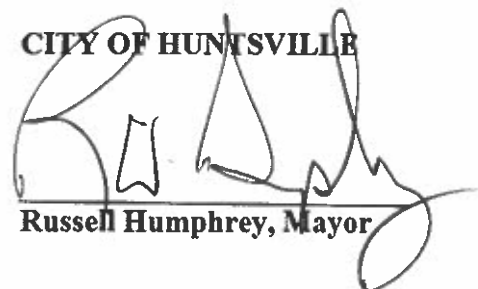
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Humphrey adjourned the meeting without objection at 6:48 p.m.

ATTEST:


Kristy Doll, City Secretary




Russell Humphrey, Mayor