MINUTES FROM THE HUNTSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THE 5TH DAY OF MAY 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 Workshop and Regular Session with the following:
COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Humphrey, Mayor Pro Tem Strong, Councilmember At-Large Position 1 Lyle, Councilmember Ward 1 Fossum, Councilmember At-Large Position 2 Denman, Councilmember Ward 2 Cox, Councilmember At-Large Position 3 McKenzie, Councilmember Ward 3 Antwine, Councilmember At-Large Position 4 Graham

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:

OFFICERS PRESENT: Scott Swigert, City Manager; Kristy Doll, City Secretary; Robby Chapman, City Attorney

OFFICERS ABSENT:

WORKSHOP (5:00 p.m.)

Mayor Humphrey called the Workshop to order at 5:25 p.m.

a. **Reception recognizing Leonard Schneider, City Attorney for 17 years of dedicated service to the City of Huntsville and welcoming the new City Attorney, Robby Chapman.**
Russell Humphrey, Mayor

DISCUSSION (5:30 p.m.)

a. **Presentation on future improvements to the Tenaska water line infrastructure.**
Lance Hall, Finance Director
Kathlie Jeng-Bulloch, City Engineer

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

MAIN SESSION CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Humphrey called the meeting to order at 6:02 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 Bert Lyle gave the invocation, and Mayor Humphrey led the pledges.

PROCLAMATIONS

a. **Proclamation No. 2026-09 National Day of Prayer**
Russell Humphrey, Mayor

b. **Proclamation No. 2026-10 Municipal Clerks Week**
Russell Humphrey, Mayor

c. **Proclamation No. 2026-11 National Travel and Tourism Week**
Russell Humphrey, Mayor

PRESENTATION

a. **Empty Bowls Proceeds Presentation to Walker County Senior Center Meals on Wheels Program**
Tracy Rikard, Tourism Manager

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 April 16, 2026, Special City Council Meeting.**
Kristy Doll, City Secretary

b. **Consider approving the Minutes from April 21, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting.**
Kristy Doll, City Secretary

c. **Consider accepting the resignation of City Attorney Leonard Schneider.**
Leonard Schneider, City Attorney

d. **Consider ratifying an Employee Contract with Robby Chapman as City Attorney.**
Brian Beasley, HR Director

e. **Consider the acceptance of the Monthly Financial Report for the month of March 2026.**
Lance Hall, Finance Director

f. **Consider authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Parking Area Lease Agreement with Gibbs Brothers & Company.**
Kim Kembro, Public Works Director

g. **Consider authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Halff Associates for professional engineering services for the Autumn Lake Flood and Drainage Project funded by a Grant from the Texas General Land Office (GLO) under the Regional Mitigation Program (RMP).**
Kathlie Jeng-Bulloch, City Engineer

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

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

2. **STATUTORY AGENDA**

1.g. Consider authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Halff Associates for professional engineering services for the Autumn Lake Flood and Drainage Project funded by a Grant from the Texas General Land Office (GLO) under the Regional Mitigation Program (RMP).
Kathlie Jeng-Bulloch, City Engineer

Councilmember Jon Strong made a motion to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Halff Associates for professional engineering services for the Autumn Lake Flood and Drainage Project in the amount of $134,931.46. 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

a. **First Reading - Consider authorizing the City Manager to award the purchase of Street Milling/Overlay Services, Street Reconstruction, and Thermoplastic Pavement Striping.**
Kim Kembro, Public Works Director

Councilmember Anissa Antwine made a motion to waive the two-reading requirement and authorize the City Manager to award the purchase of Street Milling/Overlay/Reconstruction/Pavement Striping Services to Larry Young Paving for $1,273,649.11. 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

b. **First Reading - Consider authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with LJA Engineering, Inc. for Basic Engineering Phase II and Additional Services A2O Alternative professional engineering services for the FY 24-25 Robinson Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Project.**
Kathlie Jeng-Bulloch, City Engineer

Councilmember Jon Strong made a motion to waive the two-reading requirement and approve to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with LJA Engineering, Inc. for professional engineering services of the FY 24-25 Robinson Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Project in the amount of $3,130,000.00. This authorization is only for the Phase II Basic Engineering and Additional Services A20 Alternative. 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

c. **First Reading - Consider approving the renewal of the janitorial services contract for City facilities provided by Metroclean.**
Penny Joiner, Director of Parks and Leisure

No action taken

d. **Consider adoption of Ordinance 2026-13 to amend the Budget for FY 25-26, amending the Schedule of Fees and Charges.**
Lance Hall, Finance Director

Councilmember Vicki McKenzie made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-13 to amend the budget for fiscal year 2025 - 2026; amending the Schedule of Fees and Charges. 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

e. **Consider instructing staff to direct the Trinity River Authority (TRA) to design the Tenaska waterline infrastructure to full capacity.**
Lance Hall, Finance Director
Kathlie Jeng-Bulloch, City Engineer

Councilmember Jon Strong made a motion to instruct staff to direct TRA to design the Tenaska waterline infrastructure to full capacity. 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**

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 551.087, for deliberation regarding economic development negotiations. Project: Destination Huntsville.**
Scott Swigert, City Manager

City Council convened in Executive Session at 6: 24 p.m.

7. RECONVENE

City Council reconvened from Executive Session at 8:13 p.m.

Councilmember Casey Cox made a motion to approve the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Project Luong for the feasibility study for Project Destination Huntsville. 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

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Humphrey adjourned the meeting without objection at 8:13 p.m.

ATTEST:

Kristy Doll, City Secretary

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Russell Humphrey, Mayor