

CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS

Russell Humphrey, Mayor

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Casey Cox, Ward 2
Anissa Antwine, Ward 3

HUNTSVILLE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

WORKSHOP 5:00 P.M. - Council Chambers Room # 150

REGULAR SESSION 6:00 P.M. - Council Chambers Room # 150

City of Huntsville City Hall Complex, 1212 Avenue M, Huntsville, Texas, 77320

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and may need auxiliary aids or services are requested to contact the City Secretary's office (936.291.5413) two working days prior to the meeting for appropriate arrangements.

Citizen Comments: State law provides that members of the public may speak before the City Council on an item of business. The speaking time is generally limited to three minutes per person, but may be reduced depending on the number of speakers. If you wish to speak, please complete a public comment card found at the entrance of the meeting room. City Council members are not obligated to respond to comments.

Taxpayer Impact Statement

Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.043(c)(2), the City of Huntsville provides the following comparison for the median-valued homestead property. This statement shows the estimated annual property tax bill for a median-valued homestead in Huntsville, comparing the current tax rate, the no-new-revenue rate, the proposed tax rate and the maximum tax rate options.

	Fiscal Year 2026 Adopted Budget	Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Voter Approved Tax Rate	Fiscal Year 2027 Budget No-New Revenue Rate	Fiscal Year 2027 Budget at Proposed Tax Rate
Total Tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.3475	\$0.3790	\$0.3506	\$0.3789
Median homestead taxable value	\$253,909	\$249,790	\$249,790	\$249,790
Tax on Median homestead	\$882.33	\$946.70	\$875.76	\$946.45
Change From Prior Year		\$64.37 or 7.3%	(\$6.57) or (1.0%)	\$64.12 or 7.3%

Proposed Budget

A copy of the Proposed Budget is available in the City Secretary's Office at City Hall and online at <https://www.huntsvilletx.gov/193/Budget>

WORKSHOP (5:00 p.m.)

DISCUSSION

- a. Presentation and discussion on Phase I of the Feasibility Study for the potential Destination Huntsville project.
Ricardo Villagrand, Assistant City Manager
- b. Discussion on the Council Chambers logo concept.
Ricardo Villagrand, Assistant City Manager

MAIN SESSION (6:00 p.m.)

CALL TO ORDER I would like to welcome everyone to this duly called meeting of the Huntsville City Council, being held on September 1, 2026 at 1212 Avenue M, Huntsville, Texas. I attest that this meeting room is open and accessible to members of the public.

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.*

PROCLAMATION

PRESENTATION

- a. Annual report of Walker County Economic Development Corporation
Stephanie Smith

PUBLIC HEARING

- a. Public Hearing on the FY 2026-2027 proposed Budget.
Lance Hall, Finance Director

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 August 11, 2026, Special City Council Meeting.
Kristy Doll, City Secretary
- b. Consider approving the Minutes from the August 18, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting.
Kristy Doll, City Secretary
- c. Consider the acceptance of the Monthly Financial Report for the month of July 2026.
Lance Hall, Finance Director

2. STATUTORY AGENDA

- a. Consider postponing approval of the FY 2026-2027 proposed Budget to the September 15, 2026, City Council meeting.
Lance Hall, Finance Director
- b. Consider the request from Richard Ohendalski for waiver of penalties and interest in the amount of \$335.35 for delinquent ad valorem taxes.
Lance Hall, Finance Director
- c. Consider approving the Walker County Economic Development Corporation Funding Agreement for FY2026-2027.
Ricardo Villagrand, Assistant City Manager

3. CITY COUNCIL/MAYOR/CITY MANAGER

4. MEDIA INQUIRIES RELATED TO MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

5. ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. City Council will convene in closed session as authorized by Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Section 551.074 - Personnel Matters: regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee: Associate Municipal Judge Angela Valis.

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- b. City Council will convene in closed session as authorized by Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Section 551.074 - Personnel Matters: regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee: Presiding Municipal Judge Devan Dawson.

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- c. City Council will convene in closed session as authorized by Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Section 551.074 - Personnel Matters: regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee: City Secretary Kristy Doll.

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- d. City Council will convene in closed session as authorized by Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Section 551.071 – consultation with counsel on legal matters regarding the agreement with Walker County Economic Development Corporation.

Robby Chapman, City Attorney

7. RECONVENE

Take action on item discussed in executive session, if needed.

ADJOURNMENT

*If during the course of the meeting and discussion of any items covered by this notice, City Council determines that a Closed or Executive session of the Council is required, then such closed meeting will be held as authorized by Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Section 551.071 – consultation with counsel on legal matters; 551.072 – deliberation regarding purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property; 551.073 – deliberation regarding a prospective gift; 551.074 – personnel matters regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; 551.076 – implementation of security personnel or devices; 551.087 – deliberation regarding economic development negotiation; Sec. 551.089 - deliberation regarding security devices or security audits; and/or other matters as authorized under the Texas Government Code. If a Closed or Executive session is held in accordance with the Texas Government Code as set out above, the City Council will reconvene in Open Session to take action, if necessary, on the items addressed during Executive Session.

CERTIFICATE

I, Kristy Doll, City Secretary, do hereby certify that the above notice was posted on the City Hall bulletin board, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times, and to the City's website, www.HuntsvilleTX.gov, in compliance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

DATE OF POSTING: August 26, 2026

TIME OF POSTING: 11:00 a.m

TAKEN DOWN:

Kristy Doll

Kristy Doll, City Secretary