

CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS

Russell Humphrey, Mayor

Bert Lyle, Position 1 At-Large
Karen Denman, Position 2 At-Large
Vicki McKenzie, Position 3 At-Large
Pat Graham, Position 4 At-Large



Jon Strong, Mayor Pro Tem
Ward 4
Tore Fossum, Ward 1
Casey Cox, Ward 2
Anissa Antwine, Ward 3

HUNTSVILLE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 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

House Bill 1522 amends Section 551.043 of the Texas Government Code to add new notice requirements under the Texas Open Meetings Act. Specifically, when a governmental body posts notice of a meeting under Section 551.043(a)(c) at which it will discuss or adopt its budget, the notice must now include a taxpayer impact statement.

The taxpayer impact statement must show, for the median-valued homestead property within the governmental body's jurisdiction:

- **The property tax bill in dollars for the current fiscal year, and**
- **An estimate of the property tax bill in dollars for the upcoming fiscal year.**

This requirement is intended to increase transparency by allowing taxpayers to see how proposed budgets may directly affect their property tax bills.

	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 Not to Exceed Tax
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.)

- a. Strategic Plan Update: Public Safety
Olivia Discon, Assistant to the City Manager

DISCUSSION

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 15, 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

- a. Proclamation No. 2026-23 National I.T. Professionals Day
Russell Humphrey, Mayor
- b. Proclamation No. 2026-24 National Human Resources Professionals Day
Russell Humphrey, Mayor
- c. Proclamation No. 2026-25 Citizenship Preparatory Class
Russell Humphrey, Mayor

PRESENTATIONS

- a. Presentation from Lou Fiscella with the Iron Forest Football Club.
Penny Joiner, Director of Parks and Leisure

PUBLIC HEARING

- a. Public Hearing on the Tax Year 2026 (FY 2026-2027) Tax Rate for the City of Huntsville.
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 September 1, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting.
Kristy Doll, City Secretary
- b. Consider Resolution No. 2026-33 authorizing the submission of an application to the U.S. Department of Justice for the FY 2026 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program – Local Formula, and authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with Walker County.
Lance Hall, Finance Director
- c. Consider approving the expenditure of \$261,090.46 for repairs completed to date on the fire apparatus that sustained fire damage using funds received from the Texas Municipal League.

Trey Lamb, Assistant Fire Chief

- d. Consider approving the Second Amendment to Contract for Professional Services for Municipal Court Presiding Judge Devan Dawson.
- e. Consider approving the Second Amendment to Contract for Professional Services for Municipal Court Associate Judge Angela Valis.
- f. Consider approving Amendment D to the Employment Agreement for City Secretary Kristy Doll
- g. Consider Resolution No. 2026-34 authorizing the submission of an application to TxDOT Aviation for the Reimbursable Grant Agreement for the Routine Airport Maintenance Program (RAMP) and authorizing City Manager to accept and execute the grant agreement.
Layne Yeager, Development Services Director
- h. Consider three ground lease locations with All Access Aviation at the Huntsville Municipal Airport and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a ground lease agreement for said hangar.
Layne Yeager, Development Services Director
- i. Consider entering into an interlocal agreement with Sam Houston State University for the High Potential Leadership Academy.
Brian Beasley, Assistant City Manager - Internal & Community Services

2. STATUTORY AGENDA

- a. Consider adopting Ordinance No. 2026-23 to adopt the FY 2026-2027. Budget with all policies, fees, rates, and provisions as referenced therein. **Record/rollcall vote required**
Lance Hall, Finance Director
- b. Consider ratifying the increased property tax revenues of \$453,252 reflected in the FY 2026-2027 Budget as adopted.
Lance Hall, Finance Director
- c. Consider adopting Ordinance No. 2026-24 adopting the Tax Rate of \$0.3775 per \$100 valuation, approving one component being M&O at \$0.3361 levying taxes for the City of Huntsville for the FY 2026-2027. **Record/rollcall vote required**
Lance Hall, Finance Director
- d. Consider adopting Ordinance No. 2026-25 adopting the Tax Rate of \$0.3775 per \$100 valuation, approving one component being I&S Debt Service at \$0.0414 levying taxes for the City of Huntsville for the FY 2026-2027. **Record/rollcall vote required**
Lance Hall, Finance Director
- e. **First Reading**—Consider adopting Ordinance No. 2026-28 updating the Service and Assessment Plan and Assessment Roll for the Reserves Public Improvement District.
Lance Hall, Finance Director
- f. Consider authorizing the City Manager to purchase real property and an easement from the US Department of Agriculture (USDA), US Forest Services (USFS) lands for the N.B Davidson Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of \$252,538.00
Kathlie Jeng-Bullock, City Engineer
- g. Consider adopting Ordinance No. 2026-27, the Fourth Supplemental Ordinance to the Master Ordinance Establishing the City of Huntsville, Texas Utility System Revenue Financing Program to authorize the City's Water and Wastewater System Revenue Bonds, Series 2026 in an expected amount of approximately \$37,535,000.
Lance Hall, Finance Director

3. CITY COUNCIL/MAYOR/CITY MANAGER

- a. Consider the appointments to the City of Huntsville Boards and Commissions.

Russell Humphrey, Mayor

4. MEDIA INQUIRIES RELATED TO MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

5. ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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: September 9, 2026

TIME OF POSTING: 6:15 p.m.

TAKEN DOWN:

Sharon Schultz

Sharon Schultz, Deputy City Secretary