

CITY OF BASTROP
BASTROP CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, July 28, 2026

The Bastrop City Council met in a Regular Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at the Bastrop City Hall Council Chambers, 1311 Chestnut Street, Bastrop, Texas, with the following action taken to wit:

Council Members Present

Mayor Ishmael Harris, Mayor Pro-Tem John Kirkland Council Member Cynthia Meyer Council Member Kerry Fossler Council Member Perry Lowe Council Member Kevin Plunkett

Staff Present

City Manager Sylvia Carrillo-Trevino
Assistant City Manager/ Fire Chief Andres Rosales
City Secretary Michael Muscarello
City Attorney Charlie Zech
Assistant to the City Manager Vivianna Andres
Development Services Director James Cowey Police Chief Vicky Steffanic
Public Information Manager Colin Guerra
Parks & Recreation Director Jason Alfaro

1. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Mayor Harris called the Regular City Council Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - United States of America and Texas Flags

Mayor Harris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. INVOCATION

Bastrop Police Chaplin David Young delivered the Invocation.

4. PRESENTATIONS

4A. Mayor's Report

4B. Council Members' Report

4C. City Manager's Report

A. Historic Preservation Trust

B. Recognition

4D. PROCLAMATION – National Health Center Week

The proclamation was read and signed by Mayor Ishmael Harris.

Mayor Harris moved Items 10C and 9A for action.

Mayor Harris closed the Open Meeting to convene the City Council into Executive (Closed) Session at 7:09 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code, Chapter 551 as follows:

10C. City Council shall convene into a closed executive session pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section § 551.072 to deliberate the acquisition of real property located on Church Street.

Mayor Harris reconvened the City Council into the Open Session at 7:39 p.m. and called for any action as a result of Executive Session.

MOTION: Mayor Pro-Tem Kirkland made the motion to give direction to the City Manager to take initial steps to acquire property on Church Street for Historical preservation. Council Member Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

9A. Consider and act on the first reading of Ordinance No. 2026-29 amending the proposed budget of Bond 2026 allocation of \$550,000 for the creation of a golf course reduced to \$50,000 as grant matches for potential golf improvements and reallocated the remaining \$500,000 to the creation of an African American Cultural Center and Freedom Colonies Museum to serve as improvements to Kerr Park located at 1304 Walnut Street.

Submitted by: Sylvia Carrillo-Trevino, ICMA-CM, CPM, City Manager

MOTION: Council Member Plunkett moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2026-29 with the amendment that a stipulation be added that residual funds from the Quality of Life Bond be reallocated to the golf course up to \$50000.00. Council Member Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

4E. Fiscal Year 2027 Community Asset Funding Presentations

- **Bastrop African American Cultural Center**

- Bastrop County Historical Society Museum
- Bastrop County Historical Society Visitor Center
- Bastrop Opera House
- Kerr Community Center
- Lost Pones Art Center

5. **WORK SESSIONS / BRIEFINGS**

5A. **Fiscal Year 2027 Proposed Draft Budget**

Submitted by: Sylvia Carrillo-Trevino, ICMA-CM, CPM, City Manager

5B. **Provide an update to the City Council regarding ongoing resident complaints at the Settlement Apartments.**

6. **STAFF AND BOARD REPORTS – NONE**

6A. Monthly Financial Report - June 2026 (unaudited)

Submitted by: Judy Sandroussi, Finance Director

7. **CITIZEN COMMENT(S)**

Citizen(s) addressing the City Council on an item, not on the agenda: None

Citizen(s) addressing the City Council on an item, on the agenda: Tommy Claiborne, Adrienne Haschke, Lee Ann Calaway, Robbie Sanders.

Mayor Harris called for requests to remove any item from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion. Council Member Plunkett pulled Item 8G to be presented to Council.

8. **CONSENT AGENDA**

8A. **Consider and act to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2026-21, amending the operating and capital budget for the Fiscal Year 2026 in accordance with existing statutory requirements; appropriating the various amounts herein attached as Exhibit A; repealing all prior ordinances and actions in conflict herewith; establishing an effective date.**

Submitted by: Judy Sandroussi, Finance Director

- 8B. Consider and act on the second reading of Ordinance No. 2026-20 to amend Chapter 10 of the Code of Ordinances, Subdivisions, as shown in Exhibits A-C.

Submitted by: James E. Cowey, Director of Development Services

- 8C. Consider and act on the second reading of Ordinance No. 2026-23 to amend Chapter 14 of the Code of Ordinances, Bastrop Development Code (BDC), as shown in Exhibits A-H.

Submitted by: James E. Cowey, Director of Development Services

- 8D. Consider and act to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2026-25 of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas approving the Fiscal Year 2027 Annual Service Plan Update, including provisions related to assessments for the Valverde Public Improvement District; approving a Fiscal Year 2026 - 2027 assessment roll for the District.

Submitted by: Judy Sandroussi, Finance Director

- 8E. Consider and act on the second reading of Ordinance No. 2026-26 to amend Chapter 14 of the Code of Ordinances with the addition of Section 14.09.016, entitled "Liability for Adversely Affecting Historic Structure or Property," related to historic structures, by adopting enforcement provisions consistent with Texas Local Government Code Chapter 315 Section 006.

Submitted by: Sylvia Carrillo-Trevino, ICMA-CM, CPM, City Manager

- 8F. Consider and act on the first reading of Ordinance No. 2026-30 amending Chapter 14, Section 9.002 Historic Landmark Commission by amending the appointment from Planning and Zoning Commission to be a non-voting ex-officio member, and that members should be residents of the city.

Submitted by: Sylvia Carrillo-Trevino, ICMA-CM, CPM, City Manager

- 8G. Consider and act on Resolution No. R-2026-112, ordering a November 3, 2026 Local Option Election for the legal sale of alcoholic beverages within the territory annexed into the City of Bastrop that retained its dry status following the City's 2005 Local Option; and providing for the election to be held as a joint election with Bastrop County.

Submitted by: Michael Muscarello, TRMC, CMC, CPM, City Secretary

- 8H. Consider and act to approve Resolution No. R-2026-111 amending the City Council Rules of Procedure for the City Council and Boards & Commissions to keep up with new guidelines for public comment.

Submitted by: Michael Muscarello, TRMC, CMC, CPM, City Secretary

- 8I. Consider and act on Resolution No. R-2026-116 to support the submission of public art to be installed in the form of a mural at the underpass located on Highway 71 and College Street.

Submitted by: Sylvia Carrillo-Trevino, ICMA-CM, CPM, City Manager

- 8J. Consider and act to approve Resolution No. R-2026-114, awarding a contract, attached as Exhibit A, for the installation of holiday lighting to Decor IQ in the amount of Two Hundred Thirteen Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Two and 22/100 Dollars (\$213,242.22) authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents.

Submitted by: Jason Alfaro, Director of Parks and Recreation

- 8K. Consider and act on Resolution No. R-2026-115 amending the agreement between the City of Bastrop and the Bastrop Economic Development Corporation (BEDC) by extending the time of the agreement for twenty-four months, allowing commercial use in the interim, and payment of rents collected be paid to the BEDC.

Submitted by: Sylvia Carrillo-Trevino, ICMA-CM, CPM, and Interim BEDC Director

- 8L. Consider and act on the first reading of Resolution No. R-2026-113, authorizing the Bastrop Economic Development Corporation's \$25,000 expenditure for professional services with Career Tracks and giving the City Manager signature authority to execute the Professional Services Agreement and moving to include the Second Reading on the August 11th Consent Agenda.

Submitted by: Jill Strube, Ph.D., Business and Community Development Manager (BEDC)

- 8M. Consider and act to approve the Bastrop City Council minutes from the July 10, 2026, Special Meeting and the July 14, 2026, Regular Meeting.

Submitted by: Michael Muscarello, TRMC, CMC, CPM, City Secretary

MOTION: Mayor Pro-Tem Kirkland moved to approve the remaining consent agenda as presented. Council Member Plunkett seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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- 8G. Consider and act on Resolution No. R-2026-112, ordering a November 3, 2026 Local Option Election for the legal sale of alcoholic beverages within the territory annexed into the City of Bastrop that retained its dry status following

the City's 2005 Local Option; and providing for the election to be held as a joint election with Bastrop County.

Submitted by: Michael Muscarello, TRMC, CMC, CPM, City Secretary

MOTION: Council member Plunkett moved to approve Resolution No. R-2026-112 as presented. Mayor Pro-Tem Kirkland seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

9. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- 9A. **Consider and act on the first reading of Ordinance No. 2026-29 amending the proposed budget of Bond 2026 allocation of \$550,000 for the creation of a golf course reduced to \$50,000 as grant matches for potential golf improvements and reallocated the remaining \$500,000 to the creation of an African American Cultural Center and Freedom Colonies Museum to serve as improvements to Kerr Park located at 1304 Walnut Street.**

Submitted by: Sylvia Carrillo-Trevino, ICMA-CM, CPM, City Manager

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Harris closed the Open Meeting to convene the City Council into Executive (Closed) Session at 9:25 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code, Chapter 551 as follows:

- 10A. City Council shall convene into a closed executive session pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section §551.071 to consult with the Attorney regarding the agreement related to The Hill. (Not addressed and removed).**
- 10B. City Council shall convene into a closed executive session pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section § 551.087 to deliberate regarding Economic Development with Pearl River, the developer for Sendero.**
- 10C. City Council shall convene into a closed executive session pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section § 551.072 to deliberate the acquisition of real property located on Church Street.**

Mayor Harris reconvened the City Council into the Open Session at 9:42 p.m. and called for any action as a result of the Executive Session.

11. TAKE ANY NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE ACTION ON MATTERS POSTED FOR CONSIDERATION IN CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council gave direction for the City Manager to continue negotiations with Pearl River, the developer for Sendero.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Upon receiving a motion duly made and a second to adjourn, Mayor Harris adjourned the July 28th Regular Meeting at 9:43 p.m.

CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS



Ishmael Harris, Mayor



Michael Muscarello, TRMC, CMC, CPM
City Secretary