

CITY OF BASTROP

BASTROP CITY COUNCIL

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

The Bastrop City Council met in a Special Meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at the Bastrop Convention Center, 1408 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 Andres Rosales
City Secretary Michael Muscarello
Assistant City Secretary Victoria Psencik
Assistant to the City Manager Viviana Andres
Finance Director Judy Sandroussi
Assistant Finance Director Laura Allen
Main Street Manager Michaela Joyce
Development Services Director James Cowey
Police Lieutenant Daniel McManus
Digital Media Specialist Rick Gullikson
Fleet & Facilities Manager Doug Haggerty
Water & Wastewater Director Curtis Hancock
Bastrop Power & Light Director Curtis Ervin
Human Resources Director Tanya Cantrell
Planner I Alondra Macias
Senior Planner Brittany Epling
Project Coordinator Nicole Peterson
Utility Billing/Customer Service Supervisor Christina Davis
Engineering Project Manager Sinem Aka Mudun
Engineering Project Manager Elizabeth Wick

1. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Mayor Harris called the Special City Council Meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

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

Mayor Harris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. INVOCATION

Council Member Lowe delivered the Invocation.

4. PRESENTATIONS

4A. Budget Workshop – Review Proposed FY 2025-2026 Budget.

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

5. CITIZEN COMMENT(S)

Citizen(s) that did not speak to City Council but submitted a comment on an item, not on the agenda: Kristen Rollins (Lucko), Romonda Watley, David Juarez, and Neil Myers.

Citizen(s) addressing the City Council on an item, not on the agenda: Dr. Renee Cervantes, Gilbert Cervantes, Wesley King, and Cecilia Serna.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Harris called for requests to remove any item from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion. Council Member Fossler requested that Item 6A be removed.

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- 6A. **Consider and act on the second reading of Ordinance No. 2025-65 authorizing the City Manager to sell the City-owned property located at 1808 Jasper Street, Bastrop, Texas, for the amount of \$210,000.00.**

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

MOTION: Council Member Fossler moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2025-65 with two additional stipulations to the 1808 Jasper St Contract – “restriction of 36 months to start construction” and “not be assignable”. Council Member Plunkett seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Before convening into Executive Session, Council Member Fossler announced that she has submitted a Conflict-of-Interest Statement to recuse herself from Item 7A, which is attached as Exhibit A.

Mayor Harris closed the Open Meeting to convene the City Council into Executive (Closed) Session at 6:56 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code, Chapter 551 as follows:

- 7A. **Section 551.071 to seek the advice of legal counsel regarding North End Prairie.**
- 7B. **Section 551.071 to seek the advice of legal counsel regarding possible legal action regarding waste services.**

Mayor Harris reconvened the City Council into the Open Session at 7:46 p.m. and called for any action as a result of the Executive Session.

No action was taken on Items 7A and 7B.

8. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

Council Member Fossler submitted a Conflict-of-Interest Statement to recuse herself from Item 8A, which is attached as Exhibit A.

8A. Consider and act on an appeal regarding vested rights by a development known as North End Prairie per Article 1. 20.015 of the Bastrop Code of Ordinances.

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

Item 8A was presented by Terry Irion with Sprouse Shrader Smith PLLC, attorney representing the applicants, Jodie Smith and Tom Leibowitz.

Citizen Comments submitted specifically for Item 8A that **did not** speak: Marilyn/JB Kuhn, Lori Plimpton, Barbara Coy, Rebecca Schaefer, Nancy Leos, Larry Albers, Katherine Albers, Elaine Weiss, Victoria Leal, Alexis Castillo, Isabel Leal (comment submitted but not announced), and Ray Leal (comment submitted but not announced).

Citizen Comments submitted specifically for Item 8A that **did** speak: Melinda Larson, Cheryl Kruckeberg, Pablo Serna, Heather Greene, Jerod Hruska, and Cecilia Serna.

MOTION: Council Member Meyer moved to deny the appeal of North End Prairie. Council Member Plunkett seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0 with Council Member Fossler recused from the vote.

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

No action was taken on Executive Session Items 7A and 7B.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Upon receiving a motion duly made and a second to adjourn, Mayor Harris adjourned the August 19th Special City Council Meeting at 8:34 p.m.

CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS


Ishmael Harris, Mayor

ATTEST:


Victoria Psencik, Assistant City Secretary