

CITY OF BASTROP
BASTROP CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, August 6, 2026

The Bastrop City Council met in a City Council Retreat Meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 6, 2026, at the John Wm. Klein Meeting Room, 115 N. Crockett Street, Fredericksburg, 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, and Council Member Kevin Plunkett.

Staff Present

City Manager Sylvia Carrillo-Trevino
Assistant City Manager/ Fire Chief Andres Rosales
City Secretary Michael Muscarello
Assistant to the City Manager Vivianne Andres
Development Services Director James Cowey
Streets and Drainage Director Lance Dodge
Parks & Recreation Director Jason Alfaro
Discover Bastrop Director Michaela Joyce
Executive Administrative Assistant Taylor Andry

1. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Mayor Harris called the Retreat to order at 9:10 a.m.

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

Mayor Harris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. INVOCATION

Council Member Perry Lowe delivered the Invocation.

4. PRESENTATIONS

4A. Review status of current projects

Parks and Recreation Director Jason Alfaro presented an update on the status of projects for Fisherman's Park, Fireman's Park, Delgado Park, Mayfest Park, Dog Park, Veterans Memorial Park, LCRA Ball Fields, and Lover's Lane Soccer Fields.

Assistant City Manager Andres Rosales presented an update on Fiscal Year 2026 projects, including the Simsboro Water Treatment Plant, in-house smoke testing, Water Street and Linden pipe bursting, manhole replacements, rehabilitation of Wastewater Treatment Plant No. 1, Westside Water improvements, Wastewater Treatment Plant No. 3 outfall, street improvements related to water and sewer rehabilitation, Delgado Park waterline, and the Hasler Shores changeover to Aqua Water.

Streets and Drainage Director Lance Dodge presented updates on street and drainage projects, including Willow Street, Fireman's Park, Buttonwood Street, Gutierrez Street, and the stairs at the museum.

Mayor Harris called for a break at 11:12 a.m.

Mayor Harris reconvened the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

- 1. Budget**
 - a. Items not funded
 - b. Setting the tax rate
 - c. HOT contingency

City Manager Sylvia Carrillo-Trevino discussed the proposed roundabout at State Highway 71 and Old Austin Highway, the German Casino, updates to Alley A, tax rates, and the use of Hotel Occupancy Tax funds to support City-funded assets.

Due to time constraints, the remaining items were postponed until August 7, 2026, Day Two of the Council Retreat.

- 2. Capital Projects**
 - a. Ongoing
 - b. FY 2027
 - c. FY 2028 - beyond
- 3. Master Transportation Plan**
 - a. East/West Connection North of 71

- b. Amendments to the Plan (Impact Fee reduction)
- 4. Water/WW Master Plan
 - a. Existing needs
 - b. Future needs
- 5. Street Projects
 - a. Existing
 - b. Future
- 6. Future Goals
 - a. Recreation Center
 - b. Expanded Fire/Police Service
 - c. Data Center Policy
- 7. Legislative Priorities
 - a. Legislative Advocacy priorities
 - b. Flock Cameras

5. CITIZEN COMMENTS

6. ADJOURNMENT

Upon receiving a motion duly made and seconded to adjourn, the August 6th City Council Retreat was adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS



Ishmael Harris, Mayor



Michael Muscarello, TRMC, CMC, CPM
City Secretary