CITY OF BASTROP
BASTROP CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, November 3, 2026

The Bastrop City Council met in a Special/Workshop Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3, 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, Council Member Cynthia Meyer, Council Member Kerry Fossler, Council Member Perry Lowe, and Council Member Kevin Plunkett

Council Members Absent

Mayor Pro-Tem John Kirkland

Staff Present

City Manager Sylvia Carrillo-Trevino
Assistant City Manager/ Fire Chief Andres Rosales
City Secretary Michael Muscarello
Deputy City Secretary Nichole Heinrich
Public Information Manager Colin Guerra
Development Services Director James Cowey
Finance Director, Judy Sandroussi
Assistant to the City Manager Vivianna Andres
Chief of Police, Vicky Steffanic
City Attorney, Charles Zech
Director of Wastewater, Curtis Hancock
Planning Manager, Brittany Dullard
Business and Community Development Manager, Jill Strube, Ph.D

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
   With a quorum present, Mayor Harris called the Special City Council Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - United States of America and Texas Flags**
   Ximena Acosta and Emilio Bravo-Rico led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **INVOCATION**
   Ketrich Steger delivered the Invocation.

4. **PRESENTATIONS**

   4A. Mayor's Report

   · Trip to South Korea in Coordination with the Korea/Texas Forum

   4B. Council Members' Report

4C. City Manager's Report

1. Park and Recreation updates:
   a. Parks Operation Management
   b. Delgado Park restrooms and parking lot
   c. Fireman's Park restrooms and parking lot
   d. Mayfest Park shade structure
   e. Old Iron Bridge Project Update (timeline, ribbon cutting, benches)
   f. Fisherman's Park plaque and final punchlist
   g. Veteran's Memorial plan set and bid documents

2. Water & Wastewater updates
   a. Pipe bursting on local streets (Water, Farm, Linden, Hwy 71)
   b. Simsboro Water Wells testing period
   c. WWTP 1&2 – Testing completion
   d. WWTP 3&4 -Percentage completion and TCEQ permit

3. BP&L
   a. 4th feeder update on Toad Permit, and line location.
   b. Alley C electrical bid process and easements

4. Fleet and Facilities
   a. Building update
   b. Library renovations
   c. Convention Center roof
   d. Convention Center repairs

5. Engineering
   a. Hunter's Crossing flood prevention and land acquisition
   b. Seating of the board

6. Streets
   a. Buttonwood
   b. Gutierrez update
   c. Farm, Water, & Linden update
   d. Mesquite update
   e. Blakey Lane update
   f. Sidewalk survey and work progress

City Manager Carrillo-Trevino amended the order of the agenda moving to item 6A.

6. STAFF AND BOARD REPORTS

6A. -Veterans Car Show: November 13 & 14 in Downtown Bastrop
- Community Unity: November 15th, 1-5pm at Bastrop Convention Center

-Rivals for a Cause (Texas AM/UT watch party and Corn-hole Competition): November 27th, 1-10pm in Downtown Bastrop
-Lighting of the Pines/River of Lights: November 27th, 6pm in Fisherman's Park
-Historic Bridge Ribbon Cutting: December 4th, 4pm on the Old Iron Bridge/Colorado River Bridge
-FAME (First Friday): December 4th, 5-8pm in Downtown Bastrop
-Merry on Main: December 12th, 10am-3pm in Downtown Bastrop
-Lighted Christmas Parade: December 12th, 6pm in Downtown Bastrop

Mayor Harris amended the order of the agenda moving to item 4D.

4D. PROCLAMATION - Veteran's Day

5. WORK SESSIONS/BRIEFINGS

5A. Presentation and update from Halff and Associates regarding the Riverbank Stabilization GLO CDBG-MIT Grant project.

Submitted by: Vivianna Nicole Andres, Assistant to the City Manager

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: Greg Romero, Crystal Nguyen, Jeff Heyer, Daniela Heyer, Tom Dickey, Earl Haight, Benjamin Cohen, Melissa Pate, Sheila Haight, Lucy Dyess, Tyrone Smith, Jay Mirabito, Cameron Allen, Rebecca Loan, Adam Smith, Windy Hill, and Robie Brown.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

8A. Consider and act on the second reading of Ordinance No. 2026-45, approving the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Amended & Restated Service and Assessment Plan for Improvement Area No. 2 of the Valverde Public Improvement District (PID), making related findings and determinations under Chapter 372 of the Texas Local Government Code.

Submitted by: Judy Sandroussi, Finance Director

8B. Consider and act on the second reading of Ordinance No. 2026-43, approving an amendment to the operating and capital budget for the Fiscal Year 2027 in accordance with existing statutory requirements; appropriating the various amounts herein attached as Exhibit A; repealing all prior ordinances and actions in conflict herewith; and establishing an effective date.

Submitted by: Judy Sandroussi, Finance Director and George Martinez, Fleet and Facilities Director

8C. Consider and act to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2026-41 of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas repealing the Code of Ordinances, related to Chapter 12 Titled "Traffic and Vehicles," amending article 12.11 titled "Automated Red Light Enforcement" amending the ordinance to remove all sections ((001,002,003,004,005,006,007,008,009,010, and 011) associated with automated red light enforcement, as attached in Exhibit A.

Submitted by: Vicky Steffanic, Chief of Police

8D. Consider and act to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2026-42, amending the code of ordinances, related to Chapter 12 titled "Traffic and Vehicles," amending Article 12.14. titled "Motor Assisted Scooters, Electric Bicycles, and Bicycles Equipped with GPS" amending Section 12.14.001 titled "Definitions" to include the definition of a Bicycle, the definition of a Pocket Bike / Mini Motor bicycle and incorporate clarification in the wording in the definition of a Dockless Vehicle; as attached in Exhibit A.

Submitted by: Vicky Steffanic, Chief of Police

8E. Consider and act on the second reading of Ordinance No. 2026-44, amending the code of ordinances, related to Chapter 12 titled "Traffic and Vehicles," amending Article 12.14 titled "Motor Assisted Scooters, Electric Bicycles, and Bicycles Equipped with GPS" amending Section 12.14.002 titled "Operation and Parking of Motor Assisted Scooters, Electric Bicycles, and Bicycles equipped with GPS" to incorporate and remove certain verbiage related to parking for clarity and insert restrictions to prohibit "riding in certain areas"; as attached in Exhibit A.

Submitted by: Vicky Steffanic, Chief of Police

8F. Consider and act on Resolution No. R-2026-151, approving a permit request to the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) for the closure of Chestnut Street for the Lost Pines Christmas parade.

Submitted by: Krissie Fountain, Special Event Coordinator

8G. Consider and act to approve the Bastrop City Council minutes from the October 27, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting.

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

MOTION: Motion was made by Council Member Plunkett to approve the consent agenda as presented. Council Member Lowe seconded the motion. Council voted 4-0. Motion carried.

9. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

9A. Consider action to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2026-46 of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas, amending the operating and capital budget for the Fiscal Year 2027 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; and move to include on the November 17, 2026, City Council Consent Agenda for a second reading.

Submitted by: Judy Sandroussi, Finance Director and Lance Dodge, Streets & Drainage Director

MOTION: Motion was made by Council Member Fossler to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2026-46 of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas, amending the operating and capital budget for the Fiscal Year 2027 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; and move to include on the November 17, 2026, City Council Consent Agenda for a second reading. Council Member Plunkett seconded the motion. Council voted 4-0. Motion carried.

9B. Consider and act on Resolution No. 2026-153 appointing representatives to the existing Transportation Master Plan / Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Steering Committee and adopting the updated membership roster in Exhibit A.

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

MOTION: Motion was made by Council Member Meyer to approve Resolution No. 2026-153 appointing representatives to the existing Transportation Master Plan / Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Steering Committee and adopting the updated membership roster in Exhibit A. Council Member Lowe seconded the motion. Council voted 4-0. Motion carried.

9C. Consider and act to approve Resolution No. R-2026-145, which supports the 2026 Texas Municipal League (TML) Legislative Policy.

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

MOTION: Motion was made by Council Member Meyer to approve Resolution No. R-2026-145, which supports the 2026 Texas Municipal League (TML) Legislative Policy. Council Member Lowe seconded the motion. Council voted 4-0. Motion carried.

9D. Conduct a public hearing, consider and act on Ordinance No. 2026-47 regarding a request for a Conditional Use Permit to allow a second accessory dwelling unit on 0.8180 acres out of Farm Lot 16, West of Main Street located at 406 Cedar Street, an area zoned Single Family Residential (SF-1), within the city limits of Bastrop and move to include on the November 17, 2026, City Council meeting for a second reading.

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

Mayor Harris opened the public hearing at 8:03 p.m. No one spoke. Mayor Harris closed the public hearing at 8:03 p.m.

MOTION: Motion was made by Council Member Fossler to approve Ordinance No. 2026-47 regarding a request for a Conditional Use Permit to allow a second accessory dwelling unit on 0.8180 acres out of Farm Lot 16, West of Main Street located at 406 Cedar Street, an area zoned Single Family Residential (SF-1), within the city limits of Bastrop and move to include on the November 17, 2026, City Council meeting for a second reading. Council Member Plunkett seconded the motion. Council voted 4-0. Motion carried.

9E. Conduct a public hearing, consider and act on Ordinance No 2026-48 to amend the Comprehensive Plan to change the Future Land Use designation from Mixed-Use Corridor Commercial, Neighborhood Residential, Residential Mixed Density and Corridor Commercial to Mixed-Use Corridor Commercial for the area being described as 157.814 +/- acres out of the Nancy Blakey Abstract 98, east of FM 20, located at 169 FM 20, Bastrop, TX 78602 within the city limits of Bastrop, Texas for the development commonly known as Bastrop West, and move to include on the November 17, 2026, City Council meeting for a second reading.

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

Mayor Harris opened the public hearing at 8:10 p.m. No one spoke. Mayor Harris closed the public hearing at 8:10 p.m.

MOTION: Motion was made by Council Member Fossler to approve Ordinance No 2026-48 to amend the Comprehensive Plan to change the Future Land Use designation from Mixed-Use Corridor Commercial, Neighborhood Residential, Residential Mixed Density and Corridor Commercial to Mixed-Use Corridor Commercial for the area being described as 157.814 +/- acres out of the Nancy Blakey Abstract 98, east of FM 20, located at 169 FM 20, Bastrop, TX 78602 within the city limits of Bastrop, Texas for the development commonly known as Bastrop West, and move to include on the November 17, 2026, City

Council meeting for a second reading. Council Member Lowe seconded the motion. Council voted 4-0. Motion carried.

9F. Conduct a public hearing, consider and act on Ordinance No. 2026-49 regarding a request to rezone the project site from Rural Residential to Planned Development District ("PDD") with a base district of Mixed Use and General Commercial for the area described as being 157 +/- acres out of the Nancy Blakey Abstract 98 and 221.825 +/- acres out of the Mozea Rousseau Abstract 56, east of FM 20, located at 169 FM 20 and Property Identification Number 25125, Bastrop, TX 78602, and move to include on the November 17, 2026, City Council meeting for a second reading. This development is more commonly known as Bastrop West.

Submitted by: Brittany Dullard, Planning Manager

Mayor Harris opened the public hearing at 8:45 p.m. No one spoke. Mayor Harris closed the public hearing at 8:45 p.m.

MOTION: Motion was made by Council Member Meyer to approve Ordinance No. 2026-49 regarding a request to rezone the project site from Rural Residential to Planned Development District ("PDD") with a base district of Mixed Use and General Commercial for the area described as being 157 +/- acres out of the Nancy Blakey Abstract 98 and 221.825 +/- acres out of the Mozea Rousseau Abstract 56, east of FM 20, located at 169 FM 20 and Property Identification Number 25125, Bastrop, TX 78602, and move to include on the November 17, 2026, City Council meeting for a second reading. This development is more commonly known as Bastrop West. Council Member Plunkett seconded the motion.

AMENDED MOTION: Motion was made by Council Member Meyer to approve Ordinance No. 2026-49 regarding a request to rezone the project site from Rural Residential to Planned Development District ("PDD") with a base district of Mixed Use and General Commercial for the area described as being 157 +/- acres out of the Nancy Blakey Abstract 98 and 221.825 +/- acres out of the Mozea Rousseau Abstract 56, east of FM 20, located at 169 FM 20 and Property Identification Number 25125, Bastrop, TX 78602, and move to include on the November 17, 2026, City Council meeting for a second reading. This development is more commonly known as Bastrop West to with the recommendations of the City Manager including solid screening and a ten foot buffer. Council Member Plunkett seconded the motion. Council voted 4-0. Motion carried.

9G. Conduct a public hearing, consider, and act on amendments to the Bastrop Development Code, Section 14.02.009, Table of Permitted Uses, to amend the permitted use classifications for Data Centers; and add Section 14.04.007, Use-Specific Standards, establishing development and operational standards for Data Centers; and move to include on the November 17, 2026, City Council Agenda for a second reading.

Submitted By: Brittany Dullard, Planning Manager

Mayor Harris opened the public hearing at 8:58 p.m. Jay Mirabito address Council. Mayor Harris closed the public hearing at 9:10 p.m.

MOTION: Motion was made by Council Member Meyer to approve amendments to the Bastrop Development Code, Section 14.02.009, Table of Permitted Uses, to amend the permitted use classifications for Data Centers; and add Section 14.04.007, Use-Specific Standards, establishing development and operational standards for Data Centers; and move to include on the November 17, 2026, City Council Agenda for a second reading. Council Member Lowe seconded the motion. Council voted 4-0. Motion carried.

9H. Conduct a public hearing, consider, and act on Ordinance No. 2026-51 regarding amendments to the Bastrop Development Code, Section 14.03.003, Downtown Historic District, to establish Active and Passive Use requirements for ground-floor storefronts and regulations for certain Alcohol-Focused Uses, and move to include on the November 17, 2026, City Council meeting for a second reading.

Submitted by: Brittany Dullard, Planning Manager

Mayor Harris pulled item 9H

9I. Conduct a public hearing, consider, and act on Ordinance No. 2026-52 regarding amendments to the Bastrop Development Code, Sections 14.04.001 and 14.04.005, to amend development standards for fences and residential driveways on rural properties, and move to include on the November 17, 2026, City Council meeting for a second reading.

Submitted by: Brittany Dullard, Planning Manager

Mayor Harris opened the public hearing at 9:14 p.m. No one spoke. Mayor Harris closed the public hearing at 9:14 p.m.

MOTION: Motion was made by Council Member Meyer to approve Ordinance No. 2026-52 regarding amendments to the Bastrop Development Code, Sections 14.04.001 and 14.04.005, to amend development standards for fences and residential driveways on rural properties, and move to include on the November 17, 2026, City Council meeting for a second reading. Council member Lowe seconded the motion. Council voted 4-0. Motion carried.

9J. Consider and act on ratification of items at Mayfest Park:

A. **Consider and act to approve Resolution No. R-2026-154 ratifying and approving, to the extent permitted by law, the WJC Construction Services LLC contract and eligible additional work for the Mayfest Park/Arena bleacher foundation; acknowledging prior payments totaling $93,850; authorizing conditional payment of the remaining $24,000, including amounts within the applicable statutory change-order limit and amounts separately authorized for procurement; and providing for implementation, severability, and an effective date.**

B. **Consider and act to approve Resolution No. R-2026-155 approving a separate construction services procurement with WJC Construction Services LLC in the amount of $15,350 for completion of Mayfest Park/Arena bleacher foundation improvements and associated safety-related work; making findings under Texas Local Government Code Section 252.022(2), subject to confirmation that the statutory exception applies; authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreement and take necessary implementation actions; and providing for severability and an effective date.**

Submitted by: Taylor Andry, Executive Administrative Assistant & Interim Parks & Rec Manager

MOTION: Motion was made by Council Member Plunkett to approve item 9JA and 9JB as presented. Council Member Meyer seconded the motion. Council voted 4-0. Motion carried.

9K. Consider and act on Resolution no. 2026-155 in support of a public hearing regarding data centers before the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Submitted by: Cynthia Sanders-Meyer and Perry Lowe, Councilmembers

MOTION: Motion was made by Council Member Plunkett to approve Resolution no. 2026-155 in support of a public hearing regarding data centers before the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. Council Member Meyer seconded the motion. Council voted 4-0. Motion carried.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

10A. City Council shall convene into a closed executive session pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section §551.087 to deliberate regarding Economic Development with Mintwood Real Estate.

Mayor Harris moved item 10A to open session.

Discussion Only

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

12. ADJOURNMENT

Upon receiving a motion duly made and a second to adjourn, Mayor Harris adjourned the November 3rd Special Meeting at 9:46 p.m.

CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS

Ishmael Harris, Mayor

ATTEST:

Nichole Heinrich, TRMC
Deputy City Secretary