

CITY OF BASTROP

BASTROP CITY COUNCIL

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES

Monday, July 28, 2025

The Bastrop City Council met in a Special Budget Workshop at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, July 28, 2025, 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 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 Chief Vicky Steffanic
BEDC B.A.R.E Manager Dori Kelley
Digital Media Specialist Rick Gullikson
BEDC Operations Manager Angela Ryan
Assistant Fire Chief Nick Laux
Fleet & Facilities Manager Doug Haggerty
Water & Wastewater Director Curtis Hancock
Human Resources Director Tanya Cantrell
Bastrop Power & Light Director Curtis Ervin
Bastrop Public Library Director Bonnie Pierson

1. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Mayor Harris called the Special City Council Budget Workshop 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

Council Member Lowe delivered the Invocation.

4. PRESENTATIONS – NONE

7. WORK SESSIONS / BRIEFINGS

7A. Budget Workshop

The presentation was given by Sylvia Carrillo-Trevino, ICMA-CM, CPM, City Manager.

7B. **Park and Recreation Workshop**

The presentation was given by Sylvia Carrillo-Trevino, ICMA-CM, CPM, City Manager.

8. **STAFF AND BOARD REPORTS – NONE**

9. **CITIZEN COMMENT(S)**

Citizen(s) addressing the City Council on an item, not on the agenda: Cecilia Serna.

10. **CONSENT AGENDA**

10A. **Consider and act on authorizing the City Manager to submit grant requests to Texas Parks & Wildlife in the amount of \$750,000 for the construction of a Par 3 golf course located on City-owned property located at Farm and 95.**

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

Mayor Harris called for requests to remove any item from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion. Council Member Fossler requested that Item 10B be removed.

MOTION: Council Member Meyer moved to approve the Consent Agenda (Item 10A) as presented. Council Member Lowe seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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10B. **Consider and act on Resolution No. R-2025-128 to authorize the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) in the amount of \$100,000.00 for the creation of an educational facility highlighting the previous German casino.**

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

MOTION: Council Member Fossler moved to approve Resolution No. R-2025-128 as presented. Council Member Plunkett seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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11. **ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

11A. **Consider and act on Resolution No. R-2025-129 to authorize the City Manager to waive permit fees for Bastrop Independent School District (BISD) for the construction of their campus improvements off Lover's Lane.**

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

MOTION: Council Member Fossler moved to approve Resolution No. R-2025-129, with the condition that the permit fees do not exceed the amount of \$83,598. Council Member Plunkett seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Following the conclusion of Item 11A, Mayor Harris announced that he has recused himself from discussion and action on Item 11B. At that point, Mayor Pro-Tem Kirkland assumed the role of presiding officer for the remainder of the City Council's consideration of the item.

11B. **Consider and act on Resolution No. R-2025-130 authorizing Austin Water to use a City of Bastrop site for educational purposes.**

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

MOTION: Council Member Fossler moved to approve Resolution No. R-2025-130, with the additions of a disclaimer, Austin Water must pay the published rental rate for the space, and no use of the City of Bastrop logo. Council Member Plunkett seconded the motion.

After discussion on the motion above, Council Member Fossler withdrew the motion.

MOTION: Council Member Meyer moved to deny Resolution No. R-2025-130 as presented and direct staff to communicate with Austin Water and find a non-city-owned neutral, convenient location. Council Member Lowe seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Harris returned to the meeting as the presiding officer of the City Council meeting.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Harris closed the Open Meeting to convene the City Council into Executive (Closed) Session at 7:46 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code, Chapter 551 as follows:

- 5A. **Sections 551.071 and 551.072 to seek advice of legal counsel to discuss and deliberate regarding the proposed sale of real estate property located along Jasper Street.**
- 5B. **Section 551.072 to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property located on Pine Street.**

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

Mayor Harris reconvened the City Council into the Open Session at 7:55 p.m. and called for any action as a result of the Executive Session.

5A. Sections 551.071 and 551.072 to seek advice of legal counsel to discuss and deliberate regarding the proposed sale of real estate property located along Jasper Street.

5B. Section 551.072 to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property located on Pine Street.

No action was taken on Items 5A and 5B.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Upon receiving a motion duly made and seconded to adjourn, the July 28th Special City Council Budget Workshop was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS



Ishmael Harris, Mayor

ATTEST:



Victoria Psencik, Assistant City Secretary



CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT

I, Ishmael Harris, a local public official of the City of Bastrop, Texas (the City), make this affidavit and hereby on oath state the following:

Action being contemplated by the (please circle) City Council or Board/Commission at the July 28, 2025 Meeting, Agenda Item 1113 may have an effect on a business entity or real property in which I have an interest. Such interest may be a "substantial interest" as that term is defined in Chapter 171 of the Texas Local Government Code. The action being contemplated may have a special economic effect on the business entity or real property distinguishable from the effect on the public.

1. The business entity or real property in which I have an interest is described as follows (name; address; or lot description): Employer

2. The nature and extent of my interest in the business entity or real property is herein described by stating that either I or a person related to me in the first degree by consanguinity (blood) or affinity (marriage), as determined by Chapter 573 of the Texas Government Code (check all that apply):

- ☐ own 10% or more of the voting stock or shares of the business entity;
- ☐ own 10% or more of the fair market value of the business entity;
- ☐ own \$15,000 or more of the fair market value of the business entity; and/or
- ☐ received funds that exceed 10% of gross income for the previous year;
- ☐ has an equitable or legal ownership in real property with a fair market value of \$2,500 or more.

3. Alternatively, even if I do not have a "substantial interest" as defined by Chapter 171 of the Texas Local Government Code, I am filing this affidavit so to avoid the appearance of impropriety. My interest may be described as follows:

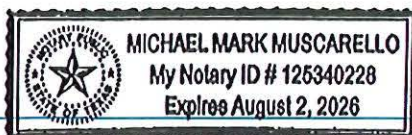
*** AFFIDAVIT ***

Upon the filing of this affidavit with the City/Board Secretary, I affirm that I shall abstain from any discussion, vote, or decision involving this business entity or real property unless a majority of the members of the governmental entity of which I am a member is likewise required to file and has filed affidavits declaring similar interests on the same official action.

SIGNED this 28th day of July, 2025.

[Signature]
Signature of Affiant

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME on this the 28th day of July, 2025.



[Signature]
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas
My Commission Expires: August 2, 2026