

CITY OF BASTROP

BASTROP CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 26, 2026

The Bastrop City Council met at a Regular Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 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 Andres Rosales
City Secretary Michael Muscarello
Assistant City Secretary Victoria Psencik
Assistant to the City Manager Vivianna Andres
Public Information Manager Colin Guerra
Police Chief Vicky Steffanic
Finance Director Judy Sandroussi
Development Services Director James Cowey
Animal Control/Code Compliance Officer Robert McBain

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 to both flags.

3. INVOCATION

Mayor Pro-Tem Kirkland delivered the Invocation.

4. PRESENTATIONS

4A. Mayor's Report

4B. Council Members' Report

4C. City Manager's Report

4D. PROCLAMATION – Community Action Month

The proclamation for Community Action Month was read into the record by Mayor Harris and presented to Combined Community Action.

4E. PROCLAMATION – EMS Week

The proclamation for EMS Week was read into the record by Mayor Harris and accepted by Andres Rosales.

5. WORK SESSIONS / BRIEFINGS – NONE

6. STAFF AND BOARD REPORTS

6A. Receive a presentation on the unaudited Monthly Financial Report for the period ending April 2026.

Submitted and Presented by: Judy Sandroussi, Finance Director

7. CITIZEN COMMENT(S)

Citizen(s) addressing (spoke) the City Council on an item listed on the agenda: Lindy Larson (Item 10B), Meagan Webb (Item 10B), Dr. David Chambers (Item 10B), and Heather Greene (Item 10B).

Citizen(s) that did **not** speak but submitted a comment for an item listed on the agenda: Barbara Beggs (Item 10B), Rosa Ocanas (Item 10B), Benjamin Stephens (Item 10B), Stephanie Jenkins (Item 10B), Jo Amber Sifuentes (Item 10B), Barbara Runkle Coy (Item 10B), Jerod Hruska (Item 10B), and Rebecca Schaefer (Item 10B).

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Harris closed the Open Meeting to convene the City Council into Executive (Closed) Session at 7:28 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code, Chapter 551 as follows:

10A. Section §551.071 to seek advice of legal counsel to discuss and deliberate regarding construction contracts and mediation related to the Wastewater Treatment Plant #3.

10B. Section §551.071 to seek advice of legal counsel regarding regulation of sex offender employment restrictions.

11. 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 8:42 p.m. and called for any action as a result of the Executive Session.

10A. Section §551.071 to seek advice of legal counsel to discuss and deliberate regarding construction contracts and mediation related to the Wastewater Treatment Plant #3.

10B. Section §551.071 to seek advice of legal counsel regarding regulation of sex offender employment restrictions.

There was no formal action voted on but Mayor Harris announced the following:

For Item 10A – “move forward”

For Item 10B – “advised Legal to move forward and come back with an Ordinance”

8. CONSENT AGENDA

- 8A. **Consider and act on Resolution No. R-2026-81, approving a permit request to the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) for the closure of Chestnut Street for the 2026 Bastrop Homecoming Parade.**

Submitted by: Marco Olivares, Special Events Coordinator

- 8B. **Consider and act to approve the Bastrop City Council minutes from the May 12, 2026, Regular Meeting.**

Submitted by: Victoria Psencik, TRMC, Assistant City Secretary

Mayor Harris called for requests to remove any item from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion. No requests were made.

MOTION: Council Member Plunkett moved to approve the Consent Agenda (Items 8A and 8B) as presented. Mayor Pro-Tem Kirkland seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

9. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- 9A. **Consider action to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2026-15 of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas, 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, and move to include on the June 9th agenda for a second reading.**

Submitted and Presented by: Judy Sandroussi, Finance Director

MOTION: Council Member Meyer moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2026-15 as presented and include on the June 9, 2026, agenda for the second reading. Council Member Lowe seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- 9B. **Conduct a public hearing, consider and act to approve Resolution No. 2026-84 for a request to allow private streets in lieu of public streets for all internal roads within the Sendero development, including Mote Way, one east-west road, and two north-south roads serving the private commercial development, as shown in Exhibit A.**

Submitted by: Brittany Epling, Senior Planner

Presented by: James Cowey, Development Services Director

Mayor Harris opened the Public Hearing at 8:49 p.m. for the request of private streets within the Sendero development as listed above.

Public Hearing: No comments submitted.

Mayor Harris closed the Public Hearing at 8:50 p.m. for the request of private streets within the Sendero development as listed above.

MOTION: Council Member Plunkett moved to approve Resolution No. R-2026-84 as presented. Council Member Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- 9C. **Consider and act on Resolution No. R-2026-83, of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas, accepting a donation to the City of Bastrop Animal Control/Coed Compliance Department, from Save An Angel, in the approximate amount of one thousand, four hundred dollars (\$1,400) for 6 (six) Microchip scanners to allow Animal Control/Code Compliance Officer and City staff the opportunity to reunite pets with their owners.**

Submitted and Presented by: Robert McBain, Animal Control / Code Compliance Officer

MOTION: Council Member Meyer moved to approve Resolution No. R-2026-83 as presented. Mayor Pro-Tem Kirkland seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon receiving a motion duly made and a second to adjourn, Mayor Harris adjourned the May 26th Regular Meeting at 8:56 p.m.

CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS



Ishmael Harris, Mayor

ATTEST:


Victoria Psencik, Assistant City Secretary