

CITY OF BASTROP
BASTROP CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 11, 2026

The Bastrop City Council met in a Regular Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 11, 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/ Fire Chief Andres Rosales
City Secretary Michael Muscarello
City Attorney Charlie Zech
Assistant to the City Manager Vivianna Andres
Development Services Director James Cowey
Police Chief Vicky Steffanic
Public Information Manager Colin Guerra
Main Street Director Michaela Joyce
Director Bastrop Power and Light Curtis Ervin

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.

3. INVOCATION

Reverend Dr. Arthur Banks delivered the Invocation.

4. PRESENTATIONS

4A. Mayor's Report

4B. Council Members' Report

4C. City Manager's Report

- A. City Council Retreat Information and Cost**
- B. Hometown Heroes Banner Program**
- C. Corvette Invasion**

4D. PROCLAMATION – Mount Rose Baptist Church 140th Year

The proclamation was read and signed by Mayor Ishmael Harris.

5. WORK SESSIONS / BRIEFINGS - NONE

6. STAFF AND BOARD REPORTS – NONE

7. CITIZEN COMMENT(S)

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

Citizen(s) addressing the City Council on an item, on the agenda: John Pleasant.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

- 8A. Consider and act on the second reading of Ordinance 2026-29 amending the proposed budget of Bond 2026 allocation of \$550,000 for the creation of a golf course reduced to \$50,000 as grant matches for potential golf improvements and reallocated the remaining \$500,000 to the creation of an African American Cultural Center and Freedom Colonies Museum to serve as improvements to Kerr Park located at 1304 Walnut Street.**

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

- 8B. Consider and act on the second reading of Ordinance No. 2026- 30 amending Chapter 14, Section 9.002 Historic Landmark Commission by amending the appointment from Planning and Zoning Commission to be a non-voting ex-officio member, and that members should be residents of the city.**

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

- 8C. Consider and act on Resolution No. R-2026-118, approving an amendment to R-2025-17 Master CCN Transfer Agreement between the City of Bastrop and Aqua Water Supply Corporation for the Valverde Development, as attached in Exhibit A.**

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

- 8D. Consider action to approve Resolution No. R-2026-117 of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas, that approves the City of Bastrop Police Department to apply for a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) for thirteen thousand, twenty-seven dollars and zero cents (\$13,027.00) allowing officers to education, enforce and participate in on-going public engagement for a specified mobilization period (such as Christmas, New Years, Spring Break, Independence day and Labor day) regarding Impaired Driver Mobilization in designated high alcohol-related areas, with 15 percent matching funds (fringe benefits) from the City of Bastrop.

Submitted by: Vicky Steffanic, Chief of Police

- 8E. Consider and act on Resolution No. R-2026-91, approving the execution of an Agreement for Automatic Aid Assistance between the City of Bastrop and Bastrop County Emergency Services District No. 1, as attached as Exhibit A.

Submitted by: Andres Rosales, Assistant City Manager

- 8F. Consider and act on the second reading of Resolution No. R-2026-113 of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas, authorizing Bastrop Economic Development Corporation's \$25,000 expenditure for professional services with Career Tracks and giving BEDC's Interim Executive Director signature authority to execute the Professional Services Agreement.

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

- 8G. Consider and act on Resolution No. R-2026-120 approving a Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) sponsorship in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 to support the 2027 SKIFT Women in Leadership Conference at Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort & Spa.

Submitted by: Michaela Joyce, Discover Bastrop Director

- 8H. Consider and act to approve the Bastrop City Council minutes from the July 28, 2026 Regular Meeting.

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

Mayor Harris called for requests to remove any item from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion.

MOTION: Council Member Plunkett moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Council Member Fossler seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

9. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- 9A. **Consider and act on the first reading of Ordinance No. 2026-28 establishing rules for connecting private solar panels and other small power-generating systems to the Bastrop Power & Light electric grid; and move to include on the August 25, 2026, Consent Agenda for the second reading.**

Submitted by: Andres Rosales, Assistant City Manager

MOTION: Council Member Meyer moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2026-28 with the amendment that the application attached as Exhibit A be replaced with the updated application. Council Member Fossler seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- 9B. **Consider action to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2026-27, amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 12, titled "Traffic and Vehicle," Article 12.06.009 titled "No Parking on Certain Streets" amended to read as described and attached hereto as Exhibit A. Implemented by the Streets and Drainage department.**

Submitted by: Vicky Steffanic, Chief of Police

MOTION: Mayor Pro-Tem Kirkland moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2026-27 as presented. Council Member Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- 9C. **Consider and act to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2026-31, Amending the code of ordinances, related to Chapter 12 Titled "Traffic and Vehicles" amending article 12.04.007 titled "Other Zone Restrictions" amending the ordinance to remove verbiage associated with zone restrictions on Alley A, as attached in Exhibit A; and move to include on the August 25th, 2026, Consent Agenda for the second reading.**

Submitted by: Vicky Steffanic, Chief of Police

MOTION: Council Member Plunkett moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2026-31 as presented. Council Member Fossler seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- 9D. **Consider action to approve the Resolution R-2026-104 of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas, amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 12 Titled "Traffic and Vehicle," Article 12.04.003 Titled "Schedule II: Four Way Stop Signs" allowing for the installation of two stop signs on Settlement Drive (Appx. 100 block) at the intersection of Wagon Wheel, installed by the Streets and Drainage department. And the relocation of the crosswalk on Settlement to align with the proposed 3-way intersection.**

Submitted by: Vicky Steffanic, Chief of Police

MOTION: Council Member Meyer moved to approve Resolution R-2026-104 as presented. Council Member Lowe seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- 9E. **Consider action to approve Resolution R-2026-99 of the City of Bastrop, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to award the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) for Engineering Services to the following firms as shown in Exhibit A.**

Submitted by: Andres Rosales, Assistant City Manager

MOTION: Mayor Pro-Tem Kirkland moved to approve Resolution R-2026-99 as presented. Council Member Lowe seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Harris closed the Open Meeting to convene the City Council into Executive (Closed) Session at 7:44 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code, Chapter 551 as follows:

- 10A. Closed Session, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, to discuss Plaintiff's Settlement Offer, in Cause No. 465-1123; Pecan Street Bastrop, LLC v. City of Bastrop, 465th Judicial District Court, Bastrop County, Texas.**

Mayor Harris reconvened the City Council into the Open Session at 8:05 p.m. and called for any action as a result of the Executive Session.

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

No action was taken.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Upon receiving a motion duly made and a second to adjourn, Mayor Harris adjourned the August 11th Regular Meeting at 8:05 p.m.

CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS



Ishmael Harris, Mayor



Michael Muscarello, TRMC, CMC, CPM
City Secretary