

CITY OF BASTROP

BASTROP CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 9, 2026

The Bastrop City Council met at a Regular Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9, 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 Attorney Charlie Zech
City Secretary Michael Muscarello
Assistant City Secretary Victoria Psencik
Assistant to the City Manager Viviana Andres
Public Information Manager Colin Guerra
Police Chief Vicky Steffanic
Finance Director Judy Sandroussi
Development Services Director James Cowey
Discover Bastrop Director Michaela Joyce
Senior Planner Brittany Epling
Parks and Recreation Director Jason Alfaro

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

Nyla Hall led the Pledge of Allegiance to both flags.

3. INVOCATION

Pastor Carlton Harris delivered the Invocation.

4. PRESENTATIONS

4A. Mayor's Report

4B. Council Members' Report

4C. City Manager's Report

4D. PROCLAMATION – Juneteenth

The proclamation for Juneteenth was read into the record by Mayor Harris and presented to the Bastrop Juneteenth Committee.

***PROCLAMATION** – An additional proclamation was presented and read into the record by Mayor Harris for **Men’s Mental Health Awareness Month**.*

5. WORK SESSIONS / BRIEFINGS – NONE

6. STAFF AND BOARD REPORTS – NONE

7. CITIZEN COMMENT(S)

Citizen(s) that did **not** speak but submitted a comment for an item listed on the agenda: Lindy Larson (Item 9D), Lindy Larson (Item 9A), Lindy Larson (Item 8C), Cheryl Long (Item 9D), Barabara Runkle Coy (Item 9D), Rebecca Schaefer (Item 9D), Rosa Ocanas (Item 9D), and Cheryl Long (Item 9A).

Citizen(s) that did **not** speak but submitted a comment for an item, **not** listed on the agenda: Lindy Larson.

Citizen(s) that addressed the City Council on an item, **not** on the agenda: Reta Ward and Jimmy Crouch.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

- 8A. **Consider action to approve Resolution No. R-2026-85 of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas, approving an agreement for access and use of software (CAD Interface) between Bastrop County and the City of Bastrop Police Department, attached as Exhibit A; authorizing the Police Chief to execute all necessary documents; providing for a repealing clause; and establishing an effective date.**

Submitted by: Vicky Steffanic, Chief of Police

- 8B. **Consider and act to approve Resolution No. R-2026-88 of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas, confirming the appointment of one member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment by the Mayor pursuant to Section 3.08 of the City Charter, as set forth in Exhibit A; and establishing an effective date.**

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

- 8E. **Consider and act to approve the Bastrop City Council minutes from the May 19, 2026, Budget Workshop and the May 26, 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. Mayor Pro-Tem Kirkland requested Item 8D be removed. Council Member Fossler requested Item 8C be removed.

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- 8C. **Consider and act to approve Resolution No. R-2026-89 amending the Rules of Procedure and Policies, Section 4.7, "Citizen Comment," to require speakers**

addressing the City Council to provide their name, address, and whether they reside within or outside the City limits; and establishing an effective date.

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

MOTION: Council Member Fossler moved to table Item 8C (Resolution No. R-2026-89) until the next regular meeting on June 23, 2026. Mayor Pro-Tem Kirkland seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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8D. **Consider and act to approve Resolution No. R-2026-93 appointing Mayor Pro Tem John Kirkland as the City of Bastrop representative to the State Highway 71 Addressing/Readdressing Advisory Committee; and establishing an effective date.**

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

MOTION: Council Member Plunkett moved to approve Resolution No. R-2026-93 as presented. Mayor Pro-Tem Kirkland seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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After the separate discussion of Consent Agenda Items 8C and 8D, the following motion was made:

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

9. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

9A. **Conduct a public hearing, consider and act on Ordinance No. 2026-17 a City-initiated zoning map amendment, as shown in Exhibit A, to rezone a portion of a block of properties located northeast of Fayette Street and Farm Street, within the city limits of Bastrop, Texas, from PI, Public and Institutional, to SF-1, Single Family Residential Low Density, for the following properties: PID Nos. 32234, 32243, 32279, 32333, 32288, 32324, 32315, 8736625, 49236, 32306, 32261, 32297, 32270, 53104, 36833, and 32342; and move to include on the June 23, 2026, City Council meeting for a second reading.**

Submitted by: Brittany Epling, Senior Planner

Mayor Harris opened the Public Hearing at 7:36 p.m. for a city-initiated zoning map amendment as listed above.

Public Hearing: **No** comments submitted.

Mayor Harris closed the Public Hearing at 7:36 p.m. for a city-initiated zoning map

amendment as listed above.

MOTION: Council Member Plunkett moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2026-17 as presented and include on the June 23, 2026, agenda for the second reading. Council Member Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- 9B. **Conduct a public hearing, consider and act on Ordinance No. 2026-18 a City-initiated zoning map amendment, as shown in Exhibit A, for two City of Bastrop properties located on Grady Tuck Lane and south of Old Austin Highway, within the City limits of Bastrop, Texas. The request is to rezone the properties identified as PID 66319 and PID 35527 from PI, Public Institutional to P/OS, Parks and Open Space.; and move to include on the June 23, 2026, City Council meeting for a second reading.**

Submitted by: Brittany Epling, Senior Planner

Mayor Harris opened the Public Hearing at 7:38 p.m. for a city-initiated zoning map amendment as listed above.

Public Hearing: **No** comments submitted.

Mayor Harris closed the Public Hearing at 7:39 p.m. for a city-initiated zoning map amendment as listed above.

MOTION: Council Member Plunkett moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2026-18 as presented, with the understanding that parking in that area will be evaluated for both the park and Police Department, and include on the June 23, 2026, agenda for the second reading. Council Member Fossler seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- 9C. **Consider action to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2026-16, 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 and Presented by: Vicky Steffanic, Chief of Police

MOTION: Council Member Meyer moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2026-16 as presented and include on the June 23, 2026, agenda for the second reading. Council Member Lowe seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- 9D. **Consider and act to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2026-11, adopting certain restrictions on employment related to Registered Sex Offenders to include limiting where Registered Sex Offenders can be employed such as within a specified distance of premises where children commonly gather. As attached in Exhibit A; and move to include on the June 23rd, 2026, Consent Agenda for the second reading.**

Submitted and Presented by: Vicky Steffanic, Chief of Police

Citizen Comments submitted for Item 9D that **did** speak: David Chambers, Meagan Webb, and Pamela Vear.

Council Member Plunkett requested a closed Executive Session on Item 9D for legal guidance therefore the following motion was made:

MOTION: – Mayor Pro-Tem Kirkland moved to proceed into Executive Session under Texas Government Code Chapter 551.071 to consult with the attorney on Item 9D. Council Member Plunkett seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Harris closed the Open Meeting to convene the City Council into **Executive (Closed) Session** at 8:08 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.071, Consultation with Attorney:

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Mayor Harris reconvened the City Council into the Open Session at 8:36 p.m. with no further action as a result of the Executive Session.

ORIGINAL MOTION: Council Member Meyer moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2026-11 as presented, with the addition to the appeal process to include both the Chief of Police and City Manager, incorporating Line 99 and 100 as underlined language identified by the City Attorney, and include on the June 23, 2026, agenda for the second reading. Council Member Lowe seconded the motion.

Before the vote of the above motion, Council Member Meyer requested a “roll call” vote.

MOTION TO AMEND: Mayor Pro-Tem Kirkland made a motion to amend the original motion on Ordinance No. 2026-11 to apply “grandfathering” equally to all by striking the last sentence of Section 8.06.003(d) referring to *Covered Sex Offender*. Council Member Fossler seconded the motion to amend.

(d) It is unlawful for a Covered sex offender to be employed at a place of business located within one thousand (1,000) feet of any premises where children commonly gather; provided, however, that this subsection shall not apply to a Covered Sex Offender who, on the effective date of the ordinance adopting this subsection, was employed at the place of business in question and has thereafter remained continuously so employed, and provided further that the Covered Sex Offender was, on the effective date of the ordinance adopting this subsection, and has at all times thereafter remained, in full compliance with all sex offender registration, reporting, verification, and other requirements imposed by Chapter 62 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, by any applicable order of a court of competent jurisdiction, and by any applicable condition of community supervision or parole. For purposes of this section, a Covered Sex Offender is not in full compliance if, on the effective date of the ordinance or at any time thereafter, the Covered Sex Offender (i) has been charged with a violation of any such requirement which charge has not been dismissed or otherwise finally resolved in the Covered Sex Offender's favor, (ii) has been the subject of a finding by the Texas Department of Public Safety or by any other registration authority that the Covered

~~Sex Offender has failed to satisfy any such requirement, or (iii) is subject to an unexecuted warrant or capias relating to any such requirement.~~

City Secretary Muscarello **called the roll** on the amendment to the original motion
(Mayor Pro-Tem Kirkland made and Council Member Fossler seconded):

Council Member Fossler – YES
Council Member Plunkett – NO
Mayor Pro-Tem Kirkland – YES
Council Member Meyer – NO
Council Member Lowe – NO

The amendment to the original motion vote **failed 3 to 2**.

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City Secretary Muscarello **called the roll** on the original motion:
(Council Member Meyer made and Council Member Lowe seconded):

Council Member Lowe – YES
Council Member Meyer – YES
Mayor Pro-Tem Kirkland – NO
Council Member Plunkett – YES
Council Member Fossler – NO

The original motion vote **passed 3 to 2**.

MOTION: Council Member Meyer moved to extend the meeting time until 10:15 p.m. Council Member Lowe seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- 9E. **Consider action to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2026-15, 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.**

Submitted and Presented by: Judy Sandroussi, Finance Director

MOTION: Council Member Plunkett moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2026-15 as presented. Council Member Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- 9F. **Consider and act regarding the placement and display of a portrait of former Mayor Lyle Nelson on the City's Wall of Mayors in recognition of his service and tenure as Mayor.**

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

MOTION: Council Member Fossler moved to approve to display a portrait of former Mayor Lyle Nelson on the “Wall of Mayors.” Council Member Lowe seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

After the discussion of Item 9D and before the meeting time extension motion, it was announced that the City Council would not be convening into Executive Session for the posted Items 10A and 10B.

10A. Section §551.072 to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property related to the Pine Forest Six Development.

10B. Section §551.071 to seek advice of legal counsel to discuss and deliberate regarding construction contracts and mediation related to the Simsboro Water Treatment Facility and Project.

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

No action was taken as there was not an Executive Session.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Upon receiving a motion duly made and a second to adjourn, Mayor Harris adjourned the June 9th Regular Meeting at 9:55 p.m.

CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS


Ishmael Harris, Mayor

ATTEST:


Victoria Psencik, Assistant City Secretary