

**CITY OF BASTROP
BASTROP CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, September 15, 2026**

The Bastrop City Council met in a Special/Workshop Meeting at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 15, 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	Finance Director Judy Sandroussi
City Attorney Justin Plescha	City Secretary Michael Muscarello
Deputy City Secretary Nichole Heinrich	Police Chief Vicky Steffanic
Public Information Manager Colin Guerra	Development Services Director James Cowey
Assistant Finance Director Laura Allen	Assistant to the City Manager Vivianna Andres

1. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Mayor Harris called the Special City Council Meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - United States of America and Texas Flags

Mayor Harris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. INVOCATION

Chaplain Dale Burke delivered the Invocation.

4. WORK SESSIONS/BRIEFINGS

None

5. STAFF AND BOARD REPORTS

None

6. CITIZEN COMMENT(S)

1. Citizen(s) addressing the City Council on an item, not on the agenda: Jessica Almon, Brian Nowlin, Judah Ross, Tyler Nodurft, Courtney Nordurft, Wendy Jurney, Gina O'Brien, Danile Lehman, Naomi Gonzales, Daniel Gonzales, Staci Cowey, Nicholas Cowey, Kaycee Schilt, Michael Schilt, Kelli Werner, Brian Hass, Joel Crounse, Theresa Melendrez, Elizabeth Alejos, Kristina Bacon, Terry Beattie, John Koslowske, Kristal Wilt, Trevor Ellsworth. Brenda Ellsworth, Leona Aparicio, John Koslowske, Rayna

Ellsworth, Maria Cronis, Aundrea Vegas, Lacy Shaw, Peggy Dimmick, Dustin Vegas, Farah Presley, Marsha Goertz, Noemi Potts, and Kathleen Dubois.

2. Citizen(s) addressing the City Council on an item, on the agenda: None

7. CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed under "Consent Agenda" are considered to be routine by the city council and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be a separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered separately.

7A. Consider action to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2026-35 of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas, amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 12 Titled "Traffic and Vehicle," Article 12.04.titled "Traffic Schedules", Section 12.04.006 "Schedule V: School Zones" amended to read as described and attached hereto as Exhibit A; and provide for an effective date.

Submitted by: Vicky Steffanic, Chief of Police

MOTION: Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Kirkland to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2026-35 of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas, amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 12 Titled "Traffic and Vehicle," Article 12.04. titled "Traffic Schedules", Section 12.04.006 "Schedule V: School Zones" amended to read as described and attached hereto as Exhibit A; and provide for an effective date. Council Member Lowe seconded the motion. Council voted 5-0. Motion carried.

8. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

8A. Conduct a public hearing, consider and act on the second reading of Ordinance No. 2026-34, adopting the budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027) attached as Exhibit A; making certain appropriations; and providing that expenditures for said Fiscal Year be made in accordance with said budget.

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

Mayor Harris opened the public hearing at 4:58p.m. No one spoke. Mayor Harris closed the public hearing at 4:59 p.m.

MOTION: Motion was made by Council Member Meyer to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2026-34, adopting the budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027) attached as Exhibit A; making certain appropriations; and

providing that expenditures for said Fiscal Year be made in accordance with said budget. Council Member Lowe seconded the motion. Council voted 5-0. Motion carried.

- 8B. Conduct a public hearing and consider and act on the second reading of Ordinance No. 2026-36, adopting the tax roll, adopting the tax rate, and levying ad valorem taxes for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 to provide revenue for the payment of budgeted municipal expenditures; and providing for tax assessment; records; severability; an effective date; and proper notice and meeting.**

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

Mayor Harris opened the public hearing at 5:01 p.m. No one spoke. Mayor Harris closed the public hearing at 5:01 p.m.

MOTION: Mayor Pro-Tem Kirkland made a motion to set the M&O component of the tax rate at 0.2947 per \$100 valuation. Council Member Plunkett seconded the motion. Council voted 5-0. Motion carried.

MOTION: Mayor Pro-Tem Kirkland made a motion to set the Debt (Interest and Sinking) component of the tax rate at 0.2171 per \$100 valuation. Council Member Lowe seconded the motion. Council voted 5-0. Motion carried.

MOTION: Mayor Pro-Tem Kirkland made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-36, adopting the tax roll, adopting the tax rate, and levying ad valorem taxes for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 at a rate of 0.5118 per \$100 valuation to provide revenue for the payment of budgeted municipal expenditures; and providing for tax assessment; records; severability; an effective date; and proper notice and meeting. Council Member Lowe seconded the motion. Council voted 5-0. Motion carried.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 9A. City Council shall convene into a closed executive session pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section § 551.087 to deliberate regarding Economic Development with Pearl River, developer for Sendero.**
- 9B. City Council shall convene into a closed executive session pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section §551.072 to deliberate the acquisition of real property located on Church Street.**

The City Council of the City of Bastrop convened into executive session at 5:04 p.m. in accordance with Texas Open Meetings Act, Section §551.087 (Economic Development Negotiations) and §551.072 (Real Property) of the Texas Government Code to discuss agenda item 9A and 9B.

The City Council of the City of Bastrop reconvened in Open Session at 5:23 p.m.

Mayor Harris announced no action taken in executive session.

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

MOTION: Council Member Plunkett made a motion to direct the City Manager to execute an agreement with Sendero as described in Executive Session. Mayor Pro-Tem Kirkland seconded the motion. Council voted 5-0. Motion carried.

No action on item 9B.

11. ADJOURNMENT

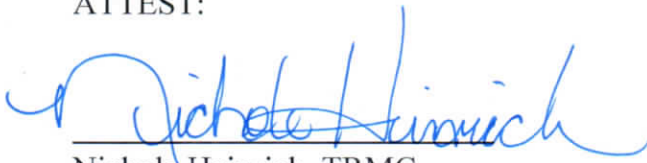
Upon receiving a motion duly made and a second to adjourn, Mayor Harris adjourned the September 15th Special Meeting at 5:24 p.m.

CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS



Ishmael Harris, Mayor

ATTEST:



Nichole Heinrich, TRMC
Deputy City Secretary

