

CITY OF BASTROP
BASTROP CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING WORKSHOP MINUTES
Tuesday, August 25, 2026

The Bastrop City Council met in a Regular Meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 25, 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	Deputy City Secretary Nichole Heinrich
City Attorney Stan Springerley	Assistant to the City Manager Vivianna Andres
Police Chief Vicky Steffanic	Public Information Manager Colin Guerra
Parks & Recreation Director Jason Alfaro	
Development Services Director James Cowey	

1. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Mayor Harris called the City Council Workshop to order at 5:30 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. WORK SESSIONS / BRIEFINGS

4A. Consider and give direction to the City Manager regarding the City of Bastrop:

1. FY 2026-27 Proposed Tax Rate and Budget

MOTION: Mayor Pro-Tem Kirkland made a motion to set the tax rate at the no new revenue tax rate of 0.5118. Council Member Lowe seconded the motion. Council voted 5-0. Motion carried.

2. Flock Camera Policy

Discussion only.

3. Development Code related to Data Centers

Discussion only.

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

5. CITIZEN COMMENTS

At this time, three (3) minute comments will be taken from the audience on any topic. Anyone in attendance wishing to address the Board/Commission must complete a citizen comment form and give the completed form to the Board/Commission Secretary prior to the start of the Board/Commission meeting. In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, if a citizen discusses any item not on the agenda, the Board/Commission cannot discuss issues raised or make any decision at this time. Instead, the Board/Commission is limited to making a statement of specific factual information or a recitation of existing policy in response to the inquiry. Issues may be referred to the City Manager for research and possible future action. Profanity, physical or other threats are not allowed and may subject the speaker to loss of the time for comment, and if disruptive to the conduct of business, could result in removal of the speaker. Speakers will be asked to indicate whether they are a resident or non-resident of the City of Bastrop.

Citizen(s) addressing the City Council on an item, not on the agenda: None

Citizen(s) addressing the City Council on an item, on the agenda: John Bush and Brent Jones.

6. ADJOURNMENT

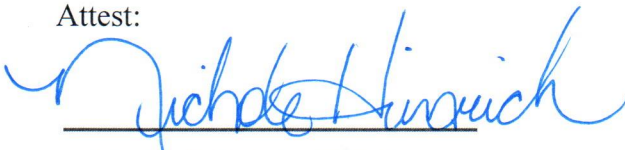
Upon receiving a motion duly made and a second to adjourn, Mayor Harris adjourned the August 25th Workshop Meeting at 6:28 p.m.

CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS



Ishmael Harris, Mayor

Attest:



Nichole Heinrich, TRMC
Deputy City Secretary



City of Bastrop

CITIZEN COMMENT CARD

Meeting Date: 8/25/26, 2026

Please present this form to the Secretary prior to the start of the meeting. When you are recognized to speak, please approach the speaker's stand and state your name.

By filling out this form, I agree that I will limit my time to three minutes, speak with respect, and refrain from using profane, insulting, or threatening language.

PLEASE PRINT

Name: John Bush

Address: 201 Hunters Crossing Blvd.
Bastrop TX 78602

Phone: 512 8157388 (City) (State) (Zip)
Resident: Y/N

PLEASE CHECK/MARK WHEN WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK:

____ CITIZEN COMMENTS (This item is available for citizens to speak on items not on the agenda. In accordance with the Texas Attorney General's opinion, any public comment that is made on an item that is not on the published agenda will only be heard by the presiding body (i.e. City Council, City Board, or City Commission) . No formal action, discussion, nor comment will be made by the presiding body over the meeting.

TOPIC:

Fleece Cameras out of Bastrop

____ SPECIFIC Agenda Item Number 4A(2)

- ☐ Would like to speak **IN FAVOR** of this item
- ☒ Would like to speak **IN OPPOSITION** of this item
- ☐ Do not wish to speak

Please record my ____ SUPPORT or / ____ OPPOSITION to this item



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Name:

Brent Jones

Address:

104 Hasler Street

Bastrop TX 78602

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

Phone:

512-784-5585

Resident: Y/N

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TOPIC:

The Cameras #2

 SPECIFIC Agenda Item Number 2

☐ Would like to speak **IN FAVOR** of this item

☒ Would like to speak **IN OPPOSITION** of this item

☐ Do not wish to speak

Please record my **SUPPORT** or ✓ **OPPOSITION** to this item