

**CITY OF BASTROP
BASTROP CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, September 29, 2026**

The Bastrop City Council met in a Special/Workshop Meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 29, 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
Public Information Manager Colin Guerra	Development Services Director James Cowey
Main Street Director Michaela Joyce	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 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.

Mayor Harris amended the order of the agenda moving to item 5.

5. WORKSHOP

5A. Discuss opportunities to support and promote live music within the City of Bastrop, including potential City initiatives, partnerships, events, venues, and other strategies that may encourage a vibrant local music community and enhance opportunities for residents, visitors, and local businesses.

Council Member Plunkett recused himself from agenda item 5A at 5:34 p.m.

MOTION: Council Member Meyer made a motion to direct the City Manager move forward with item number 5A. Council Member Fossler seconded the motion. Council voted 4-0. Motion carried.

Council Member Plunkett returned to the dais at 5:58 p.m.

Mayor Harris amended the order of the agenda moving to item 6B.

6. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- 6B. Consider and act on Resolution No. R-2026-139 of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, supporting legislation to allow a property owner to remove its property from an emergency services district where a municipality can provide an equal or better level of fire and emergency service at a lower tax rate; approving a joint letter to members of the Texas Legislature in support of such legislation; authorizing the Mayor and Council Members to sign the letter; and providing for an effective date.**

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

MOTION: Council Member Plunkett made a motion to approve Resolution No. R-2026-139 of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, supporting legislation to allow a property owner to remove its property from an emergency services district where a municipality can provide an equal or better level of fire and emergency service at a lower tax rate; approving a joint letter to members of the Texas Legislature in support of such legislation; authorizing the Mayor and Council Members to sign the letter; and providing for an effective date. Council Member Meyer seconded the motion. Council voted 5-0. Motion carried.

Mayor Harris amended the order of the agenda moving to item 4.

4. CITIZEN COMMENT(S)

1. Citizen(s) addressing the City Council on an item, not on the agenda: John Bush, Sarie Swigart, and Arthur Wilson.
2. Citizen(s) addressing the City Council on an item, on the agenda: Kasey Moore, Ky Hote, Aundrea Vegas, Jay Knop, Scott Bryant, Mike Kinslow, Keith Ahlborn, Yvonne Keyrouz, Philip Hurley, Emily Bolt, Brian Bowlin, Gina O'Brien, Ralph Miller, Taylor Grabowski, Aundrea Vegas, Dustin Vegas, Faye Ellen Montgomery, Jenny Almon, Vivienne Ahlborn, Courtney Caliendo, Jeff Ahlborn, Audrey Ahlborn, Ethan Ahlborn, Darcy Long, Jody Erb, Jennifer Haas, Chelsea Blue, Daniel Lehman, John Koslowske, Ashley Nolette, June Ahlborn, Barb McKenzie, Daniel Gonzales, Naomi Gonzales, Adam Nodurft, Jeremy Nodurft, Tyler Nordurft, Courtney Nodurft, Cheri Ray, Minerva Del-Rio, Kelli Werner, Mary Martin, Pamela White, Ken Del-Rio, Kevin Whitlow, Catrina Castaneda, Locke Rowley, Chris Dezarn, Deonte Watkins, Deanna Dezarn, Rosalio Flores, Denise Miles, Andrew Joplin, Jeff Gulbransen, Kelley Harris, Julio Ruiz, Jeremy Gooch, Shevawn Stark, Gayle Minto, Rachelle Hilsey, Rayna Ellsworth, Brenda Ellsworth, Trevor Ellsworth, Misty Koehler, Michael Schilt, Kaycee Schilt, Mike Kinslow, Judah Ross,, Renee Gjere, Donna Vest, and Bryan Haas.

Mayor Harris amended the order of the agenda moving to item 6A.

- 6A. Consider and act on Resolution R-2026-137, approving a professional services contract with The Goodman Corporation for the Blakey Lane Extension project for a not-to-exceed amount of Five Hundred Forty Thousand, Forty-Five Dollars and Zero Cents (\$540,045.00), as attached in Exhibit A; and receive direction regarding the design of the Blakey Lane extension project.**

Submitted by: Andres Rosales, Assistant City Manager

MOTION: Motion was made by Council Member Plunkett to approve the presented plan, building Blakey Lane as a T at Reed and Jessica making it open, placing improvements as discussed on Jessica Place in the school zone. Mayor Pro-Tem Kirkland seconded the motion. Council voted 3-2 with Council Member Lowe and Council Member Meyer voting against.

MOTION: Motion was made by Council Member Fossler to make the alternate add a one-way going West on Jessica Place from Schaeffer Blvd to Reed Way. Motion died for a lack of a second.

MOTION: Motion was made by Council Member Meyer to accept the improvements and keeping Jessica Place closed. Council Member Fossler seconded the motion.

Mayor Harris called for a vote.

Council Member Fossler called for discussion.

AMENDED MOTION: Motion was made by Council Member Meyer to accept the plan and keep Jessica Place closed with barricades but design and make improvements to Jessica Place accepting Blakey Lane and the roundabout. Following discussion and clarification that improvements were limited to Blakey Lane and Jessica Lane would remain closed, Council Member Fossler stated that her understanding of the motion differed from the clarification. Motion died for a lack of a second.

MOTION: Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem to approve Resolution R-2026-137, approving a professional services contract with The Goodman Corporation for the Blakey Lane Extension project for a not-to-exceed amount of Five Hundred Forty Thousand, Forty-Five Dollars and Zero Cents (\$540,045.00), as attached in Exhibit A; and receive direction regarding the design of the Blakey Lane extension project, building Blakey Lane as a T at Reed and Jessica making it open, placing improvements as discussed on Jessica Lane on the school zone. Council Member Plunkett seconded the motion. Council voted 4-1 with Council Member Meyer voted against. Motion carried.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Upon receiving a motion duly made and a second to adjourn, Mayor Harris adjourned the September 29th Special Meeting at 8:50 p.m.

CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS


Ishmael Harris, Mayor

ATTEST:


Nichole Heinrich, TRMC
Deputy City Secretary

