

**CITY OF BASTROP
BASTROP CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, September 8, 2026**

The Bastrop City Council met in a Regular Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 8, 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
Finance Director Judy Sandroussi	Main Street Director Michaela Joyce
Senior Finance Specialist Christina Davis	BP&L Electric Superintendent Tim Goetz
BP&L Administrative Assistant Cheryl Renfro	
Development Services Director James Cowey	

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

Sienna Alaniz and Sophia Zhao led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. INVOCATION

Chaplain Brent Jones, Bastrop Police Chaplain, delivered the Invocation.

4. PRESENTATIONS

4A. Mayor's Report

4B. Council Members' Report

4C. City Manager's Report

- Project Updates

4D. PROCLAMATION - Hispanic Heritage Month

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: None

Citizen(s) addressing the City Council on an item, on the agenda: Heather Coleman, Chelsie Johnson, Todd Johnson, Vernon Teltschick, Deanna Dezarn, Courtney Nodurft, Tyler Nodurft, Tammie Linden, Rachelle Hulse, Ashley Nolette, Misty Koehler, Brian Bowlin, Sarie Swigert, John Bush, Stacy Collins, Judah Ross, Jenny Almon, and Robert Kilbourn.

8. 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.

Mayor Harris called for requests to remove any item from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion. Council Member Fossler pulled Item 8A and 8B to be presented to Council.

8A. Consider and act on the second reading of Ordinance No. 2026-22, amending the Bylaws for the Hunters Crossing Local Government Corporation, and authorizing the City Manager to provide notice to the Board Secretary for the Hunters Crossing Local Government Corporation.

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

MOTION: Council Member Fossler made a motion to table item 8A to a future meeting date. Motion died for a lack of a second.

MOTION: Council Member Meyer made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-22, amending the Bylaws for the Hunters Crossing Local Government Corporation, and authorizing the City Manager to provide notice to the Board Secretary for the Hunters Crossing Local Government Corporation. Council Member Plunkett seconded the motion. Council voted 4-1 with Council Member Fossler voting against. Motion carried.

- 8B. Consider and act on Resolution R-2026-133 appointing City Council as the Board of Directors for the Hunter's Crossing Local Government Corporation (HCLGC).**

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

MOTION: Council Member Fossler made a motion to table item 8B to a future meeting date. Motion died for a lack of a second.

MOTION: Mayor Pro-Tem Kirkland made a motion to approve Resolution R-2026-133 appointing City Council as the Board of Directors for the Hunter's Crossing Local Government Corporation (HCLGC). Council Member Meyer seconded the motion. Council voted 4-1 with Council Member Fossler voting against. Motion carried.

- 8C. Consider action to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2026-32 of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas approving the Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Service Plan Update, including provisions related to assessments for the Hunters Crossing Public Improvement District; approving a Fiscal Year 2026 assessment roll for the District; and containing other provisions related to the Hunters Crossing Public Improvement District.**

Submitted by: Judy Sandroussi, Finance Director

- 8D. Consider action to approve Resolution No. R-2026-130 authorizing the replacement of multiple HVAC split systems at the Bastrop Convention Center and awarding a contract to Efficient AC, Electric & Plumbing in the amount of \$169,946.18.**

Submitted by: Michaela Joyce, Discover Bastrop Director

- 8E. Consider and act on Resolution No. R-2026-131 approving a Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) incentive in an amount not to exceed \$45,000 to secure the Caterpillar Inc. Leadership Summit 2028 at Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort & Spa.**

Submitted by: Michaela Joyce, Discover Bastrop Director

- 8F. Consider and act on the second 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.**

Submitted by: Andres Rosales, Assistant City Manager

- 8G. **Consider action to approve Resolution No. R-2026-128 of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas, approving the Financial Management Policy, which is attached as Exhibit A; providing for a repealing clause and establishing an effective date.**

Submitted by: Judy Sandroussi, Finance Director

- 8H. **Consider action to approve Resolution No. R-2026-129 approving the City of Bastrop Purchasing Policy, which is attached as Exhibit A; providing for a repealing clause; and establishing an effective date.**

Submitted by: Judy Sandroussi, Finance Director

- 8I. **Consider action to approve Resolution No. R-2026-127 approving the City of Bastrop Investment Policy and qualified brokers.**

Submitted by: Judy Sandroussi, Finance Director

- 8J. **Consider and act to approve the Bastrop City Council minutes from the August 25th City Council Workshop and the August 25th City Council Regular Meeting.**

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

MOTION: Mayor Pro-Tem Kirkland made a motion to approve the remaining consent agenda as presented. Council Member Fossler seconded the motion. Council voted 5-0. Motion carried.

9. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- 9A. **Consider and act on the first 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

MOTION: Council Member Meyer made a motion to approve the first 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; and move to include on the September 15, 2026, City Council Agenda for a second reading. Council Member Fossler seconded the motion. Council voted 5-0. Motion carried.

- 9B. **Consider and act on the first 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

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

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Kirkland made a motion to approve the Debt (Interest and Sinking) component of the tax rate at 0.2171 per \$100 valuation. Council Member Plunkett 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; and move to include on the September 15, 2026, City Council Agenda for a second reading. Council Member Fossler seconded the motion. Council voted 5-0. Motion carried.

- 9C. **Consider action to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2026-33, amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 12, titled "Traffic and Vehicle," Article 12.06.003 titled "Restricted Parking Near Schools" amended to read as described and attached hereto as Exhibit A; and move to include on the September 22nd, 2026, Consent Agenda for the second reading.**

Submitted by: Vicky Steffanic, Chief of Police

MOTION: Council Member Meyer made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2026-33, amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 12, titled "Traffic and Vehicle," Article 12.06.003 titled "Restricted Parking Near Schools" amended to read as described and attached hereto as Exhibit A; and move to include on the September 22nd, 2026, Consent Agenda for the second reading. Council Member Lowe seconded the motion. Council voted 5-0. Motion carried.

- 9D. **Consider and act on Resolution R-2026-134 to decommission the City's Flock Safety Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) camera system and terminate or decline to renew the City's agreement with Flock Safety.**

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

MOTION: Council Member Meyer made a motion to adopt Resolution R-2026-134 which terminates any and all contracts the city has with Flock Safety and also include prohibiting the city from entering into, renewing, or replacing any such contract with Flock Safety with any other company for automated license plate recognition or vehicle surveillance systems that collect, retain, track, analyze, or share vehicle-location data. Council Member Lowe seconded the motion. Council voted 5-0. Motion carried.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 10A. City Council shall convene into a closed executive session pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section §551.071 (legal consultation) with attorney to receive legal advice regarding pending or contemplated litigation, a settlement offer, or matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter,” including West Bastrop Development and matters related to same.**

The City Council of the City of Bastrop convened into executive session at 8:19 p.m. in accordance with Texas Open Meetings Act, Section §551.071 (Legal Consultation) of the Texas Government Code to discuss agenda item 10A.

The City Council of the City of Bastrop reconvened in Open Session at 8:45 p.m.

Mayor Harris announced no action taken in executive session.

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

None

12. ADJOURNMENT

Upon receiving a motion duly made and a second to adjourn, Mayor Harris adjourned the September 8th Regular Meeting at 8:45 p.m.

CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS



Ishmael Harris, Mayor

ATTEST:



Nichole Heinrich, TRMC
Deputy City Secretary

