



City Council Special Meeting

Dripping Springs City Hall

511 Mercer Street - Dripping Springs, Texas

Tuesday, September 15, 2026, at 5:30 PM

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

City Council Members

Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.

Mayor Pro Tem Taline Manassian

Council Member Place 2 Ana Grace Husted

Council Member Place 3 Geoffrey Tahuahua

Council Member Place 4 Travis Crow

Council Member Place 5 Sherrie Parks

Staff, Consultants & Appointed/Elected Officials

City Administrator Michelle Fischer

Deputy City Administrator Ginger Faught

Deputy City Administrator Shawn Cox

Deputy City Attorney Aniz Alani

City Secretary Diana Boone

Planning Director Tory Carpenter

Utilities Director Gray Lahrman

IT Director Jason Weinstock

Parks & Community Services Director Andy Binz

People & Communications Director Lisa Sullivan

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATION OF CITIZENS

A member of the public that wishes to address the City Council on any issue, regardless of whether it is posted on this agenda, may do so during Presentation of Citizens. It is the request of the City Council that individuals wishing to speak on agenda items with a public hearing hold their comments until the item is being considered. Individuals are allowed two (2) minutes each to speak regarding issues not on the agenda and two (2) minutes per item on the agenda and may not cede or pool time. Those requiring the assistance of a translator will be allowed additional time to speak. Individuals are not required to sign in; however, it is encouraged. Individuals that wish to share documents with the City Council must present the documents to the City Secretary or City Attorney providing at least seven (7) copies; if seven (7) copies are not provided, the City Council will receive the documents the following day. Audio Video presentations will not be accepted during Presentation of Citizens. By law no action shall be taken during Presentation

of Citizens; however, the Mayor may provide a statement of specific factual information, recitation of existing policy, or direction or referral to staff.

PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Proclamations and Presentations are for discussion purposes only and no action shall be taken.

1. **A Proclamation of the City of Dripping Springs declaring September 17th through September 23rd, 2026 as "Constitution Week".**

BUDGET WORKSHOP

2. **Presentation and discussion regarding the proposed Municipal Budget for Fiscal Year 2027. Deputy City Administrator, Shawn Cox**

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items will be acted upon in a single motion and are considered to be ministerial or routine. No separate discussion or action on these items will be held unless pulled at the request of a member of the City Council or City staff.

3. **Approval of the July 21, 2026 City Council Special Meeting Minutes.**
4. **Approval of the July 28, 2026 City Council Special Meeting Minutes.**
5. **Approval of an amended Advance Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program high-visibility crosswalk improvements project, including the City's administration of project procurement.**

BUSINESS AGENDA

6. **Presentation, discussion, opportunity for public input, and possible action on the revised proposed Fiscal Year 2026–2027 municipal budget and a draft ordinance adopting the budget, including revisions resulting from corrected 2026 TIRZ/TIF tax-rate calculations; authorizing budgeted expenditures and transfers subject to applicable law and City policy; providing for filing and posting; and providing an effective date.**
 - a. Staff Report
 - b. Opportunity for Public Input
 - c. Budget Ordinance
7. **Consideration and possible action to designate the City Treasurer as the City of Dripping Springs' designated officer or employee for preparation, revision, certification, submission, and posting of the City's 2026 tax-rate calculation forms and supporting documentation; and to supersede any inconsistent prior designation for the 2026 tax year.**

8. **Presentation, discussion, opportunity for public input, and possible action to rescind the City Council's August 18, 2026 action setting the previously proposed 2026 ad valorem tax rate; to consider corrected 2026 tax-rate calculation forms and supporting TIRZ/TIF documentation; to set a revised proposed 2026 ad valorem tax rate; and to direct the provision of the required notice, filings, and postings for Council consideration of tax-rate adoption on September 22, 2026.**
 - a. Staff Report
 - b. Opportunity for Public Input
 - c. Consideration of Corrected Tax-Rate Calculation Forms
 - d. Rescission of Previously Proposed Tax Rate
 - e. Setting of Revised Proposed Tax Rate
 - f. Direction Regarding Required Notice, Filings, and Postings
9. **Public hearing, discussion, and possible action to approve a variance request from Chapter 26.01.009 Prohibited Signs, (b) (17) Pole Signs, City of Dripping Springs Code of Ordinances, to allow two pole signs for Short Mama's Bistro located at 101 College Street. Applicant: Patrick Fox, Owner.**
 - a. Presentation
 - b. Sign Administrator's Report
 - c. Public Hearing
 - d. Variance to allow pole signs
10. **Public hearing and consideration of approval of an ordinance repealing and replacing Chapter 26 (Signs) of the City of Dripping Springs Code of Ordinances; adopting revised sign regulations, procedures, and appendices; preserving and recodifying existing project-specific master sign plans under Article 26.11; and providing findings, repealer, severability, codification, and an effective date. Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.**
11. **Discussion and possible action regarding approval of Task Authorization No. 1 with Burgess & Niple, Inc. for engineering services related to the TPDES Major Permit Amendment for the South Regional Wastewater System/Water Reclamation Facility, TCEQ Permit No. WQ0014488003, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00. Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.**
12. **Discussion and possible action regarding approval of a Consulting Services Agreement with Burgess and Niple, Inc. for the Community Impact Fee Program and Capital Improvements Plan Update in an amount not to exceed \$98,900.00. Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.**
13. **Third Amended and Restated Wastewater Service and Impact Fee Agreement between the City of Dripping Springs and Hays County Development District No. 1, CF CSLK Caliterra LLC, and CF CSLK Carter LLC. Sponsor: Mayor Pro Tem Taline Manassian**
14. **Discussion and possible action to approve the use of Dripping Springs Ranch Park Fiscal Year 2025-26 funds to purchase a Skid Steer from Tellus Equipment for an amount not to exceed \$58,601.48. Sponsor: Council Member Sherrie Parks**

15. **Discuss and consider approval of an ordinance amending Appendix A, Article A1.000 (General Provisions), of the Dripping Springs Code of Ordinances to adopt revised Fiscal Year 2026–2027 fee schedules for Utilities, non-Chapter 437 Environmental Health services, Parks and Community Services, and The Stephenson; cross-reference existing utility rates adopted in Section 29.02.006; include the required TCEQ on-site wastewater treatment permit-application fee; direct staff to establish a Chapter 437 stakeholder-notice process, solicit feedback on proposed food-program fee and procedure changes, and return with recommendations for separate City Council consideration; and provide findings of fact, repealer, severability, codification, publication, effective date, and proper notice and meeting. Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.**
16. **Discuss and consider approval of a resolution adopting the City of Dripping Springs Legislative Communications Policy, including the legislative priorities incorporated in Attachment “A”; superseding Resolution 2015-03 and Resolution No. 2025-R03; authorizing implementation; and providing an effective date. Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.**

CLOSED SESSION

The City Council has the right to adjourn into closed session on any item on this agenda and at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any matter as authorized by law or by the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation With Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberation Regarding Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberation Regarding Prospective Gifts), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits), 551.0761 (Deliberation Regarding Critical Infrastructure Facility), and 551.087 (Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations), and 551.089 (Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits). Any final action or vote on any Closed Session item will be taken in Open Session.

17. **Deliberation regarding the evaluation, reassignment, compensation, and duties of individual City employees. Deliberation of Personnel Matters, 551.074.**

UPCOMING MEETINGS

City Council & Board of Adjustment Meetings

October 6, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

October 20, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

November 3, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

November 17, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

December 1, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

December 15, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Board, Commission & Committee Meetings

Parks & Recreation Commission, September 16, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Farmers Market Committee, September 17, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

Emergency Management Committee, September 17, 2026 at 12:00 p.m.

Utility Commission, September 17, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Commission, September 22, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
Transportation Committee, September 28, 206 at 3:30 p.m.

ADJOURN

TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF MEETING

I certify that this public meeting is posted in accordance with Texas Government Code Chapter 551, Open Meetings. This meeting agenda is posted on the bulletin board at the City of Dripping Springs City Hall, located at 511 Mercer Street, and on the City website at, www.cityofdrippingsprings.com, on September 9, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.

Diana Boone, City Secretary

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