



## City Council Special Meeting

*Dripping Springs City Hall*

*511 Mercer Street – Dripping Springs, Texas*

*Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at 5:30 PM*

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# MINUTES

## CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

With a quorum of Council Members present, Mayor Foulds called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

### *City Council Members Present*

Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.

Mayor Pro Tem Taline Manassian

Council Member Place 2 Wade King

Council Member Place 3 Geoffrey Tahuahua

Council Member Place 4 Travis Crow

### *City Council Members Absent*

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

City Attorney Laura Mueller

Deputy City Attorney Aniz Alani

City Secretary Diana Boone

IT Director Jason Weinstock

Human Resources Director Chase Winburn

City Engineer Chad Gilpin

Parks & Community Services Director Andy Binz

Parks & Community Services Assistant Director Emily Nelson

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member King.

## 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.*

## **BUDGET WORKSHOP**

- 1. Presentation and discussion regarding the proposed Municipal Budget for Fiscal Year 2026. Deputy City Administrator, Shawn Cox**

No action was taken.

## **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.*

- 2. Approval of the July 15, 2025 City Council & Board of Adjustment regular meeting minutes.**
- 3. Approval of an ordinance appointing Marilyn Miller as the presiding municipal judge of the City of Dripping Springs Municipal Court for a two (2) year term ending June 2027.**
- 4. Approval of an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Dripping Springs, Texas accepting and approving an Annual Service Plan Update to the Service and Assessment Plan and an updated Improvement Area #1 and Improvement Area #2 Assessment Rolls for the Heritage Public Improvement District; making and adopting findings; providing a cumulative repealer clause; and providing an effective date.**

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian and seconded by Council Member Tahuahua, to approve Consent Agenda items 2-4. The motion to approve carried unanimously 4 to 0.

## **BUSINESS AGENDA**

- 5. Discuss and consider approval of an amended Wastewater Utility Agreement with Dripping Springs Partners, LP and Taylor Morrison of Texas, Inc. for the Village Grove Subdivision. Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.**

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian and seconded by Council Member Tahuahua, to approve the amended Wastewater Utility Agreement with Dripping Springs Partners, LP and Taylor Morrison of Texas, Inc. for the Village Grove Subdivision. The motion to approve carried unanimously 4 to 0.

6. **Discuss and consider selection of bidder for Founders Memorial Park Improvements and authorize staff to finalize agreement with selected bidder based on approved bid.** *Sponsor: Mayor Pro Tem Taline Manassian*

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian and seconded by Council Member King, to select Meyers Concrete Construction, LP for the Founders Memorial Park improvements and authorize staff to finalize an agreement with them for base bid add alternates 1 and 3. The motion carried 3 to 2, with Mayor Foulds voting aye to break the 2 to 2 tie; Council Members Crow and Tahuahua voted nay.

7. **Discuss and consider approval of a Resolution Expressing Support for Hays County's Infrastructure Planning Efforts, including the West Travis County Public Utility Agency's Temporary Interconnection Project, and Affirming the City's Commitment to Regional Collaboration to Protect the Health, Safety, and Welfare of Residents.** *Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.*

This item was moved to be considered after Closed Session.

8. **Discuss and consider approval of Employee Benefits Plans for medical, dental, and life policies and approval of a Professional Services Agreement between the City of Dripping Springs and Brinson Benefits for benefit plan services, and authorize the mayor to finalize the agreements.** *Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.*

Brinson Benefits Senior Benefits Strategist Nick Love presented.

A motion was made Mayor Pro Tem Manassian and seconded by Council Member Crow, to approve the employee benefits plans through a Professional Services Agreement with recommendations provided by Brinson Benefits and supported by staff. The motion to approve carried unanimously 4 to 0.

## REPORTS

*Reports listed are on file and available for review upon request. The City Council may provide staff direction; however, no action shall be taken.*

9. **Legislative Report.** *Laura Mueller, City Attorney*

No action was taken.

10. **Planning Department Report.** *Tory Carpenter, Planning Director*

No action was taken.

## CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made Mayor Pro Tem Manassian and seconded by Council Member Crow, to go into Closed Session for items 7, 9 (in reference to HB 2844), and 11-15, under sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, and 551.089. The motion carried unanimously 4 to 0.

Closed Session began at 6:47 p.m.

*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), 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.*

11. **Consultation with Attorney and Deliberation Regarding Real Property and interlocal discussions related to TIRZ Priority Projects and Other Potential Strategic Real Property Acquisitions.** *(Consultation with Attorney, 551.071; Deliberation Regarding Real Property, 551.072)*
12. **Consultation with city attorney related to legal issues regarding land use conditions on variances, special exceptions, and other zoning issues.** *(Consultation with Attorney, 551.071).*
13. **Consultation with Attorney regarding legal issues related to the South Regional Water Reclamation Project, Wastewater, and Amendment 2 Permits, Wastewater Service Area and Agreements, Water Service and Agreements, Wastewater Fees, Wastewater Infrastructure Agreements, facility liability coverage, and related items.** *(Consultation with Attorney, 551.071)*
14. **Deliberation of the Evaluation and Duties of the City Administrator, Deputy City Administrator I, and Deputy City Administrator II and Consultation with Attorney related to legal issues regarding evaluation, agreements, and duties of city employees.** *(Consultation with Attorney, 551.071; Deliberation Regarding Personnel Matters, 551.074).*
15. **Deliberation regarding Security Devices related to server and internet security.** *(Deliberation Regarding Security Devices, 551.089).*

Closed Session ended at 8:00 p.m.

No action was taken during Closed Session.

Mayor Pro Tem Manassian presided over the remainder of the meeting, assuming the role of Mayor Foulds.

7. **Discuss and consider approval of a Resolution Expressing Support for Hays County's Infrastructure Planning Efforts, including the West Travis County Public Utility Agency's Temporary Interconnection Project, and Affirming the City's Commitment to Regional Collaboration to Protect the Health, Safety, and Welfare of Residents.** *Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.*

This item was moved to be considered after Closed Session.

A motion was made by Council Member Tahuahua and seconded by Council Member King, to approve the resolution expressing support for the Hays County infrastructure planning efforts. The motion carried 3 to 1, with Council Member Crow voting nay.

**ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Council Member King and seconded by Council Member Tahuahua, to adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn carried unanimously 4 to 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

**APPROVED ON:** *September 16, 2025*



*Bill Foulds, Jr., Mayor*

**ATTEST:**



*Diana Boone, City Secretary*

