TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP AND REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, July 15, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Fulton Council Chambers, 201 N. 7th Street

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT
Mayor Kelli Cole
Place 2 Chris Garis Place
Place 3 MaryAnn Pahmiyer
Place 4 Elizabeth Hackleman
Place 5 Laura McCorkle

ABSENT
Mayor Pro Tem Robert Loflin

STAFF PRESENT

Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary
Alyssa Hendricks, Administrative Assistant
Hal George, Town Attorney
Matt Olenick, Director of Operations
Steven Robertson, Comptroller
Ashley Sloan, Bookkeeper
Ty Gerstenberger, Chief of Police

Mayor Cole called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – U.S. Flag and Texas Flag

Mayor Cole led everyone in the pledges.

OBSERVE A MOMENT OF SILENCE/PRAYER

Mayor Cole led everyone in a moment of silence.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD (PUBLIC FORUM)

Public participation is valued and at this time, comments limited to three (3) minutes will be taken from persons who have signed the Speaker's Card located on the table inside the Council Chambers and delivered to the City Secretary before the meeting begins. Written comments received by submission to the City Secretary in person or emailed to citysec@fultontexas.org by 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting, on any subject matter that is not on the agenda, will be read and summarized in the minutes of the meeting. Persons wishing to address the Council and who have registered using the Speaker's Card *will have up to three (3) minutes to speak. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Council may not discuss or take action on any item that has not been posted on the agenda. While civil public criticism is not prohibited; disorderly conduct or disturbance of the peace as prohibited by law shall be cause for the chair to terminate the offender's time to speak.*

No one came forward.

CONSENT AGENDA

All consent agenda items listed are considered to be routine by the Town Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a council Member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

1. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 17, 2026.

2. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** the 2026 May financials.

3. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** of the Town's 2027 TMRS Contribution Rate.

4. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** the SOC-1 Type 2 Report for TMRS (5_1_25 to 4_30_26); Independent Service Auditors Report.

   Motion made by Place 5 McCorkle, Seconded by Place 2 Garis to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

   Voting Yea: Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 4 Hackleman, Place 5 McCorkle

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

5. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** revisions to Job Titles and Pay Ranges.

   Mayor Cole read the item and reviewed the change.
   Motion made by Place 2 Garis, Seconded by Place 3 Pahmiyer to approve the revisions to Job Titles and Pay Ranges.

   Voting Yea: Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 4 Hackleman, Place 5 McCorkle

6. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** credit application for Great Lakes Petroleum Co.

   Mayor Cole read the item and gave an overview of the benefits of the new company. A digital system will be installed that will monitor all use of the fuel by codes being entered for each vehicle or piece of equipment.

   Motion made by Place 2 Garis, Seconded by Place 4 Hackleman to approve the credit application for Great Lakes Petroleum Co.

   Voting Yea: Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 4 Hackleman, Place 5 McCorkle

7. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** Resolution No. R-05-2026 amending the Town's schedule of fees pursuant to Ordinance No. 305; adopting a revised fee schedule; providing for an effective date; and providing for related matters.

Mayor Cole read the item and reviewed the addition of the alarm fees.

Motion made by Place 5 McCorkle, Seconded by Place 4 Hackleman to approve the Resolution No. R-05-2026 amending the Town's schedule of fees pursuant to Ordinance No. 305; adopting a revised fee schedule; providing for an effective date; and providing for related matters.

Voting Yea: Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 4 Hackleman, Place 5 McCorkle

BUDGET WORKSHOP

8. Presentation and general discussion of proposed FY 2026 - 2027 Budget.

Mayor Cole asked Steven Robertson to begin the discussion.

General Fund: Mr. Robertson informed the Council that at this time the Town expects to have a No New Revenue Rate for the next fiscal year. He reviewed the new property tax values that were recently reported and noted that the sales tax has been higher since last year. He reviewed the franchise fees and mixed beverage tax. He also reviewed permits, interest income, cell tower lease, administrative fees and other administrative costs. Mr. Robertson reviewed the streets and maintenance funds and the importance of not decreasing those funds. It was noted that there is a 1% cost of living raise built in the budget. The Council asked to see a breakdown of a larger cost of living increase.

Police Fund: Mr. Robertson reviewed the fines, software, and court costs. There have not been many large changes within the budget. Chief Gerstenberger noted that adding additional officers has helped with the workload and retention.

Hotel/Motel Fund: Mr. Robertson informed the Council that there is $75,5000 to be distributed. The next budget meeting will be when the hot tax applicants present their request.

Sewer Fund: Mr. Robertson noted that the sewer revenues have been down because of the drought. The fund balance is healthy; therefore, the interest income has been higher. He also reviewed the capital outlay for the fund.

Convention Center Fund: There have been some cancellations; however, the center is doing well and continues to book into the future. He informed the Council of the air conditioning problems and those expenses and possible reoccurring expenses.

Pier Fund: Mr. Robertson reviewed the budget and indicated that overall, the pier has been doing very well, and the budget is in good standing.

CLOSED SESSION

The Town Council may elect to go into closed session pursuant to Chapter 551, Government Code on any Agenda item where appropriate and particularly Sections 551.071 (consultation with attorney) and 551.074 (personnel matters), Government Code.

Council went into closed session at 6:46 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Discuss/Approve/Disapprove *any and all action necessary with regard to the preceding matter(s).*

Council reconvened into open session at 7:09.

Motion made by Place 2 Garis, Seconded by Place 5 McCorkle to join the lawsuit which was brought by John W. Johnson against the property owners, Trebilcock, Rowe, and C&AO.

Voting Yea: Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 4 Hackleman, Place 5 McCorkle

ANNOUNCEMENTS

9. Mayor's Update.

   Alderwoman Pahmiyer inquired as to how the streets and drainage on the west side of Fulton did with the current rain. Matt Olenick indicated that the streets and drainage did well. Mr. Bob Dupnik, Aransas County Commissioner, indicated that the joint project with Aransas County should start in the upcoming months.

10. The next Regular Fulton Town Council Meeting will be held Wednesday, August 5, 2026, beginning at 6:00 pm.

    Mayor Cole announced the date and time of the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Cole entertained a motion to adjourn.

Motion made by Place 5 McCorkle, Seconded by Place 2 Garis to adjourn the meeting.

Voting Yea: Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 4 Hackleman, Place 5 McCorkle

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Kelli Cole

Kelli Cole, Mayor

Stephanie Garcia

Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary