City of Morgan's Point Resort

MINUTES

City Council Regular Session

Tuesday, September 8, 2026	**6:00 PM**	**MPR EVENT CENTER** **60 Morgan's Point Blvd**

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1. **Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by Mayor James Snyder at 6:00 PM

PRESENT:
James Snyder
Roxanne Stryker
Stephen Bishop
Sarah Steers

Dorothy Allyn (Virtual attendance)
Samuel Pallin (Virtual attendance)

Neale Potts, City Attorney

2. **Invocation**

Stephen Bishop

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Roxanne Stryker

4. **Citizen Comments on Agenda Items**

This is an opportunity for members of the public to address topics of public interest and on the agenda, with the presentation limited to three (3) minutes. All speakers will conduct themselves in an orderly and lawful manner. All speakers will be recognized prior to speaking and will announce their name and address to be included in the minutes. State law prohibits the Mayor and Members of the City Council from commenting on any statement or engaging in dialogue without an appropriate agenda item being posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Law.

5. **Staff Reports & Recognition**

a. Public Utilities Quarterly Report and Presentation. *S. Pitts*

Steven Pitts, Director of Public Utilities, presented the Public Utilities Quarterly Report through a PowerPoint presentation.

b. Our new Director of Development Services, Courtney Peres, was introduced.

6. **Consent Agenda**

All items under this heading are considered to be routine and may be enacted by one motion, unless the Mayor or a Councilmember requests that an item be removed for separate discussion. Any item removed from the Consent Agenda will be considered immediately following the motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Minutes

a. **MN-26-019** Discuss and take appropriate action on the Minutes of Regular Session City Council Meeting on August 11, 2026. *K. Merolillo*

Motion to approve minutes (with changes) by Stryker, Seconded by Steers.

Voting Yea: Allyn, Bishop, Stryker, Pallin, and Steers

Motion passed by unanimous vote (5:0)

7. **Regular Agenda**

I. **Public Hearing(s)**

a. **PH-26-004** Hold a public hearing on Proposed Budget for FY 2026-2027

Public Hearing was opened at 6:14 PM

Donna Hartman, 112 Great West Loop, MPR

Spoke on appreciation to Council, staff, and ZacTax for their hard work and contributions to the budget process. Commented on the revised budget, including community activities, the library, staffing levels for the Police and Fire Departments, marina operations, and dock repair projects.
Full comments recorded per DIR compliant audio/visual.

Public Hearing was closed at 6:17 PM

b. **PH-26-005** Hold a public hearing on Tax Rate for FY 2026-2027

Public Hearing was opened 6:17 PM

Public Hearing was closed at 6:17 PM

II. **Ordinance(s)**

a. **OR-26-011** Discussion, consideration, and possible action on ordinance on adopting the Annual Budget for FY 2026-2027, beginning October 1, 2026, and ending September 30, 2027. *C. Pearson, Zactax, D. Martella*

Motion to approve by Stryker, Seconded by Bishop

Voting Yea: Bishop, Stryker, Pallin, and Steers

Voting Nay: Allyn, because of her objection to Section III, which increases the city manager's purchasing authority from $50,000 (which was in our procurement policy) to $100,000 for budgeted items. Allyn had no

other objections to the budget as presented.

Motion passed (4:1)

b. OR-26-012 Discussion, consideration, and possible action on an ordinance on adopting the Tax Rate of $0.7224 per $100 for FY 2026-2027. *C. Pearson; Zactax, D. Martella*

Motion to approve by Steers, Seconded by Stryker

Voting Yea: Allyn, Bishop, Stryker, Pallin, and Steers

Motion passed by unanimous vote (5:0)

III. Resolution(s)

a. RS-26-045 Discussion, consideration, and possible action on a resolution ratifying the property tax revenue increase reflected in the Annual Budget for the fiscal year October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027. *C. Pearson; Zactax, D. Martella*

Motion to approve by Stryker, Seconded by Allyn

Voting Yea: Allyn, Bishop, Stryker, Pallin, and Steers

Motion passed by unanimous vote (5:0)

b. RS-26-046 Discussion, consideration, and possible action on a resolution of the City Council to authorize appointment of Bruce Leonhardt as the President of the Economic Development Committee (EDC). *K. Merolillo*

Motion to approve by Bishop, Seconded by Steers

Voting Yea: Allyn, Bishop, Stryker, Pallin, and Steers

Motion passed by unanimous vote (5:0)

8. Executive Session

The City Council reserves the right to adjourn to discuss any items in executive (closed) session whenever permitted by the Texas Open Meetings Act. Discussion and possible action resulting from Executive Session.

a. Discussion with the City Attorney with Section 551-071 – Consultation with Attorney

Reconvene to Regular Session

Reconvened to Regular Session at 6:43 PM.

No further action taken.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor James Snyder at 6:44 PM

I certify that a copy of the 9-08-2026 agenda of items to be considered by the City of Morgan's Point Resort was posted and could be seen on the City Hall bulletin board and Morgan's Point Resort website on 9-01-2026 at 4:00 PM and remained posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of the meeting. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for accommodation or

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Roxanne Stryker, Mayor Pro Tem
City of Morgan's Point Resort

Kelli Merolillo, City Secretary
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