

City Council Minutes
Tuesday, March 11, 2025

On the 11th day of March 2025, at 6:30 p.m., the City Council of the City of Hurst, Texas, convened in a Regular Meeting at City Hall, 1505 Precinct Line Road, Hurst, Texas, with the following members present:

Henry Wilson	)	Mayor
John Miller	)	Mayor Pro Tem
Cathy Brotherton	)	Councilmember
Jon McKenzie)	
Jimmy Meeks)	
Trasa Cobern)	
Clay Caruthers	)	City Manager
Matthew Boyle	)	City Attorney
Clayton Fulton	)	Assistant City Manager
Malaika Marion Farmer	)	Assistant City Manager
Rita Frick	)	City Secretary
Chris Connolly	)	Executive Director of Economic Development
Kyle Gordon	)	Executive Director of Community Services
Robert Saucedo	)	Executive Director of Public Works

With the following Councilmember absent: Councilmember Waldron, constituting a quorum; at which time, the following business was transacted:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. and Councilmember Meeks gave the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge were given.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider approval of the minutes for the February 25, 2025 Council meetings
2. Consider authorizing the city manager to enter into a memorandum of understanding with Tarrant County College District regarding operation and maintenance of the outdoor warning system located on the Tarrant County College Northeast Campus

Mayor Pro Tem Miller moved to approve the consent agenda. Motion seconded by Councilmember Brotherton. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers McKenzie, Brotherton, Meeks, Miller and Cobern
No: None

PUBLIC HEARING(S) AND RELATED ITEM(S)

3. Conduct a Public Hearing and Consider Ordinance 2592, first reading, SP-2024-00024 Hurst Business Park, a site plan for Lot 11, Block 13 Billy Creek Estates, being 2.80 acres located at 920 W. Hurst Blvd (Tabled from the January 14, 2025 City Council meeting)

Mayor Wilson noted the public hearing and that the applicant wishes to withdraw his application. Mayor Wilson and City Manager Clay Caruthers advised the audience it was still on the agenda for Council to accept the withdrawal and procedure for moving items off the agenda.

Councilmember Cobern moved to withdraw this item. Motion seconded by Councilmember Meeks. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers McKenzie, Brotherton, Meeks, Miller and Cobern

No: None

Mayor Wilson recognized the following individuals who expressed concerns regarding information provided by the developer, two story buildings and privacy, what property would be included in a rezoning, and what the zoning change will be. Mayor Wilson and City Manager Clay Caruthers advised that until the applicant made application they will not be able to address the questions and the current understanding is his intent to move forward with single-family: Ran Boughton, 921 Hardie Street, Hurst, Texas; Darlene Gray, 909 Hardie Street, Hurst, Texas; and Fred Martinez, 933 Hardie Street, Hurst, Texas

RESOLUTION(S)

4. Consider Resolution 1879 authorizing the city manager to apply for FY 2026 federal appropriations through the office of Congresswoman Beth Van Duyne

Assistant City Manager Clayton Fulton reviewed the proposed resolution noting the office of Congresswoman Beth Van Duyne hosts an annual application process for federal appropriations and that staff has identified projects to request for FY 2026. He stated the resolution simply states the Council supports these projects. He stated it will be a competitive process and no guarantee of funding. In response to Council questions, Mr. Fulton stated the proposed projects include relocation and construction of Fire Station 3, drainage improvements in the Walker Branch channel, Pipeline Road improvements, Trinity Railway Express redevelopment and environmental remediation, regional fire apparatus deployed by Northeast Tarrant County Fire Department Association and other regional public safety apparatus deployed by the Northeast Tarrant County Area SWAT Team and Harwood Road Improvements. He stated the funding match can range depending on the situation.

Mayor Pro Tem Miller moved to approve Resolution 1879 authorizing the city manager to apply for FY 2026 federal appropriations through the office of Congresswoman Beth Van Duyne. Motion seconded by Councilmember Meeks. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers McKenzie, Brotherton, Meeks, Miller and Cobern

No: None

OTHER BUSINESS

5. Consider authorizing the city manager to enter into an agreement with Halff and Associates for grant writing services to complete the TxDOT Transportation alternative grant application

Executive Director of Community Services Kyle Gordon reviewed the proposed agreement with Halff and Associates for grant writing services to complete the proposed TxDOT Transportation alternative grant application. He stated if funded, the program would help create a road map for a safer environment for non-motorized transportation networks. He stated the plan concentrates on connecting key destinations, improving safety and aligning regional projects. He reviewed the two-step application process and that tonight's focus is the grant writing services. Mr. Gordon pointed out that if funded, the total cost is \$642,500, which is a savings of \$514,000. He stated October 2025 is the final decision of who is in the program. In response to Council questions, Mr. Gordon stated this is a city-wide active transportation plan.

Councilmember Brotherton moved to authorize the city manager to enter into an agreement with Halff and Associates for grant writing services for an amount not to exceed \$17,700. Motion seconded by Councilmember Meeks. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers McKenzie, Brotherton, Meeks, Miller and Cobern

No: None

6. Consider authorizing and ratifying the city manager's emergency purchase with Flow-Line Construction Inc. for water main repairs

Assistant City Manager Clayton Fulton reviewed the emergency purchase with Flow-Line Construction for water main repairs noting a leak under Irwin Drive on a 30-inch main that provides a significant amount of the wholesale supply from Fort Worth. Also, Farrington Drive where repairs were on a 16-inch water main between two homes requiring expertise the city does not have on staff.

Mayor Pro Tem Miller moved to ratify the city manager's emergency purchase of \$88,672.55 with Flow-Line Construction Inc. for water main repairs. Motion seconded by Councilmember Meeks. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers McKenzie, Brotherton, Meeks, Miller and Cobern

No: None

7. Review of upcoming calendar items – City Manager Clay Caruthers reviewed the Future Event Calendar provided in the packet. Mayor Pro Tem Miller also noted the March 29th Pups and Pint Event, 5 – 9 pm, at the Hurst Dog Park and Mayor Wilson noted the April 12th Doggone Egg Hunt, 4 – 6 pm at the Hurst Dog Park.
8. City Council Reports - Items of Community Interest – Councilmember Cobern announced Mayor Wilson was selected as the Northeast Leadership Forum's Distinguished Leadership Award recipient this year. Mayor Pro Tem Miller thanked the citizens attending this evening.

PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD – A REQUEST TO APPEAR CARD MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE CITY SECRETARY TO BE RECOGNIZED. CITIZEN COMMENTS ARE LIMITED TO A MAXIMUM OF 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER

Mayor Wilson recognized Bo Lisby, 136 Billy Creek, Hurst, Texas who questioned what is being done regarding speeders in his area and the two-story dilapidated house on Melbourne and Highway 10.

EXECUTIVE SESSION in Compliance with the Provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Law, authorized by Tex. Government Code Section 551.087 deliberation and conducting of economic development negotiations regarding financial information relative to prospective business expansion in the City, Section 551.072 deliberation of the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property (Pipeline Road Project and to reconvene in Open Session at the conclusion of the Executive Session

Mayor Wilson did not recess to Executive Session.


9. Take any and all action necessary ensuing from Executive Session – No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.


APPROVED this the 25th day of March 2025.

ATTEST:



Rita Frick, City Secretary

APPROVED:



Henry Wilson, Mayor