

City Council Minutes
Tuesday, January 27, 2026

On the 27th day of January 2026, 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
Jon McKenzie	)	Mayor Pro Tem
Cathy Brotherton	)	Councilmembers
John Miller)	
Trasa Cobern)	
Jimmy Meeks)	
Clay Caruthers	)	City Manager
Matthew Boyle	)	City Attorney
Malaika Marion Farmer	)	Assistant City Manager
Clayton Fulton	)	Assistant City Manager
Rita Frick	)	City Secretary
Robert Saucedo	)	Executive Director of Public Works
Kyle Gordon	)	Executive Director of Community Services
Billy Keadle	)	Police Chief
Tanya Wilson	)	Building Official

With the following Councilmembers absent: Gary N. Waldron, constituting a quorum; at which time, the following business was transacted:

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

The Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge were given.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider approval of the minutes for the January 13, 2026 Council meetings
2. Consider authorizing the city manager to proceed with design, purchase, and installation of a stained glass mural for the Hurst Public Library lobby through a directed donation

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

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

ORDINANCE(S)

3. Consider Ordinance 2617, first and final reading, amending the City of Hurst budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, which was adopted in City of Hurst Ordinance 2603(a), by removing one position for Captain and adding one position for Assistant Chief of Police

City Manager Clay Caruthers reviewed local rules and ordinances regarding civil service classification and number within each classification. He stated the proposed amendment does not change a classification, and only changes three Captains to two and Assistant Chief of Police position from one to two. He stated the proposed action will allow Chief Keadle to make an offer to two individuals and follows his strategic plan and objectives. He also stated a key point is this does not impact the budget only an amendment for the number in each classification.

Councilmember Meeks moved to approve Ordinance 2617, first and final reading, amending the City of Hurst budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, which was adopted by Ordinance 2603(a), by removing one position for Captain and adding one position of Assistant Chief of Police. Motion seconded by Councilmember Cobern. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

No: None

4. Consider Ordinance 2618, first and final reading, ordering a Special Election to be held May 2, 2026, for the purpose of amending the City Charter

City Secretary Rita Frick reviewed the proposed Ordinance calling a Special Election for Charter amendments noting the amendments will align various budget and purchasing procedures with state law, publication in official newspaper as provided in state law and deleting the residency requirement in the Charter for the city manager and city secretary. City Attorney Matthew Boyle advised the amendments are to bring the Charter to conformance and align with state law. He stated on the residency, it is important to be reminded that Council retains authority to require residency through contract with any future city manager. He also reviewed an additional amendment to the Ordinance as discussed in work session for a new provision in the Charter to provide a process to fill a vacant position.

Councilmember Miller moved to approve Ordinance 2618, first and final reading, calling a Special Election for Saturday, May 2, 2026 regarding amendments to the Hurst City Charter. Motion seconded by Councilmember Meeks. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

No: None

OTHER BUSINESS

5. Consider approval of North East Mall's application to allow Do Portugal Circus to hold an event in January and February per the 380 agreement

City Manager Clay Caruthers reviewed the 380 agreement with NE Mall that allows for a certain number of outdoor special events following an application and review process. He stated this will be the first event for this year. Mr. Caruthers stated staff did not receive paperwork for this event until today, there are no major issues with the event, safety, etc. and believe all is in order to proceed, but noted the process needs to be followed closely in the future.

Councilmember Meeks moved to approve NE Mall's application to allow Do Portugal Circus to hold an event in January and February. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McKenzie. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

No: None

6. Review of upcoming calendar items – City Manager Clay Caruthers expressed his appreciation for the public's patience during the recent weather closures. He thanked public safety and noted one water main repair. Mr. Caruthers reviewed the Recreation and Senior Citizens Activity Center early closure hours and that there would be a delayed opening tomorrow. He noted Republic plans to resume service Thursday and Friday for solid waste, and recycling will resume next week.
7. City Council Reports - Items of Community Interest – Mayor Pro Tem McKenzie noted his attendance at the TRTC meeting noting the speaker, Michael Morris, mentioned the freeway project going through Hurst and when discussing area growth, 45% is happening here in North Texas. And, it would be the second fastest growing state next to Florida. Councilmember Cobern noted Executive Director of Economic Development Chris Connolly received an award at the Chamber Luncheon for his work with the coffee shop, among other things. Mayor Wilson stated the award was well deserved.

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 Robert Coffee who, as a former employee and current Chaplain for the police department, expressed his appreciation and thanks to the Council and staff for what they do for the community.

EXECUTIVE SESSION in Compliance with the Provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Law, authorized by Government Code, Section 551.087 deliberation and conducting of economic development negotiations regarding financial information relative to prospective business expansion in the City, and Section 551.071 consultation with and legal advice from the city attorney regarding Code Enforcement, economic development, real estate, and zoning and on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Open Meetings Act and to reconvene in Open Session at the conclusion of the Executive Session


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

ADJOURNMENT

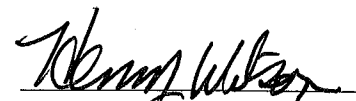
The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

APPROVED this the 10th day of February 2026.

ATTEST:


Rita Frick, City Secretary

APPROVED:


Henry Wilson, Mayor