

**City Council Minutes**  
**Tuesday, April 28, 2026**

On the 28<sup>th</sup> day of April 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	)	
Gary N. Waldron	)	
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
Lola Smith	)	Deputy City Secretary
Michelle Lazo	)	Executive Director of Planning and Development
Chris Connolly	)	Executive Director of Economic Development
Billy Keadle	)	Police Chief

With the following Councilmembers absent: none, constituting a quorum; at which time, the following business was transacted:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. and Councilmember Brotherton gave the Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge were given.

**PRESENTATION(S) AND PERSON(S) TO BE HEARD**

1. Presentation by Alliance for Children regarding their program and how they partner with the City

This item was not presented.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

2. Consider approval of the minutes for the April 14, 2026 Council meetings

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

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

**PUBLIC HEARING(S) AND RELATED ITEM(S)**

3. Conduct a Public Hearing and consider Ordinance 2624, first reading, amending Chapter 27 Section 27-21 by adding subsection 27-21(J)(7) providing regulations for pedestrian access to dumpster enclosures

Mayor Wilson announced the public hearing to consider Ordinance 2624, first reading, amending Chapter 27 Section 27-21 by adding subsection 27-21(J)(7) providing regulations for pedestrian access to dumpster enclosures. City Manager Clay Caruthers and Executive Director of Community Development Michelle Lazo provided an overview of this item. Mr. Caruthers stated this ordinance provides a pedestrian entry gate option for apartment complex trash enclosures. Ms. Lazo stated the ordinance would allow existing multifamily complexes a one-year window for compliance.

There being no one else to speak, Mayor Wilson closed the public hearing.

In response to Council questions, Ms. Lazo noted this ordinance should address the trash issue and that other cities have this requirement. She further noted the City is not requiring a locking mechanism on the pedestrian gate.

Councilmember Miller moved to approve the consent agenda. Motion seconded by Councilmember Meeks. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

No: None

### **RESOLUTION(S)**

4. Consider Resolution 1912 declaring the expectation to reimburse with proceeds of future debt and resolving other matters incident and related thereto

Assistant City Manager Clayton Fulton provided an overview of this item. Mr. Fulton explained Public Safety remains a top priority as reflected in the recent citizen survey and as such, the proposed resolution would allow the City to use bond proceeds to replace a front line fire department truck with a new pumper truck. City Manager Clay Caruthers explained fire apparatus' are kept on the front line for 10 years and then 10 years as a backup reserve vehicle.

In response to Council questions, Mr. Caruthers explained the truck going into reserve was on the front line for more than 10 years due to supply chain issues. Mr. Fulton also confirmed the City did not issue debt until right before receipt of the new pumper truck which will be in a few weeks, and the debt funds do help the City pay for the new pumper.

Councilmember Cobern moved to approve the consent agenda. Motion seconded by Councilmember Meeks. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

No: None

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

5. Consider authorizing the city manager to enter into construction design document services with Dunaway Associates, LLC for citywide gateway signage

Executive Director of Community Services Kyle Gordon introduced Dunaway Associates team members Adam Brewster and Elizabeth McIlrath. Mr. Brewster and Mr. Gordon provided the following information. The City has been working with Dunaway Associates for a few years to design gateway signage to deliver a very professional sign package. The package aims to replace existing signs, develop four different types of signs, utilize limestone similar to that at other city facilities, all supporting the Hurst branding logos. Mr. Gordon explained current signage is difficult to maintain and cannot be improved.

In response to Council questions, Mr. Gordon explained funding will come from the half-cent sales tax and special projects redevelopment fund. Mr. Gordon further explained the project was well received by the Parks and Recreation Board.

Councilmember Meeks moved to approve the consent agenda. Motion seconded by Councilmember Brotherton. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

No: None

6. Consider authorizing a contract with The Retail Coach for business placement consulting services

City Manager Clay Caruthers and Executive Director of Economic Development Chris Connolly provided an overview of this item. Mr. Caruthers explained direct partnerships with consultants are now needed to compete for retailer attention and occupancy. He further explained The Retail Coach provides such services and although it would replace Placer AI in the City budget, that function is not lost because The Retail Coach uses the software. Mr. Connolly further explained The Retail Coach has a high success rate providing infill.

In response to Council questions, Mr. Connolly explained the Cities of Bedford and Eules are not using The Retail Coach, and Mr. Caruthers added they do have their own consultants, just not this one.

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

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

No: None

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7. Review of upcoming calendar items

City Manager Clay Caruthers noted City Hall offices are closed May 25 for Memorial Day, May 2, 2026 is Election Day and also the Grand Opening for The Coffee Shop. He further noted the following upcoming events – Mother’s Day Tea and Lemonade Day.

8. City Council Reports - Items of Community Interest

Mayor Wilson noted tonight's council meeting is the last meeting City Secretary Rita Frick will be attending in her role as City Secretary and that she has been a jewel to the City, a tremendous asset, and the Mayor's righthand person.

Councilmember John Miller displayed and wore an orange Whataburger inspired Texas Rangers baseball cap secured for him by a neighboring city's mayor. Mr. Miller also stated today is his wife's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**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**

Ndala Sympson, French Parliament Member – spoke to the positive aspects of Hurst and thanked the council for being here.

Mayor recognized TCC students in attendance

**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 551.089 deliberation regarding the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices; and to reconvene in Open Session at the conclusion of the Executive Session

9. Take any and all action ensuing from Executive Session

As stated by the City Attorney, Councilmember Miller made a motion to approve the critical infrastructure acquisition consistent with our discussions in executive session and authorize the city manager to take all necessary action. Motion seconded by Councilmember Cobern. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

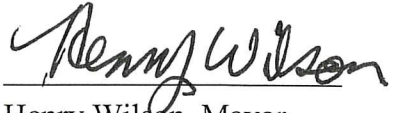
**APPROVED** this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026.

**ATTEST:**



Lola Smith, City Secretary

**APPROVED:**



Henry Wilson, Mayor