

**Minutes  
Hurst City Council  
Work Session  
Tuesday, April 28, 2026**

On the 28<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026, at 5:15 p.m., the City Council of the City of Hurst, Texas, convened in Work Session 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
Chris Connolly	)	Executive Director of Economic Development
Michelle Lazo	)	Executive Director of Planning and Development
Kyle Gordon	)	Executive Director of Community Services
Billy Keadle	)	Police Chief

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

**I. Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m.

**II. Informational Items**

• **Update and discussion of upcoming Calendar Items**

City Manager Clay Caruthers reviewed several calendar items to include Election Day, Recreation Center Open House, and the new Hurst business, The Coffee Shop, Grand Opening all on May 2, 2026.

• **Presentation and discussion by Dunaway Associates, LLC for Central Park Concept Plan**

Assistant City Manager Malaika Farmer and Executive Director of Community Services Kyle Gordon along with Dunaway Associates team members Adam Brewster and Elizabeth McIlrath provided the following information for this item. There has been a two-year process for this project with plan goals being to increase greenspace, preserve recreation center location, and to create a signature outdoor open space.

City Manager Clay Caruthers stated this project is a result of aging infrastructure at Central Aquatics and the Pipeline corridor revitalization planning efforts, and the project could be done in phases for funding purposes.

In response to Council questions, Mr. Brewster stated project phasing is grouped according to work needed in each area. Furthermore, Ms. Farmer stated Phase I is in next year's budget, and that the City has five to six years before any facilities would be considered for phasing out. She also stated the project responds to citizen survey comments for Hurst to have a sense of place.

- **Presentation and discussion by Dunaway Associates, LLC for City Gateway Sign Design**

Assistant City Manager Malaika Farmer and Executive Director of Community Services Kyle Gordon along with Dunaway Associates team members Adam Brewster and Elizabeth McIlrath provided the following information for this item. This project involved looking at existing signage, simplifying design, and creating a strong, powerful message that is compatible with the City's current brand.

### **III. Update and discussion of Regular Agenda Items**

#### **IV. Update and discussion of Agenda 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

City Manager Clay Caruthers provided an overview of this item. He explained this ordinance provides a pedestrian entry gate option for apartment complex trash enclosures. He further explained the ordinance would allow existing multifamily complexes a one-year window for compliance.

#### **V. Update and discussion of Agenda Item(s) 4**

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

City Manager Clay Caruthers provided an overview of this item. He explained this item doesn't issue debt but allows the City to reimburse itself with debt proceeds.

#### **VI. Update and discussion of Agenda Item(s) 5**

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

This item was discussed above under Informational Items.

#### **VII. Update and discussion of Agenda Item(s) 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 the following overview of this item. The Retail Coach would provide direct access to certain businesses who only work with consultants for placement services. This contract would replace Placer AI in the budget. The Cities of Bedford and Euless do not use their services, so there should be no competition for the same clients.

**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

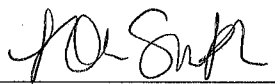
Mayor Wilson recessed the meeting at 6:13 p.m. in compliance with the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Law, authorized by Government Code, Section 551.087 deliberation and conducting of economic development negotiations regarding financial information relative to prospective business expansion in the City; and Section 551.089 deliberation regarding the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices; and reconvened open session at 6:24 p.m.

## VIII. ADJOURNMENT

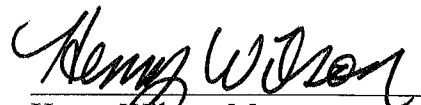
The Work Session was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

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

**ATTEST:**

  
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Lola Smith, City Secretary

**APPROVED:**

  
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Henry Wilson, Mayor