



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF LEANDER, TEXAS**

Pat Bryson Municipal Hall
201 North Brushy Street - Leander, Texas
Thursday, January 15, 2026
Briefing Workshop at 6:00 PM
Regular Meeting at 7:00 PM



Mayor – Vacant

Place 1 – Stephen Chang

Place 2 – Michael Herrera

Place 3 – Natomi Blair

Place 4 – Na'Cole Thompson, Mayor Pro Tem

Place 5 – Andrew Naudin

Place 6 – Becki Ross

City Manager – Todd Parton

BRIEFING WORKSHOP - CONVENE AT 6:00 PM

1. Open Meeting.

Opened meeting at 6:00

2. Roll Call.

Roll call reflected all present.

3. Receive presentation regarding citywide wildfire adaptive community initiative.

The presentation included: vision and mission; Wildland Urban Interface (WUI); growth in WUI; risk reduction zones; Texas 2011 fire season; highly combustible vegetation; wicking fences; ember storm; first line of defense; home ignition zone; wildfire challenge in Leander; Leander's Fire Adapted Community (FAC) concept; Three Pillars of Leander FAC; our roadmap; current operational capacity; building on our momentum; tools for success; a call to action; and request for action.

Briefing workshop adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING – CONVENE AT 7:00 PM

4. Open Meeting, Invocation and Pledges of Allegiance.

Opened meeting at 7:03 p.m.; Pastor Wendell Holmes provided the invocation; and Mayor Pro Tem Thompson led the Pledges of Allegiance.

5. Roll Call.

Roll call reflected all present.

6. Public comments on items not listed in the agenda.

Public comments on items listed in the agenda will be heard at the time each item is discussed.

[All comments are limited to no more than 3 minutes (6 minutes if translation is needed) per

individual.]

None.

7. Recognition of Special Guests and Visitors.

8. Proclamations.

1. Proclamation recognizing Martin Luther King, Jr. March and Celebration on January 19, 2026.

9. Staff Reports

1. Water update includes Sandy Creek Water Treatment Plant (CIP W.69), Brushy Creek Regional Utility Authority, and County water needs.
2. Capital Improvement Project update includes Automated Metering Infrastructure (CIP W.42) conversation timeline, benefits to residents, how information is being communicated to residents, and where to find updates on the City's website.
3. Capital Improvement Project update includes Senior Center (CIP P.6) completion and opening timeline.

Water update included status of various BCRUA construction projects; BCRUA planned shutdown; Sandy Creek Water Treatment Plant activities; and Williamson County Water Group schedule.

Automated metering infrastructure (AMI) update included project team; what is included in AMI; network coverage; activities to date; current changes to original proposal; deployment areas and starting timeframe; project schedule; customer portal; and what to expect.

Senior Center update included soft opening on January 13; temporary certificate of occupancy; parks staff occupying the building; and punch list.

CONSENT AGENDA: ACTION

Motion: Approve consent agenda item 10 through 23.

By: Councilmember Chang

Seconded: Councilmember Ross

Vote: 6 - 0

10. Approval of the minutes for meetings held on December 24, 2025 and January 6, 2026.
11. Approval of a Resolution appointing Christine Welborn as the Early Voting Ballot Board Judge and Barbara Reed as the alternate judge for the February 7, 2026, Special Election to fill vacancies in the office of Mayor and Place 4 on the City Council; authorize the appointment of up to fourteen (14) clerks to conduct the hand counting of ballots cast through mail ballots, and in-person voting during early voting and on election day; and establishing compensation at an hourly rate of \$20.00 for the election judge, and an hourly rate of \$18.00 for the alternate judge and clerks.
12. Ratify the City Manager's appointment of Dennis Farris to the City of Leander Fire Fighters' Civil Service Commissioner with a term expiring in January 2029.
13. Approval of Amendment 4 to Task Order KFA-56 with K Friese & Associates, Inc., relating to the Sandy Creek Water Treatment Plant (SCWTP) residuals management improvements and addition of

redundant treatment module project (CIP W.69), for additional professional service hours necessary to cover increased coordination efforts due to various construction work defects in the amount of \$60,652.50 for a new contract amount of \$1,545,743.00; and authorize the City Manager to execute any and all necessary documents.

14. Approval of the purchase of library materials, including print, audio, and digital materials, as well as other auxiliary supplies and library support services, from Brodart Company using Texas Smart Buy Contract 715-M2 in the amount of \$105,000.00 for the term of the Smart Buy contract expiring October 31, 2026; and authorize the City Manager to execute any and all necessary documents.
15. Approval of purchase of four (4) Ford trucks for Public Works from Sewell Ford of Odessa to replace vehicles which have exceeded their asset life in the total amount of \$287,390.00 utilizing existing Contract L00321 (Solicitation S24-003) with Sewell Family of Companies for the purchase of fleet vehicles; and authorize the City Manager to execute any and all necessary documents.
16. Approval of the Second Reading of an Ordinance regarding the amendment to the existing Contract for Solid Waste Disposal and Collection Services between the City of Leander and Al Clawson Disposal, Inc., effective August 6, 2020, which is an exclusive contract for provision of Solid Waste collection and disposal services within the City, as well as other services providing to extend the term of the contract for three (3) years to January 31, 2029; and authorize the City Manager to execute First Amendment to the contract.
17. Approval of the Second Reading of an Ordinance granting a franchise to Google Fiber Texas, LLC, described as a non-exclusive franchise to install, maintain, operate, and control fiber optic infrastructure network in public right-of-way of the City of Leander, Texas.
18. Approval of a Resolution to apply for a grant through the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) 2025 Fall Call for Project for Safe Routes to School Plan and Hero Way South service road project with federal funding for Fiscal Years 2028–2031; committing full local funding for the projects; and authorize the City Manager to execute any and all necessary documents.
19. Approval of a Resolution to apply for a grant from the 2027 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) mitigation projects for a cybersecurity risk mitigation for City water infrastructure risk and resilience assessment consisting of mitigating cybersecurity risk to the City of Leander water system at a cost of \$50,000.00 with \$15,000.00 matching funds; and authorize the City Manager to execute any and all necessary documents.
20. Approval of a Resolution to apply for a grant from the 2027 state and local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) workforce development projects for a cybersecurity administration training for Microsoft artificial intelligence (AI) project consisting of training of information technology staff for advanced technologies at a cost of \$10,000.00 with \$3,000.00 matching funds; and authorize the City Manager to execute any and all necessary documents.
21. Approval of a Resolution to apply for a grant from the 2027 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) governance and planning projects for a governance, risk and compliance program development project consisting of a third-party consulting expert to design and implement a foundational program at a cost of \$100,000.00 with \$30,000.00 matching funds; and authorize the City Manager to execute any and all necessary documents.
22. Approval of a Resolution to apply for a grant from the 2027 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) assessment and evaluation projects for a cybersecurity framework assessment consisting of a third-party cybersecurity risk assessment at a cost of \$50,000.00 with \$15,000.00 matching funds; and authorize the City Manager to execute any and all necessary documents.
23. Approval of a Resolution to apply for a grant from the 2027 Active Attack Response Equipment Grant Program for an equipment project consisting of five (5) bullet-resistant shields and fifteen (15)

breaching tools at a cost of \$40,000.00 with no matching funds; and authorize the City Manager to execute any and all necessary documents.

PUBLIC HEARING: ACTION

24. Conduct a Public Hearing regarding Zoning Case Z-25-0194 to amend the current zoning of Interim SFR-1-B (Single-Family Rural) and Interim SFS-2-B (Single-Family Suburban) to HC-5-B (Heavy Commercial) on two (2) parcels of land 11.65 acres ± in size, more particularly described by Williamson Central Appraisal District Parcels R315913 and R031291; and generally located on the northside of RM 2243, approximately 1,100 feet east of the intersection with CR 269, Leander, Williamson County, Texas.

- Discuss and consider action regarding Zoning Case Z-25-0194 as described above.

Public Hearing opened at 7:54 p.m.; Public Hearing closed at 7:54 p.m. No one spoke in favor or opposition of the request.

Motion: Approve First Reading of an Ordinance regarding Zoning Case Z-25-0194, following a discussion.

By: Councilmember Naudin
Seconded: Councilmember Blair

Vote: 6 - 0

25. Conduct a Public Hearing regarding Zoning Case Z-25-0200 to amend the current zoning of Interim SFR-1-B (Single Family Rural) to HC-4-C (Heavy Commercial) on one (1) parcel of land 3.973 acres ± in size, more particularly described by Williamson Central Appraisal District Parcel R031281; and generally located southeast of the intersection of CR 270 and Hero Way, Leander, Williamson County, Texas.

- Discuss and consider action regarding Zoning Case Z-25-0200 as described above.

Public Hearing opened at 7:56 p.m.; Public Hearing closed at 7:56 p.m. No one spoke in favor or opposition of the request.

Motion: Approve First Reading of an Ordinance regarding Zoning Case Z-25-0200.

By: Councilmember Naudin
Seconded: Councilmember Blair

Vote: 6 - 0

REGULAR AGENDA

26. Discuss and consider action regarding Tree Removal Case TRP-25-0038 for the removal of multiple Heritage Trees associated with the Glory Hill Public Improvement Construction Plans (PICP-25-0217), more particularly described by Williamson County Central Appraisal District Parcel R082171 and R082172; and generally located at the eastern terminus of Private Road 921, Williamson County, Texas.

Motion: Approve Tree Removal Case TRP-25-0038, following a discussion.

By: Mayor Pro Tem Thompson
Seconded: Councilmember Chang

Vote: 6 - 0

27. Discuss and consider action regarding Tree Removal Case TRP-25-0043 for the removal of multiple Heritage Trees associated with the Harvest Retreat (SD-24-0196), more particularly described by Williamson County Central Appraisal District Parcel R680242, and commonly known as 14751 Ronald W. Reagan Boulevard, Leander, Williamson County, Texas.

Motion: Approve Tree Removal Case TRP-25-0043.

By: Councilmember Chang
Seconded: Councilmember Blair

Vote: 6 - 0

28. Discuss and consider action regarding Tree Removal Case TRP-25-0045 for the removal of multiple Heritage Trees associated with the Titan Commerce Center (SD-25-0379), more particularly described by Williamson County Central Appraisal District Parcels R099758, R086290, R108828, R031580 and R555207, and generally located to the northeast of the intersection of CR 270 and Hero Way, Leander, Williamson County, Texas.

Motion: Approve Tree Removal Case TRP-25-0045, following a discussion.

By: Mayor Pro Tem Thompson
Seconded: Councilmember Blair

Vote: 6 - 0

29. Discuss and consider action on the approval of the Barksdale Phase 3 and 4 Phasing Plan associated with Subdivision Case CP-25-0048 on three (3) parcels of land 52.96 acres ± in size, more particularly described by Williamson Central Appraisal District Parcels R338810, R407804, and R407805; generally located northwest of the intersection of CR 175 and Journey Parkway, Leander, Williamson County, Texas.

Motion: Approve Barksdale Phase 3 and 4 Phasing Plan associated with Subdivision Case CP-25-0048.

By: Councilmember Naudin
Seconded: Councilmember Chang

Vote: 6 - 0

30. Discuss and consider action regarding Ordinance Cases OR-21-0004 and OR-21-0005 to amend the Subdivision Ordinance and Chapter 13 Utilities regarding phasing for residential development; and to provide for related matters; Williamson & Travis Counties, Texas.

Motion: Approve no changes to the Ordinance regarding Ordinance Cases OR-21-0004 and OR-21-005 amending Subdivision Ordinance and Chapter 13 Utilities relating to phasing residential development, following a discussion.

By: Councilmember Ross

Seconded: Mayor Pro Tem Thompson

Vote: 6 - 0

31. Discuss and consider action on an Ordinance to amend Article 9.08 of the local ordinances regarding the classifications and number of positions in the Leander Fire Department, reclassifying seven (7) Lieutenant positions to seven (7) Captain positions.

Motion: Approve an Ordinance amending Article 9.08 regarding the classifications and number of positions in the Leander Fire Department.

By: Mayor Pro Tem Thompson
Seconded: Councilmember Blair

Vote: 6 - 0

32. Council Member Closing Statements.

Stephen Chang - wished his brother a happy birthday; and invited everyone to the MLK Day March and Celebration.

Michael Herrera - commented on Leander Fire and Police Award Banquets; thanked the fire and police for keeping the city safe and everything they do; and supports funding for all law enforcement agencies.

Natomi Blair - commented on the soft opening of the Senior Center; thanked staff, along with past and present leaders for support of the facility; and reminded of Maya Angelou's quote, "People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

Andrew Naudin - commented on this day in 1967, the first Super Bowl was held; the Greenbay Packers beat the Kansas City Chiefs; and in 1977 the Eagles song Hotel California hit #1.

Na'Cole Thompson - stated tonight's dinner was from Jersey Mike's; reminded everyone to shop locally; commented on Let's Talk Series; and encouraged everyone to attend the MLK March and Celebration event.

33. Convene into Executive Session pursuant to

1. Section 551.071, Section 551.072 and Section 551.087, Texas Government Code, and Section 1.05 Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct to consult with legal counsel regarding acquisition of properties for public purpose; and to deliberate proposed economic development incentives for one or more business prospects that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body with which the City is conducting economic development negotiations along with consideration of a Chapter 380 Agreement(s) for Project EDA-25-008; and
2. Section 551.071 and Section 551.072, Texas Government Code, and Section 1.05 Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct to consult with legal counsel regarding acquisition of properties for public purposes, along with consideration of an Agreement by and between Northline Development, Alex Tynberg and the City of Leander for acquisition of property for public purpose.

Reconvene into open session to take action as deemed appropriate in the City Council's discretion regarding:

1. Chapter 380 Agreement(s) Project EDA-25-008; and
2. Agreement by and between Northline Development, Alex Tynberg and City of Leander.

Recessed into Executive Session at 8:33 p.m.; reconvened into open session at 9:11 p.m.

1. No action.
2. No action.

34. Adjournment

Adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

APPROVED


MAYOR PRO TEM

ATTEST:


CITY SECRETARY

