



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

Pat Bryson Municipal Hall
201 North Brushy Street - Leander, Texas
Thursday, February 19, 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 p.m.

2. Roll Call.

Roll call reflected all present.

3. Convene into Executive Session pursuant to 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.

Reconvene into open session to take action as deemed appropriate in the City Council's discretion regarding acquisition of properties for public purpose.

Convened into Executive Session at 6:02 p.m.; reconvened into open session at 6:40 p.m.

No action was taken.

Briefing workshop adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING – CONVENE AT 7:00 PM

4. Open Meeting, Invocation and Pledges of Allegiance.

Opened meeting at 7:01 p.m.; Serenity Coats with End Time Christian Fellowship provided the invocation; and Mayor Thompson led the Pledges of Allegiance.

5. Roll Call.

Roll call reflected all present.

6. Welcome Special Guests and Visitors.

7. Recognition of Service of Councilmember Place 4.

8. Oath of Office for newly elected Councilmember Place 4.
[Immediately following the oaths of office there will be a brief reception.]

[Recessed at 7:14 p.m.; reconvened back into open session at 7:25 p.m.]

9. 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.]

James Dean, 2513 Costa Del Sol - commented on working together.

10. Staff Reports

1. Water update includes Sandy Creek Water Treatment Plant (CIP W.69), Brushy Creek Regional Utility Authority (BCRUA), and County water needs.
2. Capital Improvement Project update includes Automated Metering Infrastructure (CIP W.42) conversion timeline, benefits to residents, how information is being communicated to residents, and where to find updates on the City's website.
3. Solid Waste collection update includes service level provided following recent ice storm Fern.

Mayor Thompson stated taking Staff Reports out of order and would hear Item 3 first; Tanya Clawson, ACIDI, needs to leave for a Jarell council meeting.

3. Solid waste update included the history of the company; the safety of company employees; the recent winter storm on daily operations; and contingency plans going forward with weather-impacting events.

1. Water update included BCRUA Phase 1D, 2, and 2A work progress; Sandy Creek water treatment plant expansion progress; and Williamson County Water Group.

2. Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) updated included project team; what is AMI; activities to date; additional services; deployment and timelines; and customer portal.

CONSENT AGENDA: ACTION

Mayor Thompson stated Items 12 and 14 were pulled from the consent agenda and will be considered separately.

Motion: Approve consent agenda items 11, 13, 15 through 17.

By: Councilmember Chang

Seconded: Councilmember Blair

Vote: 7 - 0

11. Approval of the minutes for meeting held on February 10, 2026.
12. Approval of a Corporate Authorization Resolution with East West Bank designating the City Manager, Chief Financial Officer, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, and City Secretary as authorized signers on the account(s) to be established and granting the necessary authority to execute any and all documents necessary to open and or maintain account(s) with East West Bank.

Motion: Approve the Corporate authorization Resolution with East West Bank.

By: Mayor Thompson

Seconded: Councilmember Blair

Vote: 7 - 0

13. Acceptance of public infrastructure improvements associated with Bar W Ranch West Phase 8 under Case No. PICP-23-0111 for water and wastewater improvements in compliance with the Development Agreement.
14. Approval of a Resolution supporting the application to DarkSky International for designation as an International DarkSky Place – Community; and authorize the City Manager to execute any and all necessary documents.

Motion: Approve Resolution supporting the application to DarkSky International.

By: Mayor Thompson

Seconded: Councilmember Chang

Vote: 6 - 1 (Sponseller)

15. Award of Solicitation S26-001 to Terrasol to conduct pond maintenance during Fiscal Year 2026 including the removal of all sediment, debris, and unwanted vegetation within the splitter box, sedimentation ponds, and storm outfalls, restoration of sand filter media, and other maintenance work in the amount of \$128,470.00; and authorize the City Manager to execute any and all necessary documents.
16. Approval of a Resolution authorizing the submission of the application to the Public Safety Office (PSO) for funds to purchase rifle-resistant body armor, and in the event of loss or misuse of grant funds, all funds will be returned as required by the Criminal Justice Division (CJD) of the Governor’s Office grant for the funding; and authorize the City Manager to execute any and all necessary documents.
17. Approval of a Resolution authorizing a lease/purchase agreement with Motorola for the replacement of portable belt and mobile vehicle radios for the police and fire departments for a total project cost of \$3,055,841.44; and authorize the City Manager to execute any and all necessary documents.

PUBLIC HEARING: ACTION

18. Conduct a Public Hearing regarding the acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) list of projects approved for funding in the Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Budget. *[Postponed by applicant until March 19, 2026.]*

REGULAR AGENDA

19. Receive a presentation regarding overall current traffic signal status and traffic signal priority ranking and installation procedure.

No action taken.
20. Discuss and provide direction regarding the participation of stakeholders and focus groups to engage with CivicBrand for development of the Community Brand Strategy.

No action taken.

21. Discuss and consider action on the make up of the Comprehensive Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC).

Motion: Approve Option 1 for make-up of Comprehensive Planning Advisory Committee.

By: Mayor Thompson
Seconded: Councilmember Blair

Vote: 7 - 0

22. Discuss and consider the selection of Councilmember Ross as Mayor Pro Tem for 2026-2027.

Motion: Approve Councilmember Ross as Mayor Pro Tem for 2026-2027.

By: Mayor Thompson
Seconded: Councilmember Chang

Vote: 7 - 0

23. Council Member Closing Statements.

Stephen Chang - commented on February 19, 1846 the Republic of Texas officially ended and was incorporated into the United States; and 2026 is the lunar year of Fire Horse symbolizing strength and freedom.

Michael Herrera - commented on recent Hill Country Ministries Mardi Gras event.

Natomi Blair - commented on Humane Heroes kennel extension; and quoted Robert Burns purpose of life.

Annette Sponseller - commented on upcoming VFW Youth Scholarship and Teacher of the Year award event.

Andrew Naudin - commented on February 19, 1945 US Marines invaded Hiroshima; on February 19, 1982 Ozzy Osborne arrested in San Antonio and banned from state until 1992; reminded everyone to spay and neuter your pets; and the importance of mental health.

Na'Cole Thompson - stated dinner was from Brooklyn Heights; reminded everyone to shop locally; welcomed Councilmember Sponseller; and commented on upcoming events.

24. Adjournment

Adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

APPROVED



MAYOR

ATTEST:

Dana Crabtree
CITY SECRETARY

