



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

Pat Bryson Municipal Hall
201 North Brushy Street - Leander, Texas
Thursday, March 5, 2026
Briefing Workshop at 6:00 PM
Regular Meeting at 7:00 PM



Mayor – Na'Cole Thompson
Place 1 – Stephen Chang
Place 2 – Michael Herrera
Place 3 – Natomi Blair

Place 4 – Annette Sponseller
Place 5 – Andrew Naudin
Place 6 – Becki Ross, Mayor Pro Tem
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. Receive presentation and update from Edge Engineering on the progress of the Stormwater Master Plan including completed milestones, prioritized projects, and next steps for implementation.
Discussion included objectives; recap progress to-date; data collection; flood modeling; area of interest prioritization — top 15 projects; and next steps.
Briefing workshop adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING – CONVENE AT 7:00 PM

4. Open Meeting, Invocation and Pledges of Allegiance.
Opened meeting at 7:00 p.m.; former Councilmember Chris Czernek 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. 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.]

No one spoke.

8. Leander Chamber of Commerce tourism update including but not limited to, results on Texas Tour 2022, 2023, and 2024 along with goals for 2026.

Presentation included funds spent in 2025 on tourism; budget for 2026; 2025 goals; results from work in 2025; Spotlight City video; trip builder; tourism friendly city; and 2026 goals.

9. Recognitions/Proclamations/Visitors.

- Certificate of Recognition of Congressional App Challenge winners: 1st place team from Rouse High School consisting of Pranav Jaishankar, Amartyaram Jami, Ronit Baldaniya and 2nd place Aditya Jha from Running Brush Middle School.
- CTX Learning Festival Proclamation

CONSENT AGENDA: ACTION

Mayor Thompson stated Item 14 was pulled from the consent agenda and will be considered separately.

Motion: Approve consent agenda items 10 through 13.

By: Councilmember Chang

Seconded: Councilmember Blair

Vote: 7 - 0

10. Approval of the minutes for meetings held on February 17, 2026, and February 19, 2026.
11. Award of Solicitation S26-006 to D.I.J. Construction, Inc., for the furnishing of all labor, material, equipment, and supervision necessary to perform all work required for roadway striping services on an "as needed" basis for five (5) years not to exceed \$500,000.00; and authorize the City Manager to execute any and all necessary documents.
12. Approval of the purchase of materials and installation services with Cunningham Recreation utilizing BuyBoard Cooperative Contract 781-25 to resurface the Lakewood Park Splash Pad due to July 2025 flooding that caused extensive damage in the amount of \$185,916.12; and authorize the City Manager to negotiate a contract and execute any and all necessary documents.
13. Approval of Task Order GEN-HDR-CIPS23-019-01 under the Agreement for Professional Services with HDR Engineering, Inc. (HDR), for engineering and inspection services related to micro-trenching in the amount of \$99,918.00; and authorize the City Manager to execute any and all necessary documents.
14. Approval of a Resolution for the Leander Fire Department to submit a grant with the 2026 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) for a command bus at a cost of \$800,000.00 with no matching funds from the City; and authorize the City Manager to execute any and all necessary documents.

Motion: Approve Resolution for grant submittal.

By: Councilmember Ross

Seconded: Councilmember Chang

Vote: 7 - 0

PUBLIC HEARING: ACTION

15. Conduct a Public Hearing pursuant to Chapter 26, Texas Parks and Wildlife Code, regarding the proposed installation of a public water line on public parkland located on Lot 87, Block B, of Stewart Crossing Phase 1 Subdivision more particularly depicted by the plat recorded as Document No. 2016026419 of the Official Public Records of Williamson County, Leander, Williamson County, Texas, for the purpose of installation, maintenance, and operation of an underground water line; whether there is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use or taking of such land; and whether the project includes all reasonable planning to minimize harm to the land, as a park.

- Discuss and consider action on an Ordinance making findings pursuant to Chapter 26, Texas Parks and Wildlife Code, regarding the installation of a public water line as described above requiring use of public parkland for the installation of public infrastructure; and authorize the City Manager to execute any and all necessary documents.

Public Hearing opened at 7:53 p.m.; Public Hearing closed at 7:54 p.m. Jared Bowers, 1308 Monroe Street spoke in favor of the request. No one spoke in opposition.

Motion: Approve Ordinance making findings pursuant to Chapter 26.

By: Councilmember Ross

Seconded: Councilmember Sponseller

Vote: 7 - 0

REGULAR AGENDA

16. Discussion and consider action to appoint the members of the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (CPAC) for the City of Leander 2026 Comprehensive Plan Update.

Motion: Appoint the following individuals to the CPAC: Serenity Coats, Andy Eis, Laura Davis, Mark Moore, Anita Chumnanvech, Monique Boakes, Laura Lantrip, Tiesa Hollaway, Kyla Spady, Marcia Back and Julie Vaughn.

By: Mayor Thompson

Seconded: Councilmember Sponseller

Vote: 7 - 0

17. Receive presentation and consider City Council Subcommittee recommendations on the composition and duties of boards, committees, and commissions.

Presentation included committee steering process overview; challenges with current standards; a recommendation that current non-statutory boards be converted to ad hoc structure; and suggested guidelines. Following a discussion, the City Council took no action and would bring back for a future workshop.

18. Council Member Closing Statements.

Natomi Blair - congratulated new police officers; fire personnel on promotions.

Annette Sponseller - commented on recent special election; the integrity of the city secretary's office; recent emergency management training; meeting with all the Directors and City Manager leadership; and upcoming events.

Andrew Naudin - commented on this date in history in 1770 the Boston Massacre; and on this date in music history in 1971 Led Zeppelin debuted Stairway to Heaven live; and talk to your neighbors, be mindful of mental health.

Na'Cole Thompson - stated dinner came from Domino's tonight; reminded everyone to shop locally; and commented on upcoming events.

19. Convene into Executive Session pursuant to:

1. Section 551.071, 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
2. 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 an Old Town Incentive Agreement for Project EDA-26-001; and
3. 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-26-002; and
4. Section 551.072, Texas Government Code, to deliberate the acquisition of properties located in the S.S. Evans Survey Abstract 275, Travis County for water line easements and temporary construction easements relating to the Hero Way West Water Line Project.

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

1. Acquisition of property for public purpose; and
2. Old Town Incentive Agreement(s) for Project EDA-26-001; and
3. Chapter 380 Agreement(s) for Project EDA-26-002; and
4. Acquisition of properties located in the S.S. Evans Survey Abstract 275, Travis County for water line easements and temporary construction easements relating to the Hero Way West Water Line Project.

Convened into Executive Session at 8:57 p.m.; reconvened into open session at 9:42 p.m.

1. No action.
2. No action.

3. No action.

4. Motion: Approve the acquisition of properties located in the S.S. Evans Survey Abstract 275, Travis County for water line easements and temporary construction easements relating to the Hero Way West Water

By: Councilmember Ross

Seconded: Councilmember Naudin

Vote: 7 - 0

20. Adjournment

Adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

APPROVED



MAYOR

ATTEST:



CITY SECRETARY

