

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

Pat Bryson Municipal Hall
201 North Brushy Street - Leander, Texas
Thursday, March 19, 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 6:01 p.m.

2. Roll Call.

Roll call reflected all present.

3. Joint workshop with the Planning and Zoning Commission to receive a presentation from Kendig Keast Collaborative, Inc., regarding the kick-off of the Comprehensive Plan and Transportation Master Plan update.

Presentation included process and timelines; context for plans; and initial priorities.

Briefing workshop adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING – CONVENE AT 7:00 PM

4. Open Meeting, Invocation and Pledges of Allegiance.

Opened meeting 7:04 p.m.; Pastor Wendell Holmes 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. Staff Reports

- Water update includes Sandy Creek Water Treatment Plant (CIP W.69), Brushy Creek Regional Utility Authority (BCRUA), and County water needs.

Water update included BCRUA Phase 1, Phase 2 and Phase 2A updates; Sandy Creek Treatment Plant; and Williamson County Water Group.

9. Proclamation

- Proclamation recognizing City of Leander is a Fire Adaptive Community.

CONSENT AGENDA: ACTION

Mayor Thompson stated Item 11 was pulled from the agenda.

Motion: Approve consent agenda items 10 and 12.

By: Councilmember Chang

Seconded: Mayor Pro Tem Ross

Vote: 7 - 0

10. Approval of the minutes for meetings held on February 27, 2026 and March 5, 2026.
11. Approval of an amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Leander and Hill Country Hyzers Disc Golf Club updating the roles and responsibilities and an additional disc golf site at Devine Lake Park, Leander, Texas; and authorize the City Manager to execute any and all necessary documents.
12. Approval of Change Order No. 3 to CC Carlton Industries, Ltd. to close out the construction of the San Gabriel East Elevated Storage Tank, (CIP W.41) in the amount of (\$342,037.17) reducing the total contract amount to \$7,938,970.33; and authorize the City Manager to execute any and all necessary documents.

PUBLIC HEARING: ACTION

13. Conduct a Public Hearing and consider action regarding Zoning Case Z-25-0205 to amend the current zoning of 675 Kauffman Loop Planned Unit Development (PUD) with base zoning districts of SFT-2-A (Single-Family Townhouse) and GC-2-A (General Commercial) to remove the prohibition of automotive repair on Lot 3, Block B on one (1) parcel of land 0.8 acres ± in size, more particularly described by Williamson Central Appraisal District Parcel R328207; and generally located 1,500 feet to the east of the intersection of SH 29 and Ronald W. Reagan Boulevard on the south side of SH 29, Leander, Williamson County, Texas. *Postponed by Applicant.*

14. Conduct a Public Hearing regarding Annexation Case A-25-0024 for Hero Way Elevated Storage Tank (EST) for the voluntary annexation of 11.369 acres ± in size, more particularly described by Williamson Central Appraisal District Parcel R025382 and Travis Central Appraisal District Parcel 353992; and generally located south of Hero Way West and approximately 750 feet west of Honeycomb Mesa, Leander, Williamson and Travis Counties, Texas.

- Discuss and consider action on the First Reading of an Ordinance regarding Annexation Case A-25-0024 as described above.

Opened Public Hearing at 7:28 p.m.; closed Public Hearing at 7:28 p.m. No one spoke in favor or opposition of the request.

Motion: Approve first reading of an ordinance regarding Annexation Case A-25-0024 Hero Way Elevated Storage Tank.

By: Councilmember Sponseller
Seconded: Councilmember Herrera

Vote: 7 - 0

15. Conduct a Public Hearing regarding Annexation Case A-25-0025 Alexander Tract and the adjacent ROW of CR 267 Annexation Case A-25-0026 for the voluntary annexation of 55.152 acres ± in size, more particularly described by Williamson Central Appraisal District as Parcel R032246; and the portion of the abutting right-of-way known as CR 267 and generally located west of Kauffman Loop approximately 300 feet south of Equine Road and CR 267 Leander, Williamson County, Texas.

- Discuss and consider action on the First Reading of an Ordinance regarding Annexation Case A-24-0025 as described above.
- Discuss and consider action on the First Reading of an Ordinance regarding Annexation Case A-25-0026 as described above.

Opened Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m.; closed Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m. No one spoke in favor or opposition of the request.

Motion: Approve first reading for an ordinance regarding Annexation Case A-25-0025 Alexander Tract, following a discussion.

By: Councilmember Chang
Seconded: Mayor Pro Tem Ross

Vote: 6 - 1 (Sponseller)

Motion: Approve first reading of an ordinance regarding adjacent ROW of CR 267 Annexation Case A-25-0026, following a discussion.

By: Councilmember Naudin
Seconded: Mayor Pro Tem Ross

Vote: 6 - 1 (Sponseller)

16. Conduct a Public Hearing on Zoning Case Z-25-0196 to amend the current zoning of Interim SFR-1-B (Single-Family Rural) to SFU-2-A (Single-Family Urban) and SFC-2-A (Single-Family Compact) on

one (1) parcel of land 55.152 acres ± in size, more particularly described by Williamson Central Appraisal District Parcel R032246; and generally located west of Kauffman Loop approximately 300 feet south of Equine Road and CR 267, Leander, Williamson County, Texas.

- Discuss and consider action regarding Zoning Case Z-25-0196 as described above.

Opened Public Hearing at 7:48 p.m.; closed Public Hearing at 7:51 p.m. No one spoke in favor of the request. AnitaChumnanvech, 708 Palamos Drive., spoke in opposition of the request.

Motion: Approve the first reading of an ordinance regarding Zoning Case Z-25-0196, following a discussion.

By: Mayor Pro Tem Ross
Seconded: Councilmember Chang

Vote: 4 - 3 (Herrera, Blair, Sponseller)

17. Conduct a public hearing regarding the issuance of City of Leander, Texas General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$20,320,000.00.

- Discuss and consider action regarding an Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of City of Leander, Texas General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$20,320,000.00.

Opened Public Hearing at 8:09 p.m.; closed Public Hearing at 8:09 p.m. No one spoke in favor or opposition of the request.

Motion: Approve an ordinance regarding the issuance of GO Refunding Bonds, Series 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$20,320,000.00.

By: Councilmember Sponseller
Seconded: Councilmember Blair

Vote: 7 - 0

REGULAR AGENDA

18. Discuss and consider action regarding Tree Removal Case TRP-25-0049 regarding the removal of one (1) Heritage Tree associated with Oak Grove Estates (PICP-25-0274), generally located east of CR 175, approximately 250 feet north of Carthage Street, Leander, Williamson County, Texas.

Motion: Approve removal of one (1) Heritage Tree regarding Tree Removal Case TRP-25-0049, following a discussion.

By: Mayor Thompson
Seconded: Councilmember Blair

Vote: 6 - 1 (Sponseller)

19. Discuss and consider action on an addendum to a cooperation agreement under Texas Local Government Code, Section 392.059(b) to the Housing Authority of Travis County (HATC) to acquire, finance, renovate, operate, and manage an affordable housing development zoned as part of the Preserve

at Mason Creek to address the parkland dedication requirements, more particularly described as 7.675 acres ± in size out of Williamson Central Appraisal District Parcel R655944; and generally located south of Horseshoe Drive, approximately 480 feet west of S. West Drive, Leander, Williamson County, Texas.

Motion: Approve addendum to a cooperation agreement with Preserve at Mason Creek addressing parkland dedication requirements, following a discussion.

By: Mayor Thompson
Seconded: Councilmember Naudin

Vote: 5 - 2 (Herrera, Sponseller)

20. Discuss and consider action on a Resolution to suspend for 45 days the effective date proposed by ATMOS Energy Corporation - MidTex Division to increase rates under the Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program; and authorize the City of Leander's continued participation in a coalition of cities known as the ATMOS Texas Municipalities (ATM).

Motion: Approve resolution to suspend for 45 days the effective date proposed by ATMOS Energy Cooperation - MidTex Division to increase rates, following a discussion.

By: Mayor Thompson
Seconded: Councilmember Blair

Vote: 7 - 0

21. Council Member Closing Statements.

Stephen Chang commented on March Madness and Texas Western.

Natomi Blair commented on the recent Spring Gardening event; congratulated Dr. Clark on being named lone finalist Leander ISD Superintendent; and quote from Michelle Obama: "Courage can be contagious, and hope can take on a life of its own."

Annette Sponseller commented on the recent Spring Fling event and upcoming events; and thanked the parks department for all they do.

Andrew Naudin stated his father was in attendance tonight; commented on this day in history: Texas Western defeated Kentucky in the NCAA championship game. Coached by Don Haskins, the Miners became the first team with an all-Black starting lineup to win the national title; and music history KISS released Dress to Kill in 1975; and take care of your mental and emotional well-being - know not alone.

Na'Cole Thompson stated dinner came from La Tapatia; reminded everyone to shop local; and provided an overview of a recent trip to Washington, DC for the National League of Cities Conference.

22. 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 a settlement agreement for Docket No. 58864, Petition of Highten Leander, 76, LLC to Amend Certificates of Convenience and Necessity within Williamson County by Streamlined Expedited Release with the Public Utilities Commission; and

2. Section 551.076, Texas Government Code and Section 551.089, Texas Government Code, deliberation regarding security deployment relating to devices, personnel and critical infrastructure; and
3. 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 the acquisition of properties for public purpose; and
4. Section 551.071 and Section 551.087, Texas Government Code, and Section 1.05 Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct to consult with legal counsel regarding the 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-26-003; and
5. Section 551.072, Texas Government Code, to deliberate the acquisition of properties located in the L.B. Johnson Survey, Abstract 350 and Talbot Chambers Survey Abstract 125, Williamson County for fee simple parcel and drainage and grading easement relating to the San Gabriel Parkway 3 Project (CIP T.46).

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

Convene into Executive Session pursuant to:

1. Settlement Agreement for Docket No. 58864, Petition of Highten Leander, 76, LLC to Amend Certificates of Convenience and Necessity within Williamson County by Streamlined Expedited Release with the Public Utilities Commission; and
2. Security deployment relating to devices, personnel and critical infrastructure; and
3. Acquisition of properties for public purpose; and
4. 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-26-003; and
5. Acquisition of properties located in the L.B. Johnson Survey, Abstract 350 and Talbot Chambers Survey Abstract 125, Williamson County for fee simple parcel and drainage and grading easement relating to the San Gabriel Parkway 3 Project (CIP T.46).

Convened into Executive Session at 8:45 p.m.; reconvened into open session at 9:52 p.m.

1. Motion: Approve the settlement agreement discussed in executive session and authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to execute any documents needed to give effect to the settlement.

By: Mayor Pro Tem Ross
Seconded: Councilmember Chang

Vote: 7 - 0

2. No Action.
3. No Action.

4. No Action.

5. Motion: Approve the acquisition of properties located in the L.B. Johnson Survey, Abstract 350 and Talbot Chambers Survey, Abstract 125, Williamson County for fee simple and drainage and grade easement relating to the San Gabriel Parkway, Phase 3 Project (CIP T.46) as discussed in executive session.

By: Mayor Pro Tem Ross

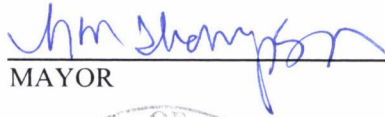
Seconded: Councilmember Blair

Vote: 7 - 0

23. Adjournment

Adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

APPROVED


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY SECRETARY

