



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



Pat Bryson Municipal Hall
201 North Brushy Street - Leander, Texas
Thursday, June 4, 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 with Councilmembers Chang and Sponseller absent.

3. Convene into Executive Session pursuant to:

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Convened into Executive Session at 6:01 p.m.; reconvened into open session at 6:55 p.m.
[Council did not complete their deliberations and will return to Executive Session at the end of the regular meeting.]

Briefing workshop adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING – CONVENE AT 7:00 PM

4. Open Meeting, Invocation and Pledges of Allegiance.

Opened meeting at 7:01 a.m.; invocation provided by Councilmember Blair; and Mayor Thompson led the Pledges of Allegiance.

5. Roll Call.

Roll call reflected all present with Councilmembers Chang and Sponseller absent.

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.]

No one spoke.

7. Staff Reports

1. Update on America 250 celebration activities.

Update included: activities planned for June 27, 2026, Nation Celebration being held at Lakewood Park; July 3, 2026, Liberty Fest behind held at Devine Park; and other activities taking place around the City at the Senior Activity Center, Library, Crystal Falls Golf Course; honoring hometown Heroes; community give-a-ways including: flags, wristbands, and commemorative coins, t-shirts available for purchase; lantern trail at Nation Celebration and Liberty Fest events; City-wide decorations; and 250 Community Mosaic Mural.

CONSENT AGENDA: ACTION

Motion: Approve the Consent Agenda Items 8 through 14.

By: Mayor Pro Tem Ross

Seconded: Councilmember Herrera

Vote: 5 - 0

8. Approval of the minutes for the City Council meeting held on May 21, 2026.
9. Acceptance of public infrastructure improvements for Roger Beasley Mazda (PICP-23-0104) to include: streets, water, wastewater and drainage systems.
10. Acceptance of public infrastructure improvements for Hawkes Landing North Phase 3 (PICP-24-0137) to include: streets, drainage, water and wastewater.
11. Approval of an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with the Cities of Cedar Park, Georgetown, Leander, Round Rock, Taylor, Williamson County ESD 3, and Williamson County, regarding the county-wide hazardous materials response team, establishing a governing board consisting of representatives from each participating agency, establishing agreed upon operating policies, providing for maintaining equipment, cost of insurance, maintenance, repairs, and upgrades; authorize the City Manager to appoint the City's board representative, and execute any and all necessary documents.
12. Approval of the termination of a water easement located within the Northline Subdivision, more particularly described as 0.0066 acres out of Williamson Central Appraisal District Parcel R659614, and generally located to the south of the intersection San Gabriel Parkway and Main Street, Leander, Williamson County, Texas; and authorize the City Manager to execute any and all necessary documents.
13. Approval of a contract in the amount of \$69,000.00 with Sky Elements, LLC, to conduct drone display services during Liberty Fest 2026 on July 3, 2026, with July 5, 2026, as the inclement weather date; and authorize the City Manager to execute any and all necessary documents.
14. Approval of a Special Event Permit for the City's annual Liberty Fest event to be held on Friday, July 3, 2026, at Devine Lake Park, 1807 Waterfall Avenue; event site will open at 6:00 p.m., with shuttle service starting at 5:30 p.m. from Glenn High School and Danielson Middle School, along with a Celebrate America 250 Bike and Pedestrian Parade beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at Camacho Elementary School at approximately 11:00 a.m., located at 501 Municipal Drive; and if inclement weather, Liberty Fest will be rescheduled for Sunday, July 5, 2026.

PUBLIC HEARING: ACTION

15. Conduct a Public Hearing regarding Special Use Case Z-26-0210 to consider action on a Special Use Permit to allow for an in-home day care with up to 12 children on one parcel of land 0.2 acres ± in size, more particularly described by Williamson Central Appraisal District Parcel R456282; and more commonly known as 1202 Drake Cove, Leander, Williamson County, Texas.
 - Discuss and consider action regarding Special Use Case Z-26-0210 as described above.

Opened Public Hearing at 7:27 p.m.; closed Public Hearing at 7:36 p.m. Speaking in favor of the request was Malissa Ivey, 1808 Burr Parkway; and Gay Click, 912 Mallard Lake Trail. Speaking in opposition of the request was Wayne Nowell, 1204 Drake Cove. Position only read into the record of opposition from Angela Nowell, 1204 Drake Cove.

Motion: Remand back to the Planning and Zoning Commission for further review and recommendation.

By: Mayor Thompson

Seconded: Councilmember Blair

Vote: 5 - 0

16.

Conduct a Public Hearing for the purpose of receiving public comment on an Ordinance approving a Letter of Agreement with Pedernales Electric Cooperative, Inc., (PEC) to grant an extension to the franchise approved by Ordinance No. 19-032-00, which grants PEC certain powers, licenses, rights-of-way, privileges and franchise to construct, maintain, operate and use a transmission and distribution system in the City of Leander to provide electric utility service:

- Provide direction to City staff on an Ordinance approving a Letter of Agreement with PEC as described above, and
- Schedule formal action for the regular City Council meeting of July 2, 2026.

Opened Public Hearing at 7:49 p.m.; closed Public Hearing at 7:49 p.m. No one spoke in favor or opposition of request.

Motion: Table any formal action until the July 2, 2026, regular meeting, following a discussion.

By: Mayor Pro Tem Ross

Seconded: Councilmember Naudin

Clarification was provided from City Attorney Saenz, Pedernales Electric Cooperative, Inc. has confirmed in writing support of the Letter of Agreement.. Councilmember Naudin withdrew his second and Mayor Pro Tem Ross withdrew her motion.

Motion: Approve the Letter of Agreement with Pedernales Electric Cooperative, Inc. to an extension to the franchise agreement approved by Ordinance No. 19-032-00.

By: Councilmember Naudin

Seconded: Mayor Pro Tem Ross

Vote: 5 - 0

REGULAR AGENDA

17.

Discuss and consider action on a Resolution authorizing the submission of a Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant through the United States Department of Homeland Security and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to fund the hiring of 15 new firefighter positions; providing for the cost-sharing, if awarded, of 25% of the actual cost in the first and second year and 65% in the third year of the grant; and authorize the City Manager to execute any and all necessary documents.

Motion: Approve Resolution authorizing the submission of a Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant, following a discussion.

By: Mayor Thompson

Seconded: Councilmember Blair

Vote: 5 - 0

18. Discuss and consider action on casting the City's votes on the ballot relating to Pedernales Electric Cooperative, Inc., 2026 Board of Directors Election; and authorize the City Secretary to cast the City's votes as determined by the City Council.

Motion: Authorize the City Secretary to cast the City of Leander's two (2) votes in the following manner: 1 vote for Elexis Grimes and 1 vote for Carlos St. James.

By: Mayor Thompson
Seconded: Councilmember Blair

Vote: 5 - 0

19. Discuss and consider the appointment of a Council Director and a Citizen Director to the Board of Directors of the Brushy Creek Regional Utility Authority (BCRUA) for terms that are set to expire on June 30, 2026.

Motion: Reappoint Mayor Thompson as Council Director and Richard Schnaffer as Citizen Director to the Board of Directors of the Brushy Creek Regional Authority for a two (2) year term expiring June 20, 2028, following a discussion.

By: Councilmember Blair
Seconded: Councilmember Naudin

Vote: 5 - 0

20. Council Member Closing Statements.

Michael Herrera - commented on the upcoming Old Town Street Festival, Juneteenth, 250 Celebration, Liberty Fest; and thanked everyone involved.

Natomi Blair - commented on Old Town Street Festival this weekend and upcoming 250 Celebration events.

Andrew Naudin - commented on the importance of mental health; various library programs offered to help stay mentally healthy; this day in history, on June 4, 1992, the Elvis Presley commemorative stamp was released and became the number one commemorative stamp sold; and this day in music history, June 4, 1956, Heartbreak Hotel hit #1 simultaneously on all three Billboard Charts: Pop, R & B, and Country.

Na'Cole Thompson - stated dinner came from Southern's Pizza tonight; reminded everyone to shop locally; and the Old Town Street Festival will take place rain or shine.

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Convened back into Executive Session at 8:18 p.m.; reconvened back into open session at 8:31 p.m.

1. No action.
2. No action.
3. No action.
4. No action.

22. Adjournment

Adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

APPROVED



MAYOR

ATTEST:



CITY SECRETARY

