



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

Pat Bryson Municipal Hall
201 North Brushy Street - Leander, Texas
Thursday, July 16, 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 a presentation from Applied Research Associates, Inc., regarding City of Leander Pavement Management Services and 5-year Pavement Maintenance Plan.

Presentation included: inventory; pavement data collection; processing and analysis; pavement conditions: calculation, categories, and scores; conditions by distribution category; Pathweb viewing tool; budget analysis; assumptions; performance prediction model: scenario considered, comparison, and costs; and work plan recommendations.

Adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING – CONVENE AT 7:00 PM

4. Open Meeting, Invocation and Pledges of Allegiance.

Opened meeting at 7:01 p.m.; Minister 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.]

Anita Chumnavech, 708 Palamos Drive - commented on Leander Springs.

Mark Bofferding, 2601 Saddle Blanket Place - commented on jury duty pay.

8. Recognitions/Proclamations/Visitors.

- Certificate of Recognition High Tech Gym for Small Team first place finish at the American Gymnastics Association State Meet.

CONSENT AGENDA: ACTION

Motion: Approve consent agenda items 9 through 14.

By: Councilmember Chang

Seconded: Councilmember Blair

Vote: 7 - 0

[Mayor Thompson announced would be taking the agenda out of order and moved to Item 23 next; following Item 23 moved back to agenda order.]

9. Approval of the minutes for the regular City Council meeting held on July 2, 2026.
10. Approval of the purchase of a 2026 Ford F-150 Super Crew truck from Sames Bastrop Ford, utilizing cooperative purchasing contract 240901 through The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS), in the amount of \$91,413.00 for the fire department as a scheduled fleet replacement; and authorize the City Manager to execute any and all necessary documents.
11. Approval of a Resolution authorizing the submission of an application for financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board through House Bill 500, the Water Supply and Infrastructure Grant (WSIG) seeking \$12,000,000.00 to provide for eligible costs for water sytem improvements, including the acquisition, planning, design, and construction of water system improvements related to the Hero Way West Elevated Storage Tank; and authorize the City Manager to execute any and all necessary documents.
12. Acceptance of public infrastructure improvements for the Leander Platinum project (20-PICP-032) to include: streets, water, wastewater, and drainage.
13. Acceptance of public infrastructure improvements for Bar W Ranch East Mixed Use (PICP-24-0149) to include: streets, drainage, and water.
14. Approval of a Resolution adopting the State and Federal Legislative Program for the City; directing the City Manager or designee to act with regard to the City's State and Federal Legislative Program; and providing an effective date.

REGULAR AGENDA

15. Discuss and consider action on the appointment of a Charter Review Committee pursuant to Section 13.08. Charter Review of the Leander City Charter.

Motion: Approve the following appointees to the Charter Review Committee: Genail Marthol; Darald Berger; John Cosgrove; David Ron Militello; Kathryn Pantalion-Parker; Melissa Walsh; and Laura Blevins; following a discussion.

By: Mayor Thompson
Seconded: Mayor Pro Tem Ross

Vote: 5 - 2 (Herrera, Sponseller)

16. Discuss and consider action on the Second Reading of an Ordinance regarding Ordinance Case OR-26-0036 to amend the Composite Zoning Ordinance to update Article I, Section 6 to add definitions, modify Article III, Section 20 to update the use matrix, and update Article IV to add use standards for In-Home Day Care regulations, and to provide for related matters; Williamson and Travis Counties, Texas.

Motion: Approve Ordinance Case OR-26-0036 to amend the Composite Zoning Ordinance to update Article I, Section 6, to add definitions, modify Article III, Section 20, to update the matrix, and update Article IV to add use standards for in-home day care regulations, following a discussion.

By: Councilmember Blair
Seconded: Councilmember Chang

Vote: 6 - 1 (Ross)

17. Discuss and consider action on the approval of the Oakmont Ridge Phasing Plan associated with Subdivision Case CP-25-0044 on six (6) parcels of land 50.31 acres ± in size, which includes the development of 80 single-family residential lots and commercial uses in two (2) phases with the residential development minimum lot width of 70 feet which comports with the water resolution, more particularly described by Williamson Central Appraisal District Parcels R473796, R324593, R324592, R412990, R594957, and R594958; generally located the east of the intersection of CR 274 and Ronald W. Reagan Boulevard, Leander, Williamson County, Texas.

Motion: Approve Oakmont Ridge Phasing Plan associated with Subdivision Case CP-25-0044 on six (6) parcels of land which includes the development of 80 single-family residential lots and commercial uses in two (2) phases.

By: Mayor Pro Tem Ross
Seconded: Councilmember Naudin

Vote: 7 - 0

18. Discuss and consider action regarding Tree Removal Case TRP-25-0046 regarding the removal of four (4) Heritage Trees associated with the Burleson Phases 1, 5 - 8 Public Improvement Construction Plans Development (PICP-25-0220), generally located to the southeast of the intersection of Journey Parkway and Ronald W. Reagan Boulevard, Leander, Williamson County, Texas.

Motion: Postpone to August 6, 2026, following a discussion.

By: Mayor Thompson
Seconded: Councilmember Chang

Vote: 4 - 3 (Thompson, Ross, Herrera)

19. Discuss and consider action regarding Tree Removal Case TRP-25-0050 regarding the removal of one (1) Heritage Tree associated with the Suds Deluxe Car Wash, generally located at 675 Kauffman Loop, Leander, Williamson County, Texas.

Motion: Approve Tree Removal Case TRP-25-0050 regarding removal of one (1) Heritage Tree.

By: Mayor Thompson

Seconded: Councilmember Blair

Vote: 6-1 (Sponseller)

20. City Council discussion and possible direction regarding potential ordinance amendments and requirements associated with DarkSky International's designation of the City of Leander as an International DarkSky Community.

Motion: Approve a subcommittee of Councilmembers Chang and Blair to look into the DarkSky application, desire and impact to community and city, following a discussion.

By: Mayor Thompson

Seconded: Councilmember Chang

Vote: 6 - 1 (Herrera)

21. Discuss and consider action on the purchase of two (2) replacement fire engines for the Fire Department, utilizing HGACBuy Contract FS12-23 from Siddons Martin Emergency Group, LLC in the amount of \$2,198,452.00; and authorize the City Manager to execute any and all necessary documents.

Motion: Approve purchase of two (2) replacement fire engines utilizing HGACBuy Contract FS12-23 from Siddons Martin Emergency Group, LLC in the amount of \$2,198,452.00.

By: Mayor Pro Tem Ross

Seconded: Mayor Thompson

Vote: 7 - 0

22. Discuss and consider action to award Solicitation CIPS26-001 to EZ Bel Construction, LLC for the construction and installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Ronald W. Reagan Boulevard and Palmera Ridge Boulevard/ Vista Heights Drive (CIP T.85), in the amount of \$586,644.50; authorize the City Manager to execute any and all necessary documents; and authorize the City Manager to approve change orders not to exceed \$146,661.13.

Motion: Approve award Solicitation CIPS26-001 to EZ Bel Construction, LLC for construction and installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Ronald W. Reagan Boulevard and Palmera Ridge Boulevard/Vista Heights Drive (CIP T.85).

By: Mayor Thompson

Seconded: Councilmember Chang

Vote: 7 - 0

23. Discuss and consider action on a Resolution designating the City of Leander as a Purple Heart City and authorizing participation in the Military Order of the Purple Heart Purple Heart City Program in recognition of the service and sacrifice of Purple Heart recipients and all members of the United States Armed Forces.

Motion: Approve Resolution designating the City of Leander as a Purple Heart City, following a discussion.

By: Mayor Thompson

Seconded: Councilmember Chang

Vote: 7 - 0

24. Receive the Board and Commission Subcommittee findings and take action on the recommendations.

Motion: Approve combining the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Public Arts and Culture Commission, and Historic Preservation Commission into one (1) board under the heading of the Parks, Recreation and Arts Advisory Board with City staff and City Attorney preparing necessary ordinances.

By: Mayor Thompson

Seconded: Mayor Pro Tem Ross

Vote: 7 - 0

Motion: Approve the Economic Strategy Research Group (ESRG) to replace the Economic Development Advisory Committee.

By: Mayor Thompson

Seconded: Councilmember Naudin

Vote: 3 - 4 (Thompson, Ross, Blair, Sponseller)

Motion: Approve dissolving the Economic Development Advisory Committee.

By: Mayor Thompson

Seconded: Mayor Pro Tem Ross

Vote: 3 - 4 (Chang, Herrera, Sponseller, Naudin)

Motion: Approve directing staff to look at the feasibility of an annual community input window in October to December that would lead to a focus group steering process.

By: Councilmember Herrera

Seconded: Councilmember Chang

Vote: 4 - 3 (Thompson, Ross, Sponseller)

25. Council Member Closing Statements.

Michael Herrera - thanked the City for 4th of July and 250 Anniversary events.

Natomi Blair - thanked citizens for input; congratulated the Junior Police Academy graduates; and wished sister-in-law happy birthday.

Annette Sponseller - commented on VFW Steak Night and upcoming Blue Santa event at Leander Activity Center.

Andrew Naudin - thanked councilmembers for input on board and commission presentation;

commented on World Cup; upcoming events; this day in history in 1994 comet hit Jupiter; and this day in music history Police song *Every Breath You Take* was #1; and reminded everyone to take care of their mental health.

Becki Ross - commented on Blue Santa event need for volunteers.

Na'Cole Thompson - stated dinner came from Torchy's Tacos; reminded everyone to shop and eat locally; thanked everyone for willing to serve on Charter Review Committee.

26. 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 Upper Brushy Creek Water Control and Improvement District (WCID) lower water levels at Lakewood Park lake; 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 the acquisition of properties for public purposes and an option agreement for acquisition of real property; and
3. Section 551.071, Texas Government Code, and Section 1.05, Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct, and Section 551.072, to consult with legal counsel regarding a lease agreement for City operations; and
4. 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-26-01-003 and Project EDA 26-01-004; and
5. 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 purposes.

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

1. Upper Brushy Creek Water Control and Improvement District (WCID) lower water levels at Lakewood Park lake; and
2. Acquisition of properties for public purposes and an option agreement for acquisition of real property; and
3. Lease agreement for City operations; and
4. Economic development negotiations along with consideration of a Chapter 380 Agreement(s) for Project EDA-26-01-003 and Project EDA 26-01-004; and
5. Acquisition of properties for public purposes.

Convened into Executive Session at 9:46; reconvened into open session at 10:58 p.m.

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

27. Adjournment

Adjourned at 10:59 p.m.

APPROVED

Mr. Slump
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Dana Crabtree
CITY SECRETARY

