

HEWITT TEXAS

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING

January 6, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Hewitt City Hall, 200 Patriot Court, Hewitt, TX 76643

MINUTES

Steve Fortenberry, Mayor: Ward 3, – **Erica Bruce**, Mayor Pro Tem: Ward 3
Michael S. Bancale, Council Member: At-Large – **Johnny Stephens**, Council Member: Ward 1
Bob Potter, Council Member: Ward 2 – **Brad Turner**, Council Member: Ward 1
Vacant Seat, Council Member: Ward 2

WORKSHOP MEETING - 6:30 PM

WORKSHOP DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Steve Fortenberry called the Workshop Meeting to order at 6:30 PM, announced all members were present, and declared a quorum.

WORKSHOP AGENDA

1. Briefing and discussion concerning the zone change requests (Agenda Items 3 and 4).
City Manager Bo Thomas introduced Community Development Director Tracy Lankford, who highlighted the zone change requests for both properties.

WORKSHOP ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce moved to adjourn the Workshop Meeting at 6:43 p.m.

SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale

AYES: Bancale, Potter, Stephens, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

REGULAR MEETING - 7:00 PM

DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Steve Fortenberry called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM, announced all members were present, and declared a quorum.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Steve Fortenberry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S) AND RECOGNITION(S)

2. Swearing-in and pinning ceremony for newly hired Police Officer Keaton Lowe.
Police Chief John McGraft introduced newly appointed Police Officer Keaton Lowe. Chief McGrath administered the ceremonial oath of office, and Officer Lowe's wife pinned his badge on.

PUBLIC HEARING(S) AND RELATED ACTION

3. Public Hearing and possible action on **Ordinance No. 2025-01**, rezoning a portion of the O'Campo C Survey, A-32, being a 12.855-acre tract located along the southeast corner of W. Warren and Ritchie Rd., totaling 0.88 acres from R-1 Single Family Residential District to R-1-G Garden Home District as requested by Bargas Development Services, LLC.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented. Mayor Steve Fortenberry opened the hearing at 7:05 p.m. and called for those wishing to speak in favor of the request. The Mayor called for those speaking against the request. No one appeared. The public hearing was closed at 7:06 p.m.
MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2025-01**, rezoning a portion of the O'Campo C Survey, A-32, which is an 0.88-acre portion of a 12.855-acre tract from the R-1 Single Family Residential District to the R-1-G Garden Home District.
SECOND: Council Member Brad Turner
AYES: Stephens, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry
NAYES: Bancale, Potter
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.
4. Public Hearing and possible action on **Ordinance No. 2025-02**; rezoning a portion of the O'Campo C Survey, A-32, being a 19.202-acre tract located along the southeast corner of W. Warren and Ritchie Rd., totaling 5.98 acres, from R-1 Single Family Residential District to R-1-G Garden Home District as requested by Bargas Development Services, LLC.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented. Mayor Steve Fortenberry opened the hearing at 7:09 p.m. and invited those who wished to speak in favor of the request. The Mayor called for those who wanted to speak against the request. No one appeared, and the public hearing was closed at 7:10 p.m.
MOTION: Council Member Brad Turner moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2025-02**, rezoning a portion of the O'Campo C Survey, A-32, being a 5.98-acre portion of a 19.202-acre tract, from R-1 Single Family Residential District to R-1-G Garden Home District.
SECOND: Council Member Johnny Stephens
AYES: Stephens, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry
NAYES: Bancale, Potter
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The City Council invites citizens to speak on any topic not already scheduled for a public hearing. The Texas Open Meetings Act prohibits the Council from discussing, responding to, or acting on any comments or items not posted on the agenda. (Note: Citizens who wish to speak must complete a "Public Comment Form" and present it to the City Secretary before the meeting.)

Mayor Fortenberry read the statement above and inquired if the City Secretary had received any public comment forms. The City Secretary did not receive any public comment forms.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

5. Approve minutes of the December 9, 2024, City Council Regular Meeting.
MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved to approve the minutes as presented but to allow for correction.
SECOND: Council Member Bob Potter
AYES: Bancale, Potter, Stephens, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.
6. Presentation of the report from the City Engineer Miles Whitney, P.E.
Update on pending utility projects.
Update on pending street projects.
Update on pending drainage projects.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented on behalf of City Engineer Miles Whitney.
7. Briefing and discussion concerning the Financial Statements ending November 30, 2024.
City Manager Bo Thomas advised that Finance Director Lee Garcia previously sent the November Monthly Financial Statements electronically on December 5, 2024, for review. The Council raised no questions or concerns.
8. Discussion and possible action on two appointments to the Library Board.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented prospective applicants wanting to serve on the Library Board.
MOTION: Council Member Brad Turner moved to approve the appointments of Caitlin Miller and Linda O'Neil for a two-year term ending in December 2026
SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce
AYES: Bancale, Potter, Stephens, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.
9. Discussion and possible action on a reappointment to the Civil Service Commission.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented.
MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved to approve the reappointment of Civil Service Commissioner Tom Mattern to serve another three-year term.
SECOND: Council Member Bob Potter
AYES: Bancale, Potter, Stephens, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.

10. Discussion concerning the May 3, 2025, General and Special Election.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented the filing period for the upcoming General and Special Election on May 3, 2025. The first day to apply for a place on the ballot is Wednesday, January 15, 2025, and the last day to file is Friday, February 14, 2025. No action was required.
11. Discussion and possible action on rescheduling the City Council meeting scheduled for January 20, 2025.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented options for Council consideration.
MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved to reschedule the January 20, 2025, City Council meeting to January 21, 2025.
SECOND: Council Member Bob Potter
AYES: Bancale, Potter, Stephens, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.

Mayor Steve Fortenberry recessed the Regular Session to convene the following Executive Session at 7:24 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Notice is given that a closed meeting will be held pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code (V.T.C.A.) so that the Council may discuss personnel matters regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee (City Manager Evaluation).

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Steve Fortenberry reconvened the Regular meeting at 8:16 p.m.

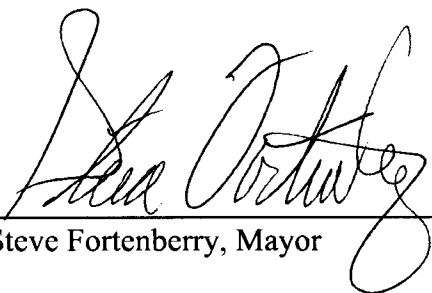
ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Johnny Stephens moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m.
SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale
AYES: Bancale, Potter, Stephens, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.

Approved: 01 - 21 - 2025

ATTEST:


Lydia Lopez, City Secretary


Steve Fortenberry, Mayor