

HEWITT TEXAS

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING

July 7, 2025, at 6:00 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 - 6:00 PM

WORKSHOP DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Steve Fortenberry called the Workshop Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., announced all members were present, and declared a quorum.

WORKSHOP AGENDA

1. Presentation and discussion concerning the FY 2025-2026 Proposed Operating and Capital Budget.

City Manager Bo Thomas presented an overview of the FY 2025-2026 Proposed Budget. He highlighted the following:

- All Funds Summary Matrix
- General Fund Projection by Category
- General Fund Budget Summary
- Sales Tax History
- Utility Fund Projection by Category
- Drainage Fund Projection by Category
- Drainage Fund Budget
- General Capital Project Funds - Certificates of Obligation - 2022
- General Capital Project Funds - Certificates of Obligation - 2023
- Utility Capital Project Funds - Certificates of Obligation - 2024
- Capital Projects Identified for the next Five (5) years

A discussion was held on capital projects prioritization, arbitrage, and the city's bond rating.

WORKSHOP ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce to adjourn the Workshop Meeting at 6:54 p.m.

SECOND: Council Member Brad Turner

AYES: Potter, Bancale, 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 p.m., 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 Police Officer Omar Jimenez.

Police Chief John McGrath administered the ceremonial oath of office. Officer Jimenez was pinned by his wife.

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

3. Approve minutes of the June 16, 2025, City Council Regular Meeting.

MOTION: Council Member Bob Potter moved to approve the minutes as presented, but to allow for corrections.

SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

4. 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 Engineer Miles Whitney reviewed the listed projects and responded to the Council's inquiries.

5. Discussion and reminder concerning Cybersecurity training mandated by House Bill (HB) 3834.

City Manager Bo Thomas reminded the Council of the deadline (July 18, 2025) to complete the cybersecurity training required by all elected officials.

6. Discussion and possible action on **Resolution No. 2025-05** authorizing the Police Chief to enter into a Multiple-Use Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) allowing the installation and operation of automated license plate recognition cameras in the TxDOT right-of-way.

City Manager Bo Thomas presented.

MOTION: Council Member Brad Turner moved approval of **Resolution No. 2025-05**, authorizing the Police Chief to enter into a Multi-Use Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation to place nine License Plate Reader poles and cameras on designated TxDOT right-of-way property.

SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

7. Continued discussion concerning the FY 2025-2026 Proposed Operating and Capital Budget, if needed.

City Manager Bo Thomas stated that this item was placed on the agenda for continued Council discussion of the proposed budget, if needed.

8. Requests for future workshops and/or agenda items.

City Manager Bo Thomas introduced this new agenda item and provided historical stats of previous workshop meetings. The following items were requested:

Mayor Pro Tem Bruce - Capital Improvement Projects - more details and discussion on ranking projects, arbitrage, and calculations

Mayor Steve Fortenberry - Any forthcoming contract or agreement, i.e., Water & Wastewater

Council Member Brad Turner - Spotlighting Departments

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Bob Potter to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:31 p.m.

SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale

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

NAYES: None

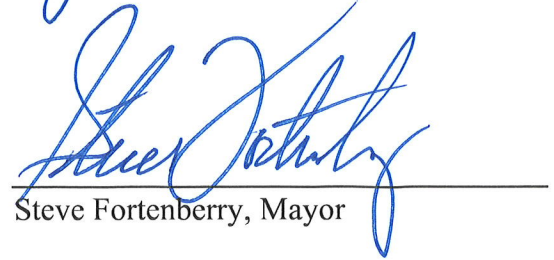
ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

Approved: July 21, 2025

ATTEST:


Lydia Lopez, City Secretary


Steve Fortenberry, Mayor