

HEWITT TEXAS

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING

April 20, 2026, at 6:00 PM

Hewitt Public Safety Training Room City, 100 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. Briefing and discussion concerning the City of Hewitt's Strategic Plan 2026-2031.
Police, Fire, Community Development, General Services, Human Resources, Library, City Secretary
City Manager Bo Thomas introduced each department head, who presented updates on the department's strategic plan.
 - Police** — Presented by Assistant Police Chief Joe Chavez
 - Fire** — Presented by Fire Chief Jonathan Christian
 - Community Development** — Presented by Community Development Director Tracy LankfordNOTE: Discussion was continued during the Regular Meeting.

WORKSHOP ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

SECOND: Council Member Bob Potter

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 p.m., announced all members were present, and declared a quorum.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Steve Fortenberry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING(S) AND RELATED ACTION

2. Public hearing and possible action on **Ordinance No. 2026-04** rezoning property located in the 1700 block of Spring Valley Road, known as Lot 2, Block 1, Valley Spring Estates, Property ID 412289, from C-2 General Commercial District to R-4 Multi-family High Density District. *City Manager Bo Thomas announced that the applicant withdrew his request. There was no action taken on this item.*

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 public comment statement. The City Secretary reported that no public comment forms were received.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

3. Approve minutes of the April 6, 2026, City Council Workshop/Regular Meeting.
MOTION: Council Member Brad Turner moved to approve the minutes as presented, but to allow for corrections.
SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale
AYES: Bancale, Stephens, Turner, Bruce, Potter, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.
4. Discussion and possible action to appoint newly designated alternate member Steven Dvorak to a regular member status on the Board of Adjustment.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented.
MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved to approve the appointment of Steven Dvorak as a regular member of the Board of Adjustment with a term expiring in April 2028.
SECOND: Council Member Bob Potter
AYES: Stephens, Turner, Bruce, Potter, Bancale, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.

5. Discussion regarding the delays in the Commerce Park Water Well and GST/PS Improvements project.

City Manager Bo Thomas introduced those present to address concerns raised by the Council during the previous workshop, including City Engineer Miles Whitney, P.E.; representatives from Walker Partners—Kyle Schulze, P.E., Client Manager, and Mark Rudloff, Construction Manager; Representatives from TTE, LLC Brent Taylor, President and Project Manager Jon Leidy; and Payton Wallace, owner of Wallace Electric. A general discussion and question-and-answer session followed regarding the project timeline and associated delays.

6. Discussion and possible action on **Ordinance No. 2026-05** adopting the 2026 Amended Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan.

City Manager Bo Thomas presented.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce moved approval of **Ordinance No. 2026-05** adopting the 2026 Amended Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan.

SECOND: Council Member Johnny Stephens

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

7. Request for future workshops and/or agenda items.

City Manager Bo Thomas announced workshop topics: June — Council Orientation, July — Budget workshops.

8. Briefing and discussion concerning the City of Hewitt's Strategic Plan 2026-2031 (continued discussion from Workshop, if needed).

City Manager Bo Thomas announced staff were prepared to continue the Strategic Plan Updates. He introduced each department director, who presented their updates on their strategic plans.

General Services — Presented by General Services Director Scott Coleman

Human Resources — Presented by Human Resources/Civil Service Director Jessica Higgins

Library — Presented by Library Director Matthew Glaser

City Secretary — Presented by City Secretary Lydia Lopez

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:03 p.m.

SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

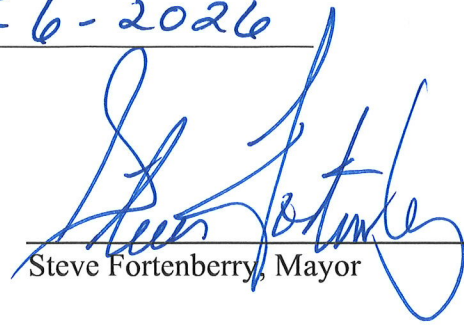
MOTION PASSED.

Approved: 5-6-2026

ATTEST:



Lydia Lopez, City Secretary



Steve Fortenberry, Mayor