



CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING

June 15, 2026, at 6:00 PM

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

MINUTES

Steve Fortenberry, Mayor: Ward 3, – **Michael S. Bancale**, Mayor Pro Tem: At-Large
Erica Bruce, Council Member: Ward 3 – **Brenda Turner**, Council Member: Ward 1
Bob Potter, Council Member: Ward 2 – **Brad Turner**, Council Member: Ward 1
Mike Hamilton, 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. and announced a quorum was present. Council Member Erica Bruce was absent.

WORKSHOP AGENDA

1. Discussion concerning the Waco Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) sign inventory grant.

Assistant City Manager Jim Devlin presented an opportunity to partner with the Waco Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) on a sign inventory grant. He reviewed the project scope and timeline, noting that the project would be completed in phases. The City's required match would be \$10,000, and the project would provide a comprehensive sign inventory and a GIS database identifying sign locations for future maintenance and management.

2. Discussion and review of the proposed 2026 incentive pay scale.

Human Resources Director Jessica Higgins reviewed proposed changes to the 2026 incentive pay scale. She explained that incentive pay is separate from base pay and is contingent upon employees maintaining the required certifications. Mr. Thomas noted that incentive pay would not apply to certifications required for a position, but would provide employees with an opportunity to enhance their qualifications and job skills. A general discussion followed regarding training costs and dual certification. Ms. Higgins clarified that each employee was allowed only one incentive, based on the highest level of training or education.

WORKSHOP ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Brad Turner moved to adjourn the Workshop Meeting at 6:31 p.m.

SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Michael Bancale

AYES: Brenda Turner, Potter, Hamilton, Brad Turner, Bancale, and Fortenberry

NAYES: None
ABSENT: Bruce
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. and announced a quorum was present. Council Member Erica Bruce was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Steve Fortenberry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S) AND RECOGNITION(S)

3. Swearing-in and pinning ceremony for Police Officer Marc Rogers.
Police Chief John McGrath administered the ceremonial oath of office. Officer Marc Rogers was pinned by his wife.
4. Swearing-in and pinning ceremony for newly hired and promoted firefighters.
Fire Chief Jonathan Christian administered the Oath of Office and introduced newly hired firefighters Taylor Ivy, Joshua Murphy, Dominique Austin, Jacob Boggs, Elliot Smelscer, and Caden Yeager. He also recognized the following firefighters who were promoted to engineer: Chris Christian, Paul Sandifer, Zachary Iannuccilli, Kannon Clendenin, and Riley Patton. Sam Morgan was recognized for his promotion to Lieutenant.

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

5. Approve minutes of the June 1, 2026, City Council Workshop/Regular Meeting.
MOTION: Council Member Bob Potter moved to approve the minutes as presented, but to allow for correction.
SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Michael Bancale
AYES: Potter, Hamilton, Brad Turner, Bancale, Brenda Turner, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Bruce
MOTION PASSED.

6. Discussion and possible action on reappointments to the Planning & Zoning Commission. *City Manager Bo Thomas presented.*
MOTION: Council Member Brad Turner moved to approve the reappointment of the Planning & Zoning Commission members, Paul D. Lasater and Brian Dalrymple, for a two-year term ending in June 2028.
SECOND: Council Member Bob Potter
AYES: Hamilton, Brad Turner, Bancale, Potter, Brenda Turner, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Bruce
MOTION PASSED.
7. Discussion and possible action concerning the Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase for Republic Services.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented.
MOTION: Council Member Bob Potter moved to approve the Consumer Price Index increase for Republic Services.
SECOND: Council Member Mike Hamilton
AYES: Brad Turner, Bancale, Brenda Turner, Potter, Hamilton, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Bruce
MOTION PASSED.
8. Discussion and possible action to approve the expenditure of \$77,532.00 for the purchase of eighteen (18) Dell Pro Rugged 14 laptops (Vehicle Mobile Data Terminals) and eighteen (18) Docking Stations, including installation, shipping, and handling.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented. Police Chief John McGrath responded to Council questions regarding the technological aspects of the computers.
MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Michael Bancale moved to approve the expenditure of \$77,532.00 to Extraco Technology for the purchase of eighteen (18) Dell Pro Rugged 14 laptops Mobile Data Terminals and eighteen (18) Docking Stations for the Hewitt Police Department.
SECOND: Council Member Bob Potter
AYES: Bancale, Brenda Turner, Potter, Hamilton, Brad Turner, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Bruce
MOTION PASSED.
9. Discussion and possible action to authorize the City Manager to execute an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the City of Waco for automatic aid in providing Fire Department emergency response services.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented.
MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Michael Bancale moved to authorize the City Manager to execute the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the City of Waco for automatic aid for Fire Department emergency response services.
SECOND: Council Member Mike Hamilton
AYES: Brenda Turner, Potter, Hamilton, Brad Turner, Bancale, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Bruce
MOTION PASSED.

10. Briefing and discussion concerning Council priorities for budget preparation.
City Manager Bo Thomas noted that prior input had been received and that a presentation on those priorities and the proposed budget would be held on July 6, 2026.
11. Request for future workshops and/or agenda items.
Council Member Brenda Turner inquired about the enforcement of code violations. Police Chief John McGrath responded. Mayor Fortenberry commended the Fire and Police Department, General Services, and Utilities Department personnel for their work in light of the storms and flooding on Sunday evening.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Bob Potter moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:50 p.m.

SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Michael Bancale

AYES: Potter, Hamilton, Brad Turner, Bancale, Brenda Turner, and Fortenberry

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Bruce

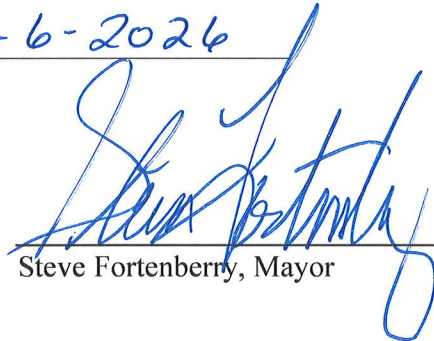
MOTION PASSED.

Approved: _____

7-6-2026

ATTEST:


Lydia Lopez, City Secretary


Steve Fortenberry, Mayor