



City of Sugar Land

City Council Minutes

Sugar Land City Hall
2700 Town Center
Boulevard North
Sugar Land, TX 77479

Tuesday, September 16, 2025
City Council Meeting Minutes
City Council Chamber
5:30 PM

I. Attention

Members of the City Council, Board and/or Commission may participate in deliberations of posted agenda items through video conferencing means. A quorum of the City Council, Board and/or Commission will be physically present at the above-stated location, and said location is open to the public. Audio/Video of open deliberations will be available for the public to hear/view; and are recorded as per the Texas Open Meetings Act.

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II. Call to Order

QUORUM PRESENT

Suzanne Whatley, Stewart Jacobson, Rick Miller, Sanjay Singhal, Jim Vonderhaar, and Carol McCutcheon were present. Robert Boettcher attended virtually.

III. Invocation

Councilmember Suzanne Whatley

IV. Pledges of Allegiance

Councilmember Suzanne Whatley

V. Recognition

A. NATIONAL FOOD SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH SEPTEMBER 2025

Nicole Guevara, Assistant Director of Neighborhood Services

B. GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION FISCAL YEAR 2025 DISTINGUISHED BUDGET PRESENTATION AWARD

ShaLae Steadman, Director of Budget

C. ROBO SAPIENS- FIRST TECH CHALLENGE

Carol McCutcheon, Mayor

VI. Public Comment

Pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.007, citizens are permitted to address the City Council, Board and/or Commission in person with regard to matters posted for consideration on the agenda. Each

speaker must complete a "Request to Speak" form and give it to the City Secretary or designee, prior to the beginning of the meeting.

Each speaker is limited to 3 minutes, speakers requiring a translator will have 6 minutes, regardless of the number of agenda items to be addressed. Comments or discussion by City Council, Board, and/or Commission members, will only be made at the time the subject is scheduled for consideration.

For questions or assistance, please contact the Office of the City Secretary (281) 275-2730.

The following members of the public addressed the Council. Joe Quinn, Ketkic (Kathy) Shah, Ashok Dasgupta, Anna Lykoudis, Barbara Willy, Jessie Matthew, Sumita Ghosh, Manika Sethe, and Anand Pinto spoke on agenda items IX.A and B.

VII. Consent Agenda

All Consent Agenda items listed are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

A. MINUTES

Consideration of and action on the minutes of the September 2, 2025 meeting.

Linda Mendenhall, City Clerk

A motion to **Approve the consent agenda items A-C and E-G**, was made by Suzanne Whatley and seconded by Jim Vonderhaar; the motion **Passed**.

Ayes: Suzanne Whatley, Stewart Jacobson, Robert Boettcher, Rick Miller, Sanjay Singhal, Jim Vonderhaar, Carol McCutcheon

B. CONTRACT WITH MCDONALD MUNICIPAL AND INDUSTRIAL

Consideration of and action on the authorization of a construction contract with McDonald Municipal and Industrial, A Division of C.F. McDonald Electric, Inc., for the Well Rehabilitation project for the rehabilitation of the Motor Control Centers (MCCs) at the Thompson Chapel Ground Water Plant, CIP CWA2405, for \$626,469.00.

Jonathan Braun, Assistant City Engineer

C. SECOND CONSIDERATION: Consideration of and action on CITY OF SUGAR LAND ORDINANCE NO. 2384: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUGAR LAND, TEXAS, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE 2026 SERVICE PLAN; THE 2025 ASSESSMENT ROLL; AND LEVYING ASSESSMENTS FOR THE 2025 CALENDAR YEAR FOR PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE PARK AT ELDRIDGE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT.

ShaLae Steadman, Director of Budget

D. APPOINTMENTS TO THE FIRST COLONY DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Consideration of and action on the appointment of Barkley Peschel, Miranda Cartwright, Don Janssen, Karen Clark, Kolbe Curtice, Anas Maguz and Michael Garcia for terms expiring June 1, 2029, to the First Colony Management District.

Carol McCutcheon, Mayor

A motion to **Approve the appointments to the First Colony District Board of Directors**, was made by Robert Boettcher and seconded by Rick Miller, the motion **Passed**.

Ayes: Suzanne Whatley, Stewart Jacobson, Robert Boettcher, Rick Miller, Sanjay Singhal, Jim Vonderhaar, Carol McCutcheon

- E. **SECOND CONSIDERATION:** Consideration of and action on **CITY OF SUGAR LAND ORDINANCE NO. 2385:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUGAR LAND, TEXAS, GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR THE EXPANSION OF AN EXISTING PRIVATE SCHOOL (FORT BEND CHRISTIAN ACADEMY) LOCATED AT 1201 LAKEVIEW DRIVE AND 1250 SEVENTH STREET, WITHIN A BUSINESS OFFICE (B-O) ZONING DISTRICT; AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1317.

Jessica Echols, Senior Planner

- F. Consideration of and action on **CITY OF SUGARLAND RESOLUTION NO. 25-41:** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUGAR LAND, TEXAS, DETERMINING THAT THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER-AT-RISK PROCUREMENT METHOD PROVIDES THE BEST VALUE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PHASE 3 OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE TRAINING FACILITY.

Lane Wolf, Senior Manager Vertical Construction

- G. **RATIFICATION OF A JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT AND CONTRACT FOR ELECTION SERVICES**

Consideration of and action on ratification of a Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services with Fort Bend County Elections in the amount of \$166,446.53 for expenses incurred for the May 3 and June 7, 2025, General, Special, Charter, and Runoff Elections.

Linda Mendenhall, City Clerk

- H. **RATIFICATION OF EXPENDITURES WITH AMERICAN GENERATOR SERVICES NA**

Consideration of and action on ratification of expenditures with American Generator Services NA, in the amount of \$132,353.37 for emergency repair to the Police Department generator.

David Brown, Facilities Services Manager

VIII. Ordinances and Resolutions

- A. **SECOND CONSIDERATION:** Consideration of and action on **CITY OF SUGAR LAND ORDINANCE NO. 2382:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUGAR LAND, TEXAS, ADOPTING A REVISED FEE SCHEDULE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE V, DIVISION 4 (FEES FOR VARIOUS CITY SERVICES), CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE VIII, DIVISION 3 (RATES AND CHARGES), SECTIONS 5-246-5-265 AND CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE

VIII, DIVISION 12 (MUNICIPAL DRAINAGE UTILITY SYSTEM), SECTION 5-413 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

ShaeLae Steadman, Director of Budget

ShaeLae Steadman, Director of Budget, gave a presentation, made comments, and answered questions from the Board.

A motion to **Approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2382**, was made by Sanjay Singhal and seconded by Jim Vonderhaar; the motion **Passed**.

Ayes: Suzanne Whatley, Stewart Jacobson, Robert Boettcher, Rick Miller, Sanjay Singhal, Jim Vonderhaar, Carol McCutcheon

IX. Budget

- A. **FIRST AND FINAL CONSIDERATION:** Consideration of and action on **CITY OF SUGAR LAND ORDINANCE NO. 2388:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUGAR LAND, TEXAS, ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2025 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026; APPROPRIATING THE SUMS AS SET FORTH THEREIN; ADOPTING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM 2026 – 2030; AND ADOPTING A COMPENSATION PLAN.

ShaeLae Steadman, Director of Budget

ShaeLae Steadman, Director of Budget, gave a presentation, made comments, and answered questions from the Board.

A motion to **Approve the first and final reading of Ordinance No. 2388**, was made by Carol McCutcheon and seconded by Suzanne Whatley; the motion **Passed**.

Ayes: Suzanne Whatley, Stewart Jacobson, Robert Boettcher, Rick Miller, Sanjay Singhal, Jim Vonderhaar, Carol McCutcheon

- B. **FIRST AND FINAL CONSIDERATION:** Consideration of and action on **CITY OF SUGAR LAND ORDINANCE NO. 2387:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUGAR LAND, TEXAS, LEVYING A PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR THE YEAR 2025; AND DIRECTING THE TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR TO ASSESS, ACCOUNT FOR, AND DISTRIBUTE THE PROPERTY TAXES AS HEREIN LEVIED.

ShaeLae Steadman, Director of Budget

ShaeLae Steadman, Director of Budget, gave a presentation, made comments, and answered questions from the Board.

Mayor McCutcheon made an amended motion to approve the property tax rate at 0.358827, which is effectively a 1.4 % decrease in the tax levy. Stewart Jacobson seconded the motion.

A motion to **Approve the first and final reading of Ordinance No. 2387 with an amendment to approve the property tax rate at 0.358827**, was made by Carol McCutcheon and seconded by Stewart Jacobson; the motion **Passed**.

Ayes: Suzanne Whatley, Stewart Jacobson, Robert Boettcher, Rick Miller, Sanjay Singhal, Jim Vonderhaar, Carol McCutcheon

X. City Council and City Manager Reports

In accordance with Texas Government Code section 551.0415, City Council Members and the City Manager may provide reports on items of community interest. No action, consideration or discussion will occur regarding these reports.

Mayor McCutcheon and the City Council gave comments and reported on events and activities attended. Michael Goodrum, City Manager, gave comments and reported on events and activities attended.

XI. Adjournment

A motion to **Adjourn at 6:58 p.m.**, was made by Sanjay Singhal and seconded by Carol McCutcheon; the motion **Passed**.

Ayes: Suzanne Whatley, Stewart Jacobson, Robert Boettcher, Rick Miller, Sanjay Singhal, Jim Vonderhaar, Carol McCutcheon

Linda Mendenhall, City Clerk

