



City of Sugar Land

City Council Minutes

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

Tuesday, August 19, 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, Robert Boettcher, Rick Miller, Sanjay Singhal, Jim Vonderhaar, and Carol McCutcheon were present.

III. Invocation

Councilmember Stewart Jacobson

IV. Pledges of Allegiance

Councilmember Stewart Jacobson

V. 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:

- Anna Lykoudus-Zafiridis spoke in opposition to agenda item IX A.
- Jessie Matthew spoke in opposition to agenda item IX A.
- Maggy Horgan spoke in opposition to agenda items VII A, B, and IX A.

- Mayur Gadhikar spoke in opposition to agenda item IX A.
- Anand (Andy) Pinto spoke in opposition to agenda item IX A.
- Joe R. Zimmerman spoke in favor of agenda item IX A.
- Michelle Mikeska spoke in opposition to agenda item IX A.

VI. 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. Consideration of and action on **CITY OF SUGAR LAND RESOLUTION NO. 25-39: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUGAR LAND, TEXAS, ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE MOTOR VEHICLE CRIME PREVENTION AUTHORITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2026 SB 224 CATALYTIC CONVERTER GRANT PROGRAM (“GRANT”); AND DESIGNATING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, AS AUTHORIZED GRANT OFFICIAL TO SIGN DOCUMENTS TO ADMINISTER AND IMPLEMENT THE GRANT.**
Pedro Lara, Chief of Police

- B. **CONTRACT WITH KAVI CONSULTING, INC.**
 Consideration of and action on authorization of a Contract with Kavi Consulting, Inc., in the amount of \$154,655.57, for design services for the Austin Parkway at Commonwealth Intersection Safety Modification Project, CIP CTR2504.
Jason Vaughn, Traffic Engineering Manager

- C. **MINUTES**
 Consideration of and action on the minutes of the August 5, 2025 meeting.
Linda Mendenhall, City Clerk

A motion to **Approve consent agenda items A through C**, was made by Suzanne Whatley and seconded by Stewart Jacobson, the motion **Passed**.

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

VII. Contracts and Agreements

- A. **CONTRACT WITH BRANCH CONSTRUCTION GROUP LLC**
 Consideration of and action on authorization of a Contract with Branch Construction Group LLC, in the amount of \$6,305,160.00, for rehabilitation of the Lift Station 48 Project, CIP CWW2301.
Jonathan Braun, Assistant City Engineer

Jonathan Braun, Assistant City Engineer, gave a presentation, made comments, and answered questions from the Council.

A motion to **Approve a construction contract with Branch Construction Group LLC for CIP CWW2301, Lift Station 48 rehabilitation, in the amount of \$6,305,160.00**, was made by Suzanne Whatley and seconded by Rick Miller, the motion **Passed**.

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

B. CONTRACT WITH PGAL, INC.

Consideration of and action on authorization of a Contract with PGAL, Inc., in the amount of \$3,848,00.00, for design services for the Renovation of Existing Police Department & Court Building and New Police Department Headquarters Project, CIP CMU2507.

Lane Wolf, Senior Manager Vertical Construction

Lane Wolf, Senior Manager Vertical Construction, gave a presentation, made comments, and answered questions from the Council.

A motion to **Approve a professional service contract with PGAL, Inc. for the design of the Renovation Existing PD & Court Building + New PD Headquarters, CIP CMU2507, in the amount of \$3,848,000**, was made by Rick Miller and seconded by Sanjay Singhal; the motion **Passed**.

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

C. CONTRACT WITH CUMMINS SOUTHERN PLAINS LLC, DBA CUMMINS SALES AND SERVICE

Consideration of and action on authorization of a Contract with Cummins Southern Plains LLC, DBA Cummins Sales and Service, in the amount of \$353,248.08 through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Contract No. 092222-CMM, for the purchase of a generator for the West Wastewater Treatment Plant; and authorization of a Budget Amendment in the amount of \$194,400.00 to revenues and expenditures.

Katie Clayton, Director of Utilities

Katie Clayton, Director of Utilities, gave a presentation, made comments, and answered questions from the Council.

A motion to **Approve a contract with Cummins Sales and Service for the purchase of a generator for the West Wastewater Treatment Plant from Hazard Mitigation Grant funds in the amount of \$353,248.08**, was made by Jim Vonderhaar and seconded by Robert Boettcher; the motion **Passed**.

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

VIII. Ordinances and Resolutions

- A. Consideration of and action on **CITY OF SUGAR LAND RESOLUTION NO. 25-40: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUGAR LAND, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE REDEMPTION OF BONDS.**

Jing Xiao, Director of Finance

Jing Xiao, Director of Finance, gave a presentation, made comments, and answered questions from the Council.

A motion to **Approve Resolution No. 25-40, authorizing early redemption of three maturities of bonds totaling \$3.78 million on February 15, 2026**, was made by Stewart Jacobson and seconded by Suzanne Whatley; the motion **Passed**.

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

IX. Tax Record Vote

- A. Consideration of and action on setting the City of Sugar Land proposed 2025 tax rate, setting public hearing, and directing staff to publish the Notice of Proposed 2025 Tax Rate.

ShaLae Steadman, Director of Budget

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

Councilmember Sanjay Singhal made a motion to amend the proposed tax rate from \$0.36321 to \$0.358210 and set a public hearing scheduled for September 9, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at Sugar Land City Hall. Councilmember Robert Bottecher seconded the motion. The City Council did a roll call vote to approve the amended motion of the proposed tax rate from \$0.36321 to \$0.358210 and set a public hearing scheduled for September 9, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at Sugar Land City Hall, 2700 Town Center Blvd North.

A motion to **Approve the amended motion of the proposed tax rate from \$0.36321 to \$0.358210 and set a public hearing scheduled for September 9, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at Sugar Land City Hall, 2700 Town Center Blvd North**, was made by Sanjay Singhal and seconded by Robert Boettcher; the motion **Failed**.

Ayes: Sanjay Singhal

Nays: Suzanne Whatley, Stewart Jacobson, Robert Boettcher, Rick Miller, Jim Vonderhaar, Carol McCutcheon

Councilmember Stewart Jacobson made a motion to approve the property tax rate increase by adopting a tax rate of \$0.36321, which is effectively a 1.2% decrease in the tax rate, and set a public hearing scheduled for September 9, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at Sugar Land City Hall.

Councilmember Suzanne Whatley seconded the motion. The City Council did a roll call vote to approve the property tax rate increase by adopting a tax rate of \$0.36321, which is effectively a 1.2% decrease in the tax rate, and set a public hearing scheduled for September 9, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at Sugar Land City Hall, 2700 Town Center Blvd North.

A motion to **Approve the property tax rate increase by adopting a tax rate of \$0.36321, which is effectively a 1.2% decrease in the tax rate, and set a public hearing scheduled for September 9, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at Sugar Land City Hall, 2700 Town Center Blvd**

North, was made by Stewart Jacobson and seconded by Suzanne Whatley; the motion **Passed**.

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

Nays: Sanjay Singhal

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 6:59 p.m.**, was made by Sanjay Singhal and seconded by Carol McCutcheon, the motion .

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

Linda Mendenhall, City Clerk

