



City of Sugar Land

City Council Minutes

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

Tuesday, January 20, 2026
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, Sanjay Singhal, Jim Vonderhaar, and Carol McCutcheon were present. Rick Miller attended the meeting virtually.

III. Invocation

Council Member Sanjay Singhal

IV. Pledges of Allegiance

Council Member Sanjay Singhal

V. Recognition

A. ISO BCEGS SCORE ACHIEVEMENT

Joshua Doyle, Chief Building Official, Lisa Kocich-Meyer, Director of Planning & Development Services

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.

Eric T. Johnson addressed the Council and spoke on agenda item XI. C.

VII. Oath of Office

A. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OATH OF OFFICE

Administer the Oath of Office to members appointed to the City of Sugar Land's Boards and Commissions.

Carol McCutcheon, Mayor

Mayor Carol McCutcheon administered the oath of office to members of the Animal Advisory Board and the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

VIII. 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 approval of the minutes of the January 6, 2026, meeting.

Linda Mendenhall, City Clerk

A motion to **Approve consent agenda items A-H.** , was made by Suzanne Whatley and seconded by Sanjay Singhal; the motion **Passed**.

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

B. CONTRACT WITH CIVITAS ENGINEERING GROUP

Consideration of and action on the authorization of the execution of a professional services contract with Civitas Engineering Group for the Design Phase Services of Groundwater Plant Rehabilitation, CIP CWA2604, in the amount of \$198,219.00.

Jose Londono, Engineer I

C. CONTRACT WITH SANDER ENGINEERING CORPORATION

Consideration of and action on authorizing the execution of a professional engineering design services contract in the amount of \$249,075.00 with Sander Engineering Corporation for design and bid phase services for the Lift Station Rehabilitation Program Project, CIP No. CWW2602.

Idahosa Igbinoba, Senior Project Manager

D. CONTRACT WITH HD OUTDOOR CONSTRUCTION, LLC

Consideration of and action on authorizing the execution of a construction contract with HD Outdoor Construction, LLC for the construction of Sugar Land Memorial Park Splashpad, CIP CPK2403, in the amount of \$579,451.16.

Carla Barrios, Engineer II

E. **CONTRACT WITH PRECISION CONCRETE CUTTING**

Consideration of and action on the authorization of a construction contract with Precision Concrete Cutting for the shaving of damaged sidewalks at various locations, in the amount of \$300,000.00 for CIP CST2501- Sidewalk Program Rehabilitation and Replacement Project through BuyBoard Purchasing Cooperative contract #756-24.

Ray Song, Engineering Manager

F. **LEASE WITH AVFUEL CORPORATION**

Consideration of and action on authorization of a \$0 multi-year lease with AvFuel Corporation, for (5) Jet-A fuel trucks, and (2) AvGas fuel trucks for an initial 5-year term, with (5) one-year optional renewals.

Mitchell Davies, Director of Aviation

G. Consideration of and action on **CITY OF SUGAR LAND RESOLUTION NO. 26-02: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUGAR LAND, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE REQUIRED STATE AND FEDERAL PERMITTING DOCUMENTS FOR THE HB-1 FUNDED BRAZOS RIVER EROSION - RIVERSTONE PROJECT.**

Robert Wilson, Assistant City Engineer

H. **SECOND CONSIDERATION:** Consideration of and action on **CITY OF SUGAR LAND ORDINANCE NO. 2395: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUGAR LAND, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 7 (BUILDING REGULATIONS) OF THE SUGAR LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE BY ADOPTING THE 2024 INTERNATIONAL CODES AND THE 2023 NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith.**

Nicole Guevara, Assistant Director of Neighborhood Services, Joshua Doyle, Chief Building Official, James Serrano, Assistant Fire Chief

IX. Workshop

A. **WORKSHOP - IMPERIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT**

Discussion and direction regarding the Imperial Historic District community visioning process and proposed guiding pillars for redevelopment.

Jessica Huble, Assistant Director of Redevelopment, Brian Wright, TPUDC

Jessica Huble, Assistant Director of Redevelopment, and Brian Wright, TPUDC, gave a presentation, made comments, and answered questions from the Council.

X. Public Hearings

- A. **PUBLIC HEARING 5:30 P.M.:** Receive and hear all persons interested in an ordinance authorizing participation in the Texas Enterprise Zone Program and nominating Applied Optoelectronics, Inc. as an Enterprise Project.

FIRST CONSIDERATION: Consideration of and action on **CITY OF SUGAR LAND ORDINANCE NO. 2400:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUGAR LAND, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE TEXAS ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM AND NOMINATING APPLIED OPTOELECTRONICS, INC. AS AN ENTERPRISE PROJECT.

Jennifer Alexander, Business Development Manager

Jennifer Alexander, Business Development Manager, gave a presentation, made comments, and answered questions from the Council.

Mayor McCutcheon opened the public hearing at 6:51 p.m. No members of the public addressed the Council. The public hearing was closed at 6:51 p.m.

A motion to **Approve Ordinance No. 2400**, was made by Sanjay Singhal and seconded by Suzanne Whatley; the motion **Passed**.

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

XI. Ordinances and Resolutions

- A. **APPROVAL OF TAX-EXEMPT BOND ISSUANCE FOR LOGOS PREPARATORY ACADEMY**

Consideration of and action on Resolution 26-01 approving the issuance of tax-exempt bonds by the Arlington Higher Education Finance Corporation for the benefit of Logos Preparatory Academy, in accordance with Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Meredith Riede, City Attorney

Meredith Riede, City Attorney, gave a presentation, made comments, and answered questions from the Council.

A motion to **Approve Resolution 26-01, the tax-exempt bond issuance for Logos Preparatory Academy**, 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. Consideration of and action on **CITY OF SUGAR LAND RESOLUTION NO. 26-03:** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUGAR LAND, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF IMPERIAL REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT UNLIMITED TAX BONDS, SERIES 2026 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,000,000.00.

Razeeda Boochoon, Investment & Debt Manager

Razeeda Boochoon, Investment & Debt Manager, gave a presentation, made comments, and answered questions from the Council.

A motion to **Approve Resolution No. 26-03**, was made by Stewart Jacobson and seconded by Jim Vonderhaar; the motion **Passed**.

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

- C. **FIRST & FINAL CONSIDERATION:** Consideration of and action on **CITY OF SUGAR LAND ORDINANCE NO. 2398:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUGAR LAND, TEXAS, AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF SUGAR LAND, TEXAS TO PROVIDE THAT THE REVISED BUDGET ADDRESS FUNDS RELATING TO CERTAIN CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGET MATTERS AND THAT THIS AMENDMENT BE ADOPTED AS THE BUDGETED AMOUNT FOR THOSE FUNDS.

ShaLae Steadman, Director of Budget

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

A motion to **Approve Ordinance No. 2398**, was made by Stewart Jacobson and seconded by Jim Vonderhaar; the motion **Passed**.

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

- D. **FIRST CONSIDERATION:** Consideration of and action on **CITY OF SUGAR LAND ORDINANCE NO. 2399:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUGAR LAND, TEXAS, AMENDING THE AIRPORT COMMUNITY HANGAR RENTAL FEE TO \$0.75 PER SQUARE FOOT PER MONTH, WITH A MINIMUM MONTHLY CHARGE OF \$1,237.50.

ShaLae Steadman, Director of Budget

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

A motion to **Approve Ordinance No. 2399**, was made by Suzanne Whatley and seconded by Sanjay Singhal; the motion **Passed**.

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

XII. 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.

XIII. Adjournment

Council member Rick Miller left the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

A motion to **Adjourn at 7:18 p.m.**, was made by Sanjay Singhal and seconded by Carol McCutcheon; the motion **Passed**.

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

Absent: Rick Miller

Linda Mendenhall, City Clerk

