



City of Sugar Land

City Council Minutes

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

Tuesday, August 18, 2026
City Council Meeting Minutes
City Council Chamber
5:30 PM

I. Attention

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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

Council Member Rick Miller

IV. Pledges of Allegiance

Council Member Rick Miller

V. Recognition

A. KEEP SUGAR LAND BEAUTIFUL YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD
Christian Eubanks, Environmental Manager

B. ROBO SAPIENS
FIRST TECH CHALLENGE
TEAM NO. 14503
Carol McCutcheon, Mayor

VI. Public Comment

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No members of the public addressed the Council.

VII. Consent Agenda

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A. MINUTES

Consideration of and action on the minutes of the August 4, 2026, meeting.

Linda Mendenhall, City Clerk

A motion to **Approve consent agenda items A and B**, 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. AMENDMENT NO. 2 WITH FIRST DUE HOLDINGS, INC

Consideration of and action on Amendment No. 2 to the agreement for services with Governmental Rider (Contract No. 3251494) with First Due Holdings, Inc., for fire department scheduling, community risk reduction, and operational software modules in an amount not to exceed \$126,420.25 over the contract term.

Mark Campise, Fire Chief

VIII. Public Hearings

- A. **PUBLIC HEARING 5:30 P.M.:** Receive and hear all persons desiring to be heard on proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Budget. Consideration of and action on setting a date for deliberation and adoption of the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget.

ShaLae Steadman, Director of Budget

TAXPAYER IMPACT STATEMENT

Pursuant to Texas Government Code § 551.043(c), a taxpayer impact statement is required for meetings at which the City Council discusses or adopts the proposed budget.

Description	FY 2025-2026 Adopted Tax Rate	FY 2026-2027 Proposed Tax Rate	FY 2026-2027 No-New-Revenue Rate
Tax Rate per \$100 Valuation	0.358827	0.381116	0.355381
Median Homestead Taxable Value	\$365,754	\$369,495	\$369,495
Estimated Annual Tax Bill	\$1,312	\$1,408	\$1,313
Difference from Current Fiscal Year		\$96	\$1

Note: Estimated taxpayer impacts are based on the FY 2026-2027 proposed tax rate and are subject to change pending the City Council's final adoption of the tax rate. Additional budget information is available on the City's website at <https://www.sugarlandtx.gov/2291/Budget-Strategy>. Information regarding property taxes is available at <https://www.sugarlandtx.gov/2472/Property-Taxes>.

ShaLae Steadman, Director of Budget

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

Mayor McCutcheon opened the public hearing at 5:54 p.m. Sam Rangan, Sumita Ghoshu, and Anand Pinto addressed the Council during the public hearing. The public hearing was closed at 6:05 p.m.

A motion to **Approve setting a date to place an item on the September 15, 2026 agenda for consideration of the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget**, was made by Jim Vonderhaar and seconded by Suzanne Whatley, the motion **Passed**.

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

Nays: Sanjay Singhal

IX. Tax Record Vote

- A. **VOTE TO PROPOSE 2026 TAX RATE AND SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING**

Consideration of and action on setting the City of Sugar Land proposed 2026 tax rate, setting public hearing, and directing staff to publish the Notice of Proposed 2026 Tax Rate.

ShaLae Steadman, Director of Budget

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

Mayor McCutcheon made a motion to approve the setting of a maximum proposed property tax rate at \$0.381116 per \$100 valuation, which is effectively a 6.18% increase in the tax rate, and to set a public hearing on September 8, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at Sugar Land City Hall, 2700 Town Center Blvd North. Council member Stewart Jacobson seconded the motion. The City Council did a roll call vote to approve the setting of a maximum proposed property tax rate at \$0.381116 per \$100 valuation, which is effectively a 6.18% increase in the tax rate, and to set a public hearing on September 8, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at Sugar Land City Hall, 2700 Town Center Blvd North.

A motion to **Approve the setting of a maximum proposed property tax rate at \$0.381116 per \$100 valuation, which is effectively a 6.18% increase in the tax rate, and to set a public hearing on September 8, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at Sugar Land City Hall, 2700 Town Center Blvd North**, was made by Carol McCutcheon and seconded by Stewart Jacobson; 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 6:20 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

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A. MINUTES

Consideration of and action on the minutes of the July 21, 2026, meeting.

Linda Mendenhall, City Clerk

A motion to **Approve the consent agenda items A through G**, 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

B. CONTRACT WITH WESTWOOD PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, INC.

Consideration of and action on authorization of a contract with Westwood Professional Services, Inc. for CIP CPK1702, Sugar Land Trail (Ditch H Trail) in the amount of \$197,945.00.

Greg Nichols, Senior Project Manager

C. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH FORT BEND COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT

Consideration of and action on the authorization of the execution of the Interlocal Agreement with Fort Bend County Drainage District for the Erosion Mitigation of Memorial Park.

Robert Wilson, Assistant City Engineer

D. CONTRACT WITH WW PAYTON CORPORATION

Consideration of and action on the authorization of the execution of a Contract with WW Payton Corporation for the Groundwater Plant Generator and Right Angle Drive (RAD) Replacement Program, CIP CWA2406, in the amount of \$3,450,000.00 and approve a Budget Amendment in the amount of \$2,800,000.00 from CIP CWA2601 to CIP CWA2406.

Alence Poudel, Engineering Manager

E. CONTRACT WITH INFRASTRUCTURE CONSULTING & ENGINEERING, LLC

Consideration of and action on the authorization of the execution of a professional services contract with Infrastructure Consulting & Engineering, LLC for the design of Sweetwater Blvd Reconstruction Phase II, CIP CMB2804, in the amount of \$677,329.95.

Paola DeLaTorre, Project Manager II

- F. Consideration of and action on **CITY OF SUGAR LAND RESOLUTION NO. 26-33**: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUGAR LAND, TEXAS, RATIFYING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE SOUTHEAST TEXAS REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (SETRAC) FY26 EMS COUNTY ASSISTANCE FUNDS; DESIGNATING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, AS AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS.

Mark Campise, Fire Chief

- G. **SECOND CONSIDERATION**: Consideration of and action on **CITY OF SUGAR LAND ORDINANCE NO. 2410**: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUGAR LAND TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 3, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, TO IMPLEMENT UNIFORM TWO-YEAR TERMS FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, PROVIDE TERM LIMITS, AND ESTABLISH TRANSITION PROVISIONS FOR CURRENT MEMBERS.

Linda Mendenhall, City Clerk

VII. Public Hearings

- A. **PUBLIC HEARING 5:30 P.M.**: Receive and hear all persons desiring to be heard on the proposed change in land use of approximately three acres of Imperial Park, located at 7750 Highway 90A, for the construction of a new Animal Shelter facility.

Jonathan Braun, Assistant City Engineer

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

Mayor McCutcheon opened the public hearing at 5:38 p.m. No members of the public addressed the Council. The public hearing was closed at 5:38 p.m.

VIII. Ordinances and Resolutions

- A. Consideration of and action on **CITY OF SUGAR LAND RESOLUTION NO. 26-26**: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SUGAR LAND, TEXAS MAKING REQUIRED FINDINGS UNDER TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE CODE § 26.001, APPROVING THE ANIMAL SHELTER LOCATION AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF APPROXIMATELY 3 ACRES OF AN APPROXIMATELY 39.81 ACRE TRACT PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED AND USED AS PUBLIC PARK, THE SAME BEING LOCATED AT 7750 HWY 90A, SUGAR LAND, TX 77478 IN SUGAR LAND TEXAS AND BEING COMMONLY KNOWN AS IMPERIAL PARK; FINDING THAT ALL NOTICE AND HEARING REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN MET; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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 Resolution 26-26**, 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. **SECOND CONSIDERATION:** Consideration of and action on **CITY OF SUGAR LAND ORDINANCE NO. 2406:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUGAR LAND, TEXAS AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS IN CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE IX (SOLID WASTE, RECYCLABLE MATERIALS AND VEGETATION), AND CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE V (COMMERCIAL SOLID WASTE, LIQUID WASTE, AND RECYCLABLE MATERIALS OPERATORS), AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

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 the second reading of Ordinance No. 2406**, was made by Jim Vonderhaar and seconded by Suzanne Whatley; the motion **Passed**.

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

Nays: Sanjay Singhal

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X. Closed Executive Session

- A. Closed Executive Session as authorized by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code in accordance with:

Section 551.074 Personnel Matters:

For the purpose of discussion with respect to the City Manager annual performance evaluation.

Carol McCutcheon, Mayor

RECESS: Mayor McCutcheon recessed into closed executive session at 5:53 p.m.

XI. Adjournment

No further business was discussed during the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Linda Mendenhall, City Clerk

