

February 25, 2026

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CALLED MEETING OF
THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS
February 25, 2026**

A regular called meeting of the City Council of the City of Tyler, Texas, was held Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in the City Council Chambers, 2nd floor of City Hall, Tyler, Texas, with the following present:

Mayor: Don Warren
Mayor Pro Tem: Lloyd Nichols(absent)
Councilmembers: Stuart Hene
Petra Hawkins
Shonda Marsh
James Wynne
Brad Curtis

City Manager: Edward Broussard
Deputy City Manager: Stephanie Franklin
Asst. City Manager: Heather Nick
Asst. City Manager: Keidric Trimble
City Attorney: Deborah G. Pullum
Senior Asst. City Attorney: Alesha Buckner
Director of Organizational Development: Regina Y. Moss
Planning Director: Kyle Kingma
Chief Information Officer: Benny Yazdanpanahi
City Fire Chief: David Coble
Police Chief: Jimmy Toler
City Engineer: Darin Jennings
Director of Utilities: Kate Dietz
Director of Solid Waste, Transit: Leroy Sparrow
Transit Manager: Russ Jackson
Senior Management Analyst: Blake Cathey
City Clerk: Cassandra Brager

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Councilmember Hene

Mayors for the day

Mariano - 5th grade

-JR (Johnathan Richard) 4th grade

-Merritt Johnson- 3rd grade

MINUTES

Motion by Councilmember Wynne to approve the January 14, 2026, minutes; seconded by Councilmember Hawkins; motion carried 6 - 0 & approved as presented.

AWARDS

A-1 Request that the City Council consider recognizing the following baby for his months of service and commitment to the City of Tyler. He represents four months of service with the City of Tyler.

Sparsh Patil, Infants at Work – GIS, Four Months

- A-2 Request that the City Council consider recognizing the following employees for their years of service and commitment to the City of Tyler. They represent 40 years of service with the City of Tyler:

Jeff Hudgens, Fire Captain IV, Fire Department, 20 years of service
Weston Cook, Police Officer XI, Police Department, 20 years of service

PRESENTATION

- P-1 Request that the City Council conduct a public hearing and receive a presentation of the final draft Tyler Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan, including the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) and draft Midtown, UT Tyler, and North End Revitalization Area Development Plans.

Heather Nick, Asst City Manager, gave a brief update on the final draft Tyler Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan.

Mayor Warren opened the public hearing at 9:27.50 am and closed it at 9:27.54 am, with no one coming forward to speak.

ORDINANCES

- O-1 Request that the City Council consider adoption of an ordinance amending Tyler City Code Chapter 6 to make certain amendments to the 2023 Edition of the National Electrical Code regarding provisions related to ground-fault circuit-interrupter protection for personnel and certain specific appliances. (O-2026-6)

Motion by Councilmember Curtis; seconded by Councilmember Wynne; motion carried 6 - 0 & approved as presented.

MISCELLANEOUS

- M-1 Request that the City Council review the 2026 Lake Tyler Master Plan Draft prepared by Half Associates, Inc., and consider its adoption.

Motion by Councilmember Curtis; seconded by Councilmember Hene; motion carried 6 - 0 & approved as presented.

- M-2 Request that the City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to approve Change Order #1 with Gracon Construction, Inc., that will increase the contract amount by \$1,066,538.80 for the Golden Road Water Treatment Plant Filters 11-14 Rehabilitation Project for work related to the emergency repairs at the Lake Palestine Water Treatment Plant.

Motion by Councilmember Curtis; seconded by Councilmember Hawkins; motion carried 6 - 0 & approved as presented.

- M-3** Request that the City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to execute Change Order #1 and Change Order #2, in the amount \$3,194,800.00, with Gracon Construction, Inc. for the Southside Wastewater Treatment Plant Aeration Basin and Final Clarifier Improvements Project for work related to the emergency repairs at the Lake Palestine Water Treatment Plant.

Motion by Councilmember Curtis; seconded by Councilmember Hawkins; motion carried 6 - 0 & approved as presented.

- M-4** Request that the City Council review and consider accepting the Revenue and Expenditure Report for the period ending December 31, 2025.

Motion by Councilmember Curtis; seconded by Councilmember Wynne; motion carried 6 - 0 & approved as presented.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

- B-1** Request that the City Council consider making appointments to the Historical Preservation Board.

Motion by Councilmember Wynne to appoint Laurie Ann Frank, Tiffany Grassmuck and Chad Humphries to the Historical Preservation Board; seconded by Councilmember Curtis; motion carried 6 – 0 & approved as presented.

CONSENT

(These items are considered to be routine or have been previously discussed, and can be approved in one motion, unless a Council Member asks for separate consideration of an item.)

- C-A-1** Request that the City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to declare as surplus, and authorizing the sale of a Tyler Police Department Glock 45 duty weapon, serial number BYHY778, to honorably retired Assistant Chief David L. Long, for the amount of \$200.00, in accordance with Texas Government Code 614.051.

- C-A-2** Request that the City Council consider reviewing and accepting the Investment Report for the quarter ending December 31, 2025.

- C-A-3** Request that the City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to execute a new lease for a 10-year period from January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2036, for a Corporate Hangar/Operator Lease for BLH Leasing, LLC., at Tyler Pounds Regional Airport.

- C-A-4** Request that the City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to approve and grant an easement to Oncor for a new electrical service for the Lake Tyler Raw Water Pump Station Improvements Project, 16520 CR 2127 (McElroy Rd), Whitehouse, Texas.

- C-A-5** Request that the City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to execute a Service Area Agreement with Lindale Rural Water Supply Corporation.

Motion by Councilmember Curtis to approve the entire consent agenda as written; seconded by Councilmember Wynne; motion carried 6 - 0 & approved as presented.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. The Tyler Police training facility is making great progress and should have a ribbon-cutting pretty soon. We want to thank everyone in the city who has helped move this project forward.
2. The Tyler Fire Department crew was deployed to assist the State in fighting the Lavender Fire that was occurring out in West Texas.
3. The Downtown improvement projects are continuing, and the contractor is working to try to do work on times/days that are the least disruptive.
4. The Consent Decree work will start Sunday, March 1, and will be conducted in three phases to help minimize the disruption.
 - a. Phase 1 will be from March 1 to 3 at the intersection of College and Elm Street. There will be a lane open for southbound traffic on College and eastbound traffic on Elm, turning south on College. Currently, local traffic can access College the wrong way for deliveries and to access the parking spaces. Once completed, temporary asphalt will be put down to allow southbound traffic on College to turn onto Elm going West.
 - b. Phase 2 will be March 4 to 5 and will be the portion of College in front of the parking garage. This phase will close off the exit lanes of the Fair Plaza Parking Garage. The current entrance lanes will be converted to one lane in and one lane out. This will allow people to still utilize the parking garage. Signage and traffic control barricades will be installed to direct traffic.
 - c. Phase 3 will be on March 6 and will extend south and close off the College entrance of the Tyler Library. The Parking Garage access will remain open.

The area will remain closed as the Consent Decree project is set to start the work along College on March 9. If delays occur, the staff and the contractor will work to provide a temporary service to allow the road to be opened until work resumes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – City Council went into executives session at 10:11 am.

The City Council may go into Executive Session regarding any item posted on the Agenda as authorized by Title 5, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

EX-1 As allowed by the Texas Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551 of the Government Code, the City Council may go into executive session to consider the following:

Under Tex. Gov't Code section 551.074 "Personnel Matters" deliberation regarding the following:

The employment, duties, and evaluation of the City Manager. Any final action to be taken by the City Council will be taken in open session.

City Council reconvened from executive session at 10:32 am with the following action.

Motion by Councilmember Curtis to approve that the City Manager compensation be adjusted as follows; provide an annual salary of \$304,107.50 effective from October 1, 2025 and provide a one-time contribution to the Managers deferred compensation plan of \$31,000.00 plus any taxes that are accrued on said payment effective on or about February 25, 2026; seconded by Councilmember Hene; motion carried 6 - 0 & approved as presented.

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Mayor Warren allowed the Mayors for the day to adjourn the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Curtis to adjourn the meeting at 10:34 a.m.; seconded by Councilmember Hawkins; motion carried 6 - 0 & meeting adjourned.



DONALD P. WARREN, MAYOR OF
THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS

ATTEST:



CASSANDRA BRAGER, CITY CLERK

