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**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL
116 ASPEN LANE
HILL COUNTRY VILLAGE, TEXAS 78232
THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025
5:30 P.M.**

The City Council for the City of Hill Country Village met for a City Council Meeting Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 116 Aspen Lane, Hill Country Village, Texas. This was an open meeting subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Members Present:

Mayor Gabriel Durand-Hollis
Councilman Matthew Acock
Councilman Greg Blasko
Councilwoman Allison Francis
Councilwoman Heather Chandler
Councilman Frank Rivas

Members Not Present:

City Staff Present:

City Administrator, Frank Morales
Administrative Assistant, Linda Solis
City Attorney, Marc Schnall
City Attorney, Jason Rammel

1. Call to order.

Mayor Durand-Hollis called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Durand-Hollis led those present in the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. A presentation, discussion, and appropriate action regarding the following items related to the May 3, 2025.

- a. Issuing a Certificate of Election**
- b. Administering Statement of Elected Officer**
- c. Administering Oath of Office**
- d. Appointment of Mayor Pro-Tempore**

Mayor Durand-Hollis swore in the new City Council members; Councilwoman Chandler, Councilman Rivas, and Councilwoman Francis.

Councilman Acock motioned to appoint Councilwoman Francis as Mayor Pro-Tempore. Councilman Blasko seconded motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

The following items are of a routine or administrative nature. The City Council has been furnished with background and support material on each item, and/or it has been discussed in a previous meeting. All items can be acted upon by one vote without being discussed separately, unless requested by a Council Member, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in their normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon. The remaining items will be adopted by one motion and vote of the City Council.

4. Discussion and possible action approving the minutes of the City Council Meeting of April 17, 2025.

5. Discussion and possible action appointing Ms. Roxanna Gonzales-Soza, Mr. Kirk Francis as Primary Members of the City Zoning Commission.

Councilman Blasko motioned to adopt the consent agenda. Councilwoman Francis seconded motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

6. Report by Mayor Durand-Hollis on items of community interest.

Mayor Durand-Hollis requested when more items come up for attendance, advise Mayor pro tempore and City Administrator to attend when Mayor is unavailable.

7. Report by City Council members on items of community interest.

Councilman Blasko discussed working on road with engineer on item #14. He appreciates everyone that participated in the election and advised we have other boards available.

Councilman Acock congratulated the new City Council members and looking forward to working alongside with each member.

Councilman Rivas addressed City Council procedures. Advise to draft an ethics and conducts code. On the litigation for cell tower checking with insurance company to recouping the fees.

8. Citizens to be heard.

At this time, citizens who have filled out a registration form prior to the start of the meeting may speak on any topic they wish to bring to the attention of the governing body so long as that topic is not on the agenda for this meeting. Citizens may speak on specific agenda items when that item is called for discussion. During the Citizens to be Heard

section no council action may take place and no council discussion or response is required to the speaker. However, the Mayor or the City Administrator may make a statement of specific factual information in response to an inquiry or recite existing policy in response to an inquiry. A time limit of two minutes per speaker is permitted; the council may extend this time at their discretion.

Paul Laursen congratulations to new City Council members. He also requested to have a committee to beautify the city.

Pat Schneider congratulations to new City Council members. Item #14 Austin Bridge to restore vegetation to roadways. Maintaining the Cavalry Trail and right of ways.

9. Presentation and Discussion on the City of Hill Country Village Financial Report.

Council request different format for future presentation.

10. Discussion and possible action in relation to Alta Towers, LLC v. City of Hill Country Village, Hill Country Village City Council, et al., Case No. 5:25-cv-00006, United States District Court, Western District of Texas, a lawsuit relating to denial of the Special Use Permit for a cell tower. Possible Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, Consultation with Attorneys.

Mayor Durand-Hollis announced for City Council to go into the Executive Session at 5:55 p.m. on May 15, 2025.

Mayor Durand-Hollis ended the Executive Session 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) at 6:35 p.m. No Action taken.

11. Discussion and possible action on a budgetary transfer from City of Hill Country Village Reserves to the General Administrative Department, City Attorney Services.

Councilman Rivas motion to transfer \$101,000 from the Reserves to the General Administrative Department, City Attorney Services; Councilman Blasko seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

12. Discussion and setting one or more dates and times for a workshop on the City of Hill Country Village FY 25-26 City Budget.

Chief Morales will send dates for the City Budget workshop to City Council.

13. Discussion and possible action related to proposed new building for City Hall including budget, design, bidding, construction, costs, phasing of work, temporary facilities, and possible appointment of input committee.

City Council request to move forward with the process and contact previous members of the input committee.

14. Discussion and possible action regarding City Engineer's review of warranty work under the ABR contract and action, if any, taken in this regard by City

attorneys. Possible Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, Consultation with Attorneys.

Councilman Rivas motioned the Mayor or Mayor pro-tempore be authorized to engage a construction attorney for the specific purpose to write a proper demand letter to Austin Bridge in a timely fashion; of a retainer in the amount of \$10,000. Councilman Blasko seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

15. Discussion to authorize Councilman Blasko to meet with City Engineer and have Engineer quantify engineering cost and range for estimated costs for street repairs.

City Council requested Engineer to come to next meeting to report with presentation.

16. Discussion regarding appointment of a Council committee to review the current status of Cavalry Trail.

Councilman Blasko suggested to form a committee to address the Cavalry Trail.

17. Discussion regarding appointment of a Council committee to review the current status of the Rights-Of-Way in the city.

Councilman Blasko suggested to form a committee to address the Rights-Of-Way.

18. Discussion and possible action changing the date of June City Council meeting.

Councilman Blasko moved the regular City Council meeting for June be moved to June 12, 2025 to commence at 5:30 p.m. Councilwoman Chandler seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

19. Report by City Administrator/Chief of Police Frank Morales on items of community interest.

No report to present.

20. Discussion and possible action regarding the annual evaluation and compensation of City Administrator/Chief of Police Frank Morales.

Possible Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074, Personnel Matters. No action will be taken in Executive Session. Any action will be taken in open session.

Mayor Durand-Hollis announced for City Council to go into the Executive Session at 8:29 p.m. on May 15, 2025.

Mayor Durand-Hollis ended the Executive Session 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) at 8:43 p.m. No Action taken.

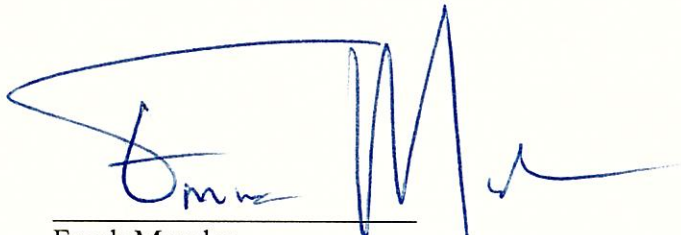
Councilman Blasko motioned to increase payrate to \$140,000 effective immediately, Councilwoman Chandler seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.


21. Adjourn.

Mayor Durand-Hollis adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

The Council reserves the right to discuss and appropriately act upon any item stated on this agenda in an open session. The Council reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultations with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices) and 551.087 (Economic Development). No action may be taken in Executive Session.

APPROVED THIS 12TH DAY OF JUNE, 2025



Frank Morales
City Administrator

Gabriel Durand-Hollis
Mayor