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**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL
116 ASPEN LANE
HILL COUNTRY VILLAGE, TEXAS 78232
THURSDAY, JULY 31, 2025
5:30 P.M.**

The City Council for the City of Hill Country Village met for a City Council Meeting Thursday, July 31, 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
Finance, Alexander Baez

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.

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being discussed separately, unless requested by a Council Member, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in their normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon.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.

3. Discussion and possible action approving the minutes of the City Council Meeting of June 12, 2025.

Councilwoman Francis requested the correction on Item #7.

Councilwoman Francis motioned to approved the minutes with the correction on Item #7, Councilwoman Chandler seconded motion; Motion approved unanimously.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

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

Mayor Durand-Hollis reports that City Public Service has Suburban City Summit on August 1st at 8am; Mayor requested Councilman Acock to attend. Mayor mentioned there will be discussion on budget.

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

Councilwoman Francis reported on Metro San Antonio Chamber's Breakfast with Mayors event, August 15th at 8 am. Both Mayor Durand-Hollis and Councilwoman Francis will be in attendance.

Councilman Acock mentioned that the city needs to notify residents with a fire alarm will need to register with the City of San Antonio to avoid a fine of \$250.00.

Councilman Blasko reported that we have had to contract with Attorneys to represent the City against Austin Bridge Road. He stated that they have not been forthcoming with the repairs.

Councilman Rivas reported that the Cavalry Trail committee will meet on August 11th and will report back on the September City Council meeting.

6. 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.

Pat Schnieder appreciated the City Council for their service. Thanked the city for the emails being sent out for the City Council meetings, and requested an email notification if meetings are cancelled.

Julie Connolly noted that the budget meeting that was cancelled to be rescheduled for in accordance of the law.

John McNair mentioned the recourse for the streets.

Councilman Blasko noted that on August 9th at 10 a.m. there will be a budget meeting.

City Attorney Marc Schnall responded to Mrs. Connolly that there is no state law requirement for the city to hold 3 budget workshop meetings. There is requirement for the city to hold a public hearing on the budget which will be held in August or September City Council meeting and will be published in the newspaper and on the city website.

Councilman Acock reached out to CPS about a security light that Mrs. Connolly requested in a previous meeting and gave Mrs. Connolly options to construct.

7. 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 5:52 p.m. on July 31, 2025.

Mayor Durand-Hollis ended the Executive Session 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) at 6:56 p.m.

Councilman Rivas made a motion to have the Ryan Henry Law firm to proceed with recommendation that was given to the City Council in the executive session in pursuing the current status on the lawsuit with Alta Towers. Councilwoman Chandler seconded the motion. Councilman Rivas requested roll call vote.

Roll call: Councilman Acock Nay, Councilman Blasko Aye, Councilwoman Francis Aye, Councilwoman Chandler Aye, Councilman Rivas Aye.

Motion passed.

8. Discussion and possible action on a presentation from Freeland & Turk on a 5-year plan on road maintenance for the City of Hill Country Village.

Presentation by Tom Turk from Freeland & Turk. City Council members inquired their questions to Mr. Turk.

9. Discussion regarding new City Hall building including report from committee on recent activity and interaction with architect.

Councilwoman Chandler gave the City Council an update where the process is currently at for the City Hall building.

Committee member consist of Lenora Wulfe, Melody McMahon, Tom Doyle, Sarah Ojeda, Pam Rivas, Sgt. Richard, Gracie Allen, Linda Solis, Allison Greer Francis, and Heather Chandler.

Councilwoman Chandler requested to have an agenda item for selection of the construction delivery methods. Other agenda item to have a RFQ for a new architect to be selected.

City Attorney advised to decide to reopen the process to hire a new architect with a RFQ or get a proposal from LPA.

10. Presentation and discussion of the June 30, 2025 financial statement.

City Council members asked questions to Alexander about the finances and audit.

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

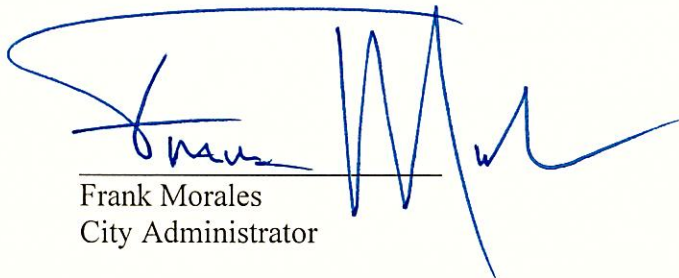
No action.

12. Adjourn.

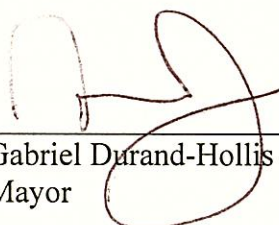
Mayor Durand-Hollis adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

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 21ST DAY OF AUGUST, 2025



Frank Morales
City Administrator



Gabriel Durand-Hollis
Mayor