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**AGENDA**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**CITY HALL**  
**116 ASPEN LANE**  
**HILL COUNTRY VILLAGE, TEXAS 78232**  
**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2025**  
**5:30 P.M.**

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**Mayor: Gabriel Durand-Hollis**  
**Council Place #1: Heather Chandler**  
**Council Place #2: Matthew T. Acock**  
**Council Place #3: Frank Rivas**  
**Council Place #4: Greg Blasko**  
**Council Place #5: Allison Francis**

1. Call to order.
2. Invocation and 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being discussed separately, unless requested by a Council Member, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in their normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon.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 August 21, 2025, September 4, 2025, and September 18, 2025.
4. Discussion and possible action approving an Ordinance designating San Antonio Express-News as the City's official newspaper.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

5. Report by Mayor on matters of community interest.
6. Report by City Council on matters of community interest.
7. Citizens to be heard.

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8. Discussion and possible action to review the CMAR RFQ for the new City Hall building for Hill Country Village from LPA Architecture Firm.

9. Discussion and possible action on an amendment to Sections 2-69 and 2-70 of the Code of Ordinances as to City Council involvement in certain personnel matters.

10. Presentation by our audit firm ABIP, PC on City of Hill Country Village FY 2023-2024 annual audit and discussion and possible action on City of Hill Country Village FY 2023-2024 annual audit.

11. Discussion regarding the financial statements.

12. Report by City Administrator/Chief of Police on matters of community interest.

13. Adjourn.

*The Council reserves the right to discuss and appropriately act upon any item stated on this agenda in 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.*

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I certify that this notice of meeting was posted at City Hall at the date and time indicated below.



For Frank Morales  
City Administrator

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**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY HALL  
116 ASPEN LANE  
HILL COUNTRY VILLAGE, TEXAS 78232  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 2025  
5:30 P.M.**

The City Council for the City of Hill Country Village met for a City Council Meeting Thursday, August 21, 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, Paul Fletcher  
Finance, Alexander Baez

**1. Call to order.**

*Mayor Durand-Hollis called the meeting to order at 5:31 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 July 31, 2025.**

*Councilwoman Francis motioned to approved the minutes, 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 appreciates Councilwoman Francis for her attendance at the North Chamber. Mayor reports the Audit is not yet completed and read an email from the Auditors. Joint Base San Antonio Air Force has invited the Mayor to community event on September 13th.*

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

*Councilman Blasko reported he went to a seminar put on by Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson property tax consultants. Councilman Blasko passed out a handout from the event for each council member.*

**6. Citizens to be heard.**

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*Dr. Paul Laursen appreciated the dirt that was put in the ditch at the front of 112 Tower Dr., he requested if we could preserve the area to last longer in the future.*

**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 Executive Session at 5:41 p.m. on August 21, 2025.*

*Mayor Durand-Hollis ended Executive Session 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) at 6:17 p.m.*

*Attorney Ryan Henry reported that the case is moving forward, settlement negotiations are underway. He understands concerns about aesthetics and will reach out to Alta for additional information for City Council.*

*Councilman Acock gave an overview of his understanding of the thoughts, ideas, and concerns of others on this item, noted that there were some questions that need to be answered by SAWS and proposed to open the floor to questions from the audience.*

*Mayor stated Councilman Acock could not open the floor.*

*Councilman Rivas made a point of order.*

*Attorney Paul Fletcher noted two issues - possible the disclosure of confidential attorney client communication and clarity on the point of order.*

*Councilman Rivas clarified that his point of order concerned Councilman Acock's request to open the item to the audience for discussion.*

*Mayor sustained the point of order.*

#### **8. Public Hearing on Proposed FY 2025-26 City Budget.**

*Mayor Durand-Hollis opened public hearing at 6:27 p.m.*

*Mrs. Kelle Acock spoke regarding the City Budget.*

*Mayor Durand-Hollis closed public hearing at 6:31 p.m.*

#### **9. Discussion and possible action by record (roll call) vote on Proposed FY 2025-26 City Budget.**

*Councilman Blasko motioned to accept the budget that results at a net deficit of surplus zero.*

*Motion failed.*

*Councilman Blasko motioned to accept the budget that results in a deficit of \$86,471. Councilwoman Francis seconded the motion.*

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

*Motion passed.*

#### **10. Discussion and possible action on setting a date and time for another budget workshop on the FY 2025-2026 City Budget.**

*No action taken.*

#### **11. Discussion and possible action by record (roll call) vote on setting a proposed 2025 tax rate for the City of Hill Country Village.**

*Councilman Acock motioned to set as a cap of 14.5 cent proposed 2025 tax rate. Councilman Rivas seconded the motion.*

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

*Motion passed.*

**12. Discussion and possible action by record (roll call) vote on setting the date and time for a public hearing on the proposed City of Hill Country Village 2025 property tax rate and authorizing publication of a Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase for the City of Hill Country Village including the date and time of such public hearing.**

*Councilman Acock motioned to set September 18, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. for a public hearing on the proposed City of Hill Country Village 2025 property tax rate and authorizing publication of a Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase for the City of Hill Country Village Texas. Councilwoman Francis seconded the motion.*

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

*Motion passed.*

**13. Discussion and possible action regarding new City Hall building including report from committee on recent activity and presentation by LPA.**

*Presentation and discussion with Ms. Sarah Flower on proposed construction contract delivery methods for the new City Hall building.*

*Councilwoman Francis motioned to select the construction manager at risk as the construction delivery method for the proposed New City Hall facility. Councilman Blasko seconded the motion.*

*Motion passed unanimously.*

**14. Discussion and possible action to approve LPA Architects' proposal to continue the design efforts of the new HCV City Hall facility.**

*Councilwoman Chandler motioned to approve the \$320,000 to LPA Architects for the total basic services fee for the New City Hall facility. Councilwoman Francis seconded the motion.*

*Motion passed unanimously.*

**15. Discussion and possible action approving a resolution of the City Council of the City of Hill Country Village, Texas, designating methods, addresses, and locations for receiving public information requests and providing an effective date.**

*Councilwoman Francis motioned to approve the resolution of the City Council of the City of Hill Country Village, Texas, designating methods, addresses, and locations for receiving public information requests and providing an effective date. Councilman Blasko seconded the motion.*

*Motion passed unanimously.*

**16. Discussion on committee activity regarding status of Cavalry Trail.**

*Councilman Rivas, Councilwoman Chandler and committee member Pat Schneider provided an update of the recent meeting of the Cavalry Trail committee.*

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

*No action to report.*

**18. Adjourn.**

*Mayor Durand-Hollis adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.*

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**APPROVED THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2025**

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**MINUTES  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY HALL  
116 ASPEN LANE  
HILL COUNTRY VILLAGE, TEXAS 78232  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2025  
5:30 P.M.**

The City Council for the City of Hill Country Village met for a Special City Council Meeting Thursday, September 4, 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

**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.*

**INDIVIDUAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

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

*Mayor Durand-Hollis has a meeting on September 5th with US Congressman Tony Gonzales. The Emergency Operation Center came to see the Mayor in person and emphasized about Telecommunications. There will be a Greater Bexar County Council of Government meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup>. The next City Council meeting will be held on September 18<sup>th</sup>. Bexar Appraisal District is asking for votes on the financial report.*

*Mayor will be representing the city at the Joint Base San Antonio Airforce Ball on September 13<sup>th</sup>.*

#### **4. Report by City Council members on items of community interest.**

*Councilman Acock asked Chief Morales about the mopeds that have been riding around in the community. Sergeant Richard is looking into the issue with the state to the regulations with electric motorized scooters/mopeds. Chief Morales states they are currently legal.*

*Councilwoman Chandler requested for a safety class for the electric scooters/mopeds to be provided for the future.*

#### **5. Citizens to be heard.**

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*Pat Schneider requested to speak during item #6.*

*Judge Fred Biery requested to speak during item #6.*

*Roma Cook requested to speak during item #6.*

*Brian Beck asked why a Police Officer was in the audience.*

*Chief Morales explained why the officer was in attendance.*

#### **6. 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.**

*Attorney Ryan Henry reported that the City Council has been presented the most recent proposal and recommends the proposal. He stated that the City Council cannot provide the details until the City Council approves the negotiated specifics of the proposal.*

*Councilman Acock asked about confidentiality with a public body. Attorney Ryan Henry addressed, because the lawsuit negotiations for settlement purposes they are expressly made confidential for Federal Court.*

*Judge Fred Biery is attending the first City Council meeting in 35 years for this important issue, he informed sometimes no one wins with the expense of litigation fees, he urged the City Council to resolve this item quickly.*

*Pat Schneider indicated the aesthetics is residents' concern.*

*Roma Cook suggested it was time to take down the tower.*

*Mayor Durand-Hollis opened the floor for residents to speak.*

*Judge Ronald King is attending first City Council meeting in 18 years; he was concerned with the cost being spent on legal fees. He suggested to make a deal to resolve lawsuit and not bankrupt the city and get the best aesthetics for the city of the new cell tower.*

*Councilman Acock was concerned that the residents did not have a clear picture of what is being proposed to the City Council.*

*Councilwoman Francis motioned to accept the proposal. Councilman Blasko seconded the motion.*

*Councilman Blasko requested a roll call vote.*

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

*Attorney Marc Schnall requested Councilwoman Francis to read the full motion for the record.*

*Councilwoman Francis motioned to accept the proposal on the lawsuit with Alta Towers v. the City of Hill Country Village Case No. 5:25-cv-00006 as presented by legal counsel from Law office of Ryan Henry. Councilman Blasko seconded the motion.*

*Councilman Acock stated a point of order to note that the City Council did not have a settlement of the proposal.*

*Attorney Ryan Henry verified the proposal was provided via email to the members of the City Council.*

*Councilman Acock made a point of order that he did not have a settlement offer.*

*Attorney Marc Schnall said that the City Council has a motion that spoke for itself and the interpretation from other members of the governing body and from Attorney Ryan Henry; is that it does represent the settlement terms and that would be a settlement offer.*

*Attorney Ryan Henry asked Councilman Acock to not reveal the terms of the settlement proposal.*

*Councilman Acock motioned a point of order that violates the open meetings act. He indicates that they did not have any information to base a decision.*

*Attorney Marc Schnall stated there is no violation to the open meetings act because the agenda clearly tells the public what the City Council may do, discussion and possible action in regard to the specified litigation, that's all the open meetings act requires. It's a judgement call by members of the governing body as to whether or not they will vote for or against the motion made by Councilwoman Francis.*

*Mayor Durand-Hollis recognized Councilman Blasko.*

*Councilman Blasko indicated to the City Attorney that the City Council has a motion and a seconded motion and the requirement be called for a vote correct?*

*Attorney Marc Schnall answered Councilman Blasko; the call for a vote requires a motion to terminate debate and the motion needs a seconded. Then the motion can be voted on and if it's approved the City Council goes immediately into the vote.*

*Councilman Blasko motioned to terminate the debate, Councilwoman Francis seconded the motion.*

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

*Motion approved to terminate for the debate.*

*Motion by Councilwoman Francis to accept the settlement offer.*

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

*Motion passed.*

*Attorney Ryan Henry gave details on the aesthetics and the timeline for the insulation of the new cell tower and the removal of the old cell tower.*

## **7. Adjourn.**

*Mayor Durand-Hollis adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.*

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**APPROVED THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2025**

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**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY HALL  
116 ASPEN LANE  
HILL COUNTRY VILLAGE, TEXAS 78232  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2025  
5:30 P.M.**

The City Council for the City of Hill Country Village met for a City Council Meeting Thursday, September 18, 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  
Councilman Frank Rivas

**Members Not Present:**

Councilwoman Heather Chandler

**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 5:34 p.m.*

**2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**3. Discussion and possible action approving the minutes of the City Council Meeting of August 9, 2025, August 21, 2025, and September 4, 2025.**

*Councilman Acock objects and requested to pull item #3 for discussion.*

*Councilman Acock did not have concerns with Special City Council meeting on Saturday August 9, 2025; but did have concerns on August 21<sup>st</sup> and September 4<sup>th</sup> for missing procedures and rulings and requested to have revisions.*

*Councilman Rivas motioned to approve minutes for August 9<sup>th</sup> with the amendment of item #5 to change “next” to “it’s first”. Councilman Blasko seconded the motion.*

*Motion passed.*

**4. Discussion and possible action approving the October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026 City of Hill Country Village Master Calendar.**

*Councilwoman Francis motioned to approve the October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026 City of Hill Country Village Master Calendar. Councilman Blasko seconded the motion.*

*Motion passed.*

**INDIVIDUAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

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

*Mayor Durand-Hollis attended the Alamo Council of Government meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup>, he also attended the Joint Base Ball on Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, and attended the ribbon cutting with Councilwoman Chandler on September 11<sup>th</sup> for Inspire Dental. Emergency Operation Center appointed the Mayor to the Emergency Management Advisory Committee and the next meeting is November 6<sup>th</sup>.*

**6. Report by City Council members on items of community interest.**

*Councilwoman Francis reported that she and the Mayor met with Congressman Tony Gonzales’s staff of the 23<sup>rd</sup> District. The District Director Jalen Falcon and the Assistant Director Zack Bamba are planning to attend Village fest. They talked about grant funding; Department of Justice grants for policing, TXDot set aside fund that would fund police vehicles and community centers, Federal highway set aside funds for streets. The Mayor Durand-Hollis and Councilwoman Francis are going to setup a meeting with the Legislative Director Kellie Chong and her Assistant Ben Shipkey to help with the application process. Funding will start in October 2025.*

*Councilman Acock reported that an email did not go out to residents and the posting for the tax rate was not on the website.*

*Councilman Blasko reported that the road way safety committee met and sent some ideas to the City Attorney for review.*

**7. Report by Administrator/Chief of Police on matters of community interest.**

*The Lieutenant and the Sergeant are working on a presentation for the October meeting concerning the ebikes.*

**8. Citizens to be heard.**

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*Pat Schneider requested a copy of settle agreement for Alta Towers.*

*Attorney Marc Schnall indicated an open record request would be needed.*

*Pat Schneider gave an open record request to Chief Morales.*

*Deborah Morley requested microphones be used during meeting.*

*Nick Ozerov requested to have more participation for the budget meetings.*

**9. Public Hearing, Discussion and possible action by roll call vote on an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Hill Country Village, Texas, adopting and levying the tax rate on all taxable property within the corporate limits of the City of Hill Country Village, Texas for the year 2025.**

*Mayor Durand-Hollis opened public hearing at 5:51 p.m.*

*Mayor Durand-Hollis closed public hearing at 5:52 p.m.*

*Councilwoman Francis moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.145 which is effectively a 3.1 percent increase in the tax rate and adopt ordinance number 1319. Councilman Blasko seconded the motion.*

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

*Motion passed.*

**10. Discussion and possible action on a resolution to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the City Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.**

*Councilman Blasko motioned to approve resolution 25-160 to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the City Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Councilman Rivas seconded motion.*

*Motion passed.*

**11. Discussion and possible action on a report from Freeland and Turk regarding Austin Bridge and Road on road maintenance. Possible Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, Consultation with Attorneys.**

*Mayor Durand-Hollis announced for City Council to go into Executive Session at 6:09 p.m. on September 18, 2025.*

*Mayor Durand-Hollis ended Executive Session 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) at 6:28 p.m.*

*Attorney Brett Schouest with Dykema Gossett, Law Firm has been working with Tom Turk with Freeland & Turk the City Engineer on the Austin Bridge and Road for road repairs. They submitted a list to Austin Bridge and Road with nine issues as a warranty claim in June 2025. They also submitted a claim on a performance bond. Mr. Schouest discussed the issues and what they will keep on the list to pursue with the Geotech.*

*Councilman Rivas motioned to accept the recommendation of the Dykema Gossett Law Firm as stated regarding what claims will remain to be pursued and which claims that are taken off the list. Councilman Blasko seconded the motion.*

*Motion passed.*

*Councilman Rivas motioned to approve an expense not more than \$25,000 to conduct a Forensic Geotechnical Borings study on the areas that the City Engineer deems appropriate.*

*Councilman Blasko seconded.*

*Councilwoman Francis asked City Engineer Tom Turk if the city spends \$25,000 and the study find borings that are not consistent with what happened in the beginning of the project this study may or may not make any difference.*

*City Engineer Tom Turk responded that is correct.*

*Councilman Rivas noted that the repairs are three quarters of a million dollars so he is advocating that before walking away from a claim this large to conduct the study.*

*Councilman Acock stated that the city would not receive all of the \$750,000 and would spend \$400,000 to \$500,000 to get a settlement to receive \$400,000. He indicated that the city should just use the money on the road and get started.*

*Mayor Durand-Hollis suggested that the road was designed for residential paving and can be fixed but it was not in the plans.*

*Motion passed.*

*A question was asked about reconsideration of the motion.*

*Attorney Marc Schnall indicated if member of Council that voted yes wanted to reconsider the vote they may do so. Then that member could make a motion to reconsider the motion just adopted.*

*Councilman Acock was going to propose if the City Engineer can get a bid under \$10,000 that would be sufficient to know if it was worth pursuing.*

## **12. Discussion and possible action on an amendment to Section 2-70 of the Code of Ordinances as to City Council involvement in certain personnel matters.**

*Council requested the City Attorney to explain the reason for the agenda item.*

*Attorney Marc Schnall read the current wording for Section 2-70 of the Code of Ordinances and suggested to have the ordinance reworded to have personnel matters handled by City*

*Administrator except such matters that are relating to City Administrator or Department head such as Chief of Police.*

*Council requested more detail and information for the ordinance and bring back to the next City Council meeting.*

*No action taken.*

**13. Deliberation on employment, discipline, or dismissal of Officer Sergio Collazo III. Possible Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.074, Texas Government Code, Personnel Matters.**

*Chief Morales stated the Officer resigned.*

*No action taken.*

**14. Discussion and possible action on employment, discipline, or dismissal of Officer Sergio Collazo III.**

*Chief Morales stated the Officer resigned.*

*No action taken.*

**15. Discussion and possible action on a presentation from our audit firm Alonzo, Bacarisse, Irvine, and Palmer, P.C. on the City of Hill Country Village FY 2023-2024 annual audit.**

*Mike Del Toro with ABIP presented the audit for FY 2023-2024.*

*City Council wanted to have the audit in hand at least a week prior to the meeting.*

*No Action.*

**16. Discussion regarding the July 31, 2025 and August 31, 2025 financial statements.**

*City Council wanted to have the financial statements a week prior to the City Council meeting.*

*Council had questions for City finance Alexander Baez for the audit and the financial statements.*

**14. Adjourn.**

*Mayor Durand-Hollis adjourned the meeting at 7:35 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 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2025**

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Gabriel Durand-Hollis  
Mayor

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Frank Morales  
City Administrator

ORDINANCE # \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER  
OF THE CITY OF HILL COUNTRY VILLAGE, TEXAS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hill Country Village, Texas is required by Local Government Code, section 52.004, to designate an official newspaper for the City to publish legal notices for the city as may be required by law at the beginning of the city's fiscal year until another paper is selected.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HILL  
COUNTRY VILLAGE, TEXAS:**

1. The following newspaper is designated as the official newspaper of the City of Hill Country Village:

*San Antonio Express-News*

2. This ordinance shall renew annually on October 1st unless repealed or modified by City Council.

**PASSED AND APPROVED THE 16th DAY OF OCTOBER 2025.**

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Gabriel Durand-Hollis  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Frank Morales  
City Administrator

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 2-69 AND 2-70 OF CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HILL COUNTRY VILLAGE, TEXAS**

**WHEREAS**, Section 2-69(1) of the Code of Ordinances addresses the power of the city administrator to appoint, suspend, or remove employees of the city and Section 2-70 of the Code of Ordinances provides that all recommendations of the city administrator for appointment, suspension, or removal of a municipal officer or employee must be approved that the city council; and

**WHEREAS**, it is currently a typical best practice for governing bodies of municipalities to not be involved in personnel matters other than those directly involving employment, discipline, or removal of City officials and senior administrative employees such as a city administrator or a city department head such as a chief of police; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 2-69(1) currently provides that the city administrator shall be required to appoint and, when necessary for the good of the service, suspend or remove all employees of the City and that such hearings, suspension, and removal are subject to review and approval by the city council in the exercise of its responsibility and authority; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 2-70 currently provides that the city council must approve the appointment, suspension, or removal of a municipal officer or employee; and

**WHEREAS**, the city council believes that it would be appropriate and consistent with current typical municipal government best practices to have city council involvement in personnel matters only apply to employment, suspension, or removal of City officials as defined in Chapter 22 of the Local Government Code, namely the secretary, treasurer, municipal attorney, marshal (if any), municipal engineer, and senior employees being the city administrator and the chief of police.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Hill Country Village that:

**Section 1.** The first two sentences of Section 2-69(1) of Chapter 2, Administration, powers and duties of the city administrator, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Hill Country Village, be revised to read as follows:

Appoint and, when necessary for the good of the city, suspend or remove all employees of the city. Appointment, suspension, and removal of the city administrator or a department head such as the chief of police are subject to review and approval by the city council.

**Section 2.** Section 2-70 of Chapter 2, Administration, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Hill Country Village, be revised to read as follows:

**Sec. 2-70. Council not to interfere with appointments or removals.**

Neither councilmembers nor the mayor shall interfere in the city administrator's process for the appointment, suspension, or removal of a municipal employee other than a department head such as the chief of police. Appointment, suspension, or removal of the city administrator, city secretary, city treasurer, municipal attorney, city marshal (if any), municipal engineer, and any other officers authorized by the city council are subject to the

approval of the city council. Except for the purpose of inquiry, the council and its members shall deal with the city staff solely through the city administrator and neither the council nor any member thereof shall give orders to any subordinates of the city administrator, either publicly or privately. Nothing in this section interferes with the authority of the mayor to appoint municipal officers if a vacancy exists, subject to confirmation by the city council, pursuant to Local Government Code Section 22.010. Nor does this section interfere with the role of the mayor and/or city council to determine the selection process of municipal officers.

**Section 3.** This Ordinance is effective upon passage and adoption.

Passed and Adopted on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025.

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Gabriel Durand-Hollis, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Frank Morales, Interim City Secretary