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being discussed separately, unless requested by a Council Member, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in their normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon.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

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.

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.

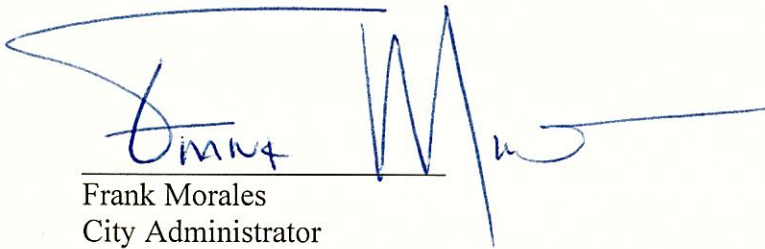
No action to report.

18. Adjourn.

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

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 16th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2025



Frank Morales
City Administrator



Gabriel Durand-Hollis
Mayor