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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 on 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 17th. The next City Council meeting will be held on September 18th. 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 13th.

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 as to the regulations on electric motorized scooters/mopeds. Chief Morales stated they are currently legal.

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

5. 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 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.

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

Pat Schneider indicated that aesthetics is the 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 the first City Council meeting in 18 years; he was concerned with the cost being spent on legal fees. He suggested making a deal to resolve the lawsuit and not bankrupt the City, and get the best aesthetics for the City of the new cell tower.

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.

City 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 the Law Office of Ryan Henry. Councilman Blasko seconded the motion.

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

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

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

City Attorney Marc Schnall stated 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 settlement terms were provided and that would be a settlement offer. The points of order were not sustained.

Councilman Acock stated a point of order that there is a violation of the open meetings act because the City Council did not have any information on which to base a decision.

City Attorney Marc Schnall stated there is no violation of 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 judgment call by members of the governing body as to whether or not they will vote for or against the motion made by Councilwoman Francis. The point of order was not sustained.

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 debate.

Vote on the motion to accept the settlement offer that was made by Councilwoman Francis.

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

Motion passed.

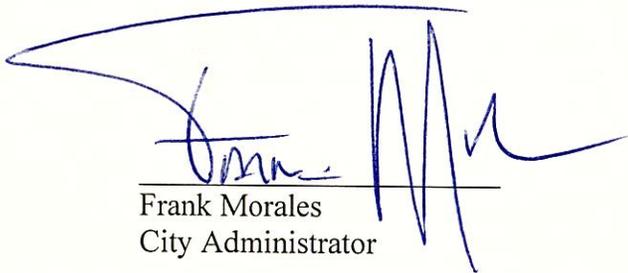
Attorney Ryan Henry gave details on the aesthetics and the timeline for the installation of the new cell tower and the removal of the old cell tower.

7. Adjourn.

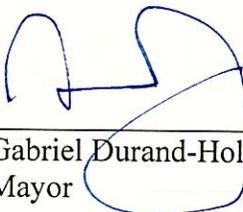
Mayor Durand-Hollis adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

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 15th DAY OF JANUARY, 2026



Frank Morales
City Administrator



Gabriel Durand-Hollis
Mayor