

MINUTES
CITY OF HONDO
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 26, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

1. Called the meeting to order.
Mayor McAnelly called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Quorum check.
Mayor John McAnelly, Mayor Pro Tem Jose "Porky" Ytuarte, Council Member Brett Williams, Council Member Bobby Vela, Council Member Rachel Ramirez, Council Member John E. Villa.

Absent: None.

Staff Present: Interim City Manager Robert T. Herrera, City Attorney Molly Solis, City Secretary Sue Ann Reyes, IT Network Administrator Josh Rodriguez, Public Works Director Rene Saenz, Lieutenant AJ Garza, Director of Public Information and Recreation Jamie Kindred, Airport Director Ryan Elder and Parks Director Len McVey.

3. Invocation by Pastor Paul Bruhn, First Methodist Church.
4. Pledge of Allegiance.
5. Citizens'/Public Comments: *Persons who desire to address the City of Hondo City Council will be received at this time. Those persons wishing to speak should complete a Public Comment Form and submit it to the City Secretary prior to the meeting. If the speaker wishes to comment on a particular agenda item, then the speaker should indicate such item(s) to on the form. Public comment is limited to 3 minutes per speaker. Speakers must conduct themselves in a civil manner. In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, the City of Hondo City Council cannot deliberate or take action on items not listed on the meeting agenda)*

Mr. Chavel Lopez, 1002 Avenue S, Hondo, expressed concern regarding the environmental climate change and its health hazards. Mr. Lopez asked the City Council to write letters and send them to the Environmental Protection Agency along with other government agencies to take steps to protect the health of the communities.

Carl Lopez, 2008 14th Street, Hondo expressed his concern regarding racial profiling and asked that the matter be looked into.

PRESENTATIONS

6. City Manager's Report. (Robert T. Herrera)
 1. Hondo Economic Development Corporation update.
 2. July 4th Celebration.

Interim City Manager reported the Economic Development Corporation met regarding Taxiway improvements at the South Texas Regional Airport, HEDC Financial reports. Mr. Herrera also reported the HEDC conducted two interviews for the HEDC Director position.

Mr. Herrera also reported that the 4th of July event would take place on July 2 at City Park 1.

7. Public Works Report. (Rene Saenz)

1. Sidewalk Project (Phase 1)
2. Alley Program

Public Works director Rene Saenz reported Phase 1 of the Sidewalk Project had been completed with the exception of the corner of Avenue K and 18th Street. Discussion ensued regarding the corner being ADA compliant and the concerns of damage to the business owner's building. Mr. Saenz stated he would meet with Mr. Herrera and come up with a solution for the ADA compliance.

Mr. Saenz reported the Alley Program cleanup had started trimming early due to the rain and overgrowth of weeds. The program still resume in October.

CONSENT

Council Member Ytuarte moved to approve consent agenda items 08; seconded by Council Member Vela. The motion carried by the following vote: AYE: Ytuarte, Williams, Vela, Ramirez, Villa. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

8. Discuss and consider approving the minutes from June 12, 2023 and May 15, 2023. (SueAnn Reyes)

OTHER BUSINESS

9. Discuss and consider approval to go out for bids for the Street Chip Seal Project. (Rene Saenz)

Director of Public Service Rene Saenz stated the plan was to chip seal 14 miles of road. Mr. Saenz stated this was a unit pricing bid and the City would only be billed for work that was done. Mr. Saenz stated the bid would not exceed \$2.7 million.

Council Member Vela made a motion to approve staff to go out for bids for the Street Chip Seal Project not to exceed \$2.7 million; seconded by Council Member Ramirez. The motion carried by the following vote: AYE: Ytuarte, Williams, Vela, Ramirez, Villa. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

The City Council of the City of Hondo convened into executive session at 06:26 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

10. Executive Session: The City Council of the City of Hondo may convene in Executive Session in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code:

Section 551.071(1) (A) and (2) (Consultations with Attorney) and Section 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters), Section 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), or Section 551.087 (Deliberations Regarding Economic Development Negotiations); Section 551.086 (Meeting concerning municipally owned utility-competitive matters);

- a. Discussion regarding Project Falcon. (Ryan Elder)
- b. Discussion regarding Withum Auditors. (Mayor McAnelly)
- c. Discussion regarding City Manager employment search. (Mayor McAnelly)

The City Council of the City of Hondo reconvened into regular session at 08:45 p.m.

11. Discuss and consider appropriate action on items resulting from Executive Session.

Council Member Vela made a motion to authorize the Mayor and City Attorney to authorize and agreement with Career Professionals LLC to begin the City Manager search process; seconded by Council Member Ramirez. The motion carried by the following vote: AYE: Vela, Williams, Ramirez. NAY: Ytuarte, Villa. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

12. Adjourn.

Council Member Vela made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Council Member Williams. The motion carried by the following vote: AYE: Ytuarte, Vela, Williams, Ramirez, Villa. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 10th DAY OF JULY 2023.

JOHN McANELLY, JR., MAYOR

ATTEST:

SueAnn Reyes, TRMC
City Secretary