

CITY OF HONDO
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 23, 2026 – 6:00 PM
City Council Chambers
1600 Avenue M
Hondo, Texas

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor McAnelly called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. QUORUM

Present: Mayor McAnelly; Mayor Pro Tem Jose “Porky” Ytuarte; Councilmembers Brett Williams, BJ McCollum, and Makenna Lange.

Councilmember Rachel Ramirez arrived at 6:18 p.m.

3. INVOCATION

The invocation was delivered by Pastor Beverly Kelling, St. Paul Lutheran 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) 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.

George Berry addressed the Council. He apologized for his conduct at the previous meeting and stated he believes he is being harassed. He reported retaining legal counsel and pursuing legal remedies.

Mr. Berry expressed concerns regarding management of the Parks Department, including irrigation practices, tree planting near the fairgrounds, mowing procedures, and contracted cemetery maintenance.

No action was taken.

6. PROCLAMATION – AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

Mayor McAnelly recognized March as American Red Cross Month in the City of Hondo.

7. PRESENTATION – PROPOSED JOINT EMERGENCY TRAINING CENTER

Ryan Elder presented information regarding a proposed joint Emergency Training Center at the Hondo Airport, identifying the proposed location at the northeast portion of the property near the former pool site and previously proposed shooting range area. The presentation included discussion of the proposed operational scope, potential funding structure, and consideration of a property lease or memorandum of understanding.

Chief Story provided additional information.

Discussion only; no action taken.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda is considered self-explanatory and will be enacted by the Council with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless they are removed from the Consent Agenda upon the request of the Mayor or a Council Member.

Councilmember Williams moved to approve Items 8 through 11 on the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ytuarte. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Consideration and approval of Resolution No. 475-26 authorizing submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the Downtown Revitalization Program.
9. Consideration and take possible action on authorizing the purchase of two (2) 2026 Chevrolet Equinox vehicles from Gunn Chevrolet through BuyBoard Contract #724-23 in the total amount of \$58,175.40 for replacement of two Hondo Police Department CID vehicles.
10. Consideration and approval of Resolution No. 476-26 authorizing submission of an application for financial assistance to the Office of the Governor for the Hondo Police Department – Uvalde 2026 Operation Stonegarden Project.

11. Consideration and approval of an appointment to the Library Advisory Board to fill a current vacancy. (Mayor McAnelly)

OTHER BUSINESS

12. Consideration and approval of a second reading of Resolution No. ED 1-26 of the Board of Directors of the Hondo Economic Development, approving additional funding for an expenditure in the amount of \$30,000.00 for the Façade improvement grant project as part of the small business development program, authorized by section 505.158 of the Texas Local Government Code; and providing for an immediate effective date.

The Council considered a second reading of Resolution No. ED 1-26 of the Board of Directors of the Hondo Economic Development Corporation.

Councilmember Ytuarte moved to approve the additional funding. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lange. Motion passed unanimously.

13. REZONING CASE NO. 001-26

Request from Sylvester Gallardo to rezone property located at 1002 17th Street, Hondo, Texas (Assessor's Parcel No. 16317; Hondo Block 8, Lots 15 and 16), from Central Business District (CBD) to Residential R-2.

Staff Presentation: John Naron, City Manager.

Applicant Presentation: Sylvester Gallardo stated he intends to relocate to Hondo and construct a residence on the property.

Mayor McAnelly opened the public hearing at 6:34 p.m.

No public comments were received.


The public hearing was closed at 6:35 p.m.

Councilmember Williams moved to approve the zoning change from CBD to R-2. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ytuarte. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT


There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Passed and approved this 9th day of March 2026.



John McAnelly, Mayor

ATTEST:



Julie Schneider, City Secretary

