

MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, December 9, 2024 @ 6:00PM
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 check.

Mayor John McAnelly Jr., Councilman Brett Williams, Councilman Joe Claire, Mayor Pro Tem Jose “Porky” Ytuarte, Councilman John E. Villa

Absent: Council Woman Rachel Ramirez

Staff Present: City Manager John Naron, City Attorney Mike McCann, Chief Finance Officer Chris Hill, City Secretary Rebekah Dolphus, IT Manager Josh Rodriguez, IT Support Specialist Pauline Martinez, Public Relations & Recreation Director Jamie Kindred, Development Services Director Uche Echeozo, Director of Public Works Rene Saenz, Water Superintendent Jeremiah Socarras, Chief of Police Justin Soza

3. Invocation by Pastor J. Paul Bruhn, Hondo 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.*

No citizens’/public comments.

PRESENTATIONS

6. Harbor Island Sea Water Desalinization project explanation. (Travis Pruski, Chief Operating Officer, Nueces River Authority)

John Byrum, Executive Director Nueces River Authority, provided an overview of the Texas water situation, highlighting a projected deficit of 235 million gallons per day by 2030 and 402 million gallons per day by 2070. He advocated for desalinization as a viable solution and outlined Senator Perry's plan to develop a facility capable of producing 450 million gallons per day by sourcing water from 8 miles offshore in the Gulf of Mexico, with brine being returned to the source.

Councilman Ytuarte asked about impacts on existing wells, and Mr. Byrum clarified that processed water would flow through the wastewater system. Councilman Claire

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inquired about potential rate increases for citizens. Mr. Byrum stated rates will rise but expects figures that are more accurate in six months.

Mr. Byrum also described the P3 (Public-Private Partnership) route, which would reduce pressure on the state by spreading the estimated \$2 billion cost across multiple entities. He noted that a private company would bring funding, allowing them to proceed without upfront costs. Charges to involved entities would be based on actual usage.

CONSENT

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.

Councilman Ytuarte moved to approve items 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 on the Consent agenda and pull item #10 to Other Business for discussion; seconded by Councilman Villa. Motion passes unanimously.

7. Consideration and approval of Resolution No. 439-24 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HONDO, TEXAS, SUPPORTING NUECES RIVER AUTHORITY HARBOR ISLAND DESALINATION IN THE 89TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

8. Consideration and approval of the 4th Quarter Financial Report for FY 2024. (Chris Hill, Chief Finance Officer)

9. Consideration and approval of the 4th Quarter Investment Report for FY 2024. (Chris Hill, Chief Finance Officer)

11. Consideration and approval to award TXCDBG Grant preparation services to Langford Community Management Services. (Rene Saenz, Director of Public Works)

12. Consideration and approval of Resolution No. 438-24 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HONDO, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND. (Rene Saenz, Director of Public Works)

13. Consideration and approval of various appointments to Boards and Commissions. (Mayor McAnelly)

- **Blue Santa Advisory Board** – Vanessa De Los Santos, Sandy DeLeon Gonzales, Caroline Lee, Audrey Garza, and Jennifer Rivera

- **Charter Review Commission** – Rose Mary Mares, Tara Mumme DeLeon, Ernest Garza, Lee Taylor, George Adams, Joel Gonzales, Michele Mechler, Mercy Hernandez, Brad Price, Diana Alvarez, Jim Danner, Lindsey Muennink, David Hook, Glen Klaus, and Shannon Windrow.

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- Planning & Zoning Commission – Makenna Lange

14. Consideration and approval of well sites electrical repairs with funds from the Certificate of Obligations Series 2024. (John Naron, City Manager)

15. Consideration and approval of Resolution No. 440-24 and Resolution No. 441-24 authorizing the City Manager to execute and accept a 0.021-acre water line easement and 0.028-acre electric line easement with Boise Cascade Building Materials Distribution, L.L.C. (John Naron, City Manager)

OTHER BUSINESS

10. Consideration and approval of Ordinance No. 1298-12-24 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HONDO, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING AMENDMENTS TO THE ADOPTED ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF HONDO, TEXAS FOR THE 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR PROVIDING FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION AND/OR TRANSFER OF CERTAIN FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR THE OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT. (Chris Hill, Chief Finance Officer)

Mr. Hill explained the amendment process, noting that formal ordinances for amendments are conducted twice a year. He clarified that the current amendments pertain to the previous year's budget, not the current one, and include items previously approved by the Council. This process is primarily done to ensure a clean audit and a balanced budget.

Councilman Ytuarte moved to approve Ordinance 1298-12-24; seconded by Councilman Williams. Motion passes unanimously.

16. Consideration and approval for the City of Hondo to enter into a one-year contract with Flock Safety for cameras at City Parks. (Justin Soza, Chief of Police)

Mr. Soza reported that the 90-day free trial period had ended and recommended continuing the program, noting its effectiveness in deterring and helping to catch individuals. He confirmed that funds for this initiative are already budgeted.

Councilman Villa moved to approve a one-year contract with Flock Safety for cameras at City Parks for \$22,500; seconded by Councilman Claire. Motion passes unanimously.

17. Consideration and approval of Resolution No. 442-24 awarding the rehabilitation of the city-owned 500,000-gallon ground storage tank project to NG Painting, LP, of Kerrville, Texas. (John Naron, City Manager)

Councilman Ytuarte moved to approve Resolution 442-24; seconded by Councilman Williams. Motion passes unanimously.

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18. Adjourn.

Councilman Villa moved to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Ytuarte. Motion passes unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

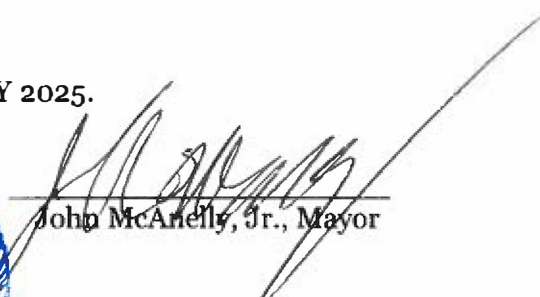
PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 13TH DAY OF JANUARY 2025.

ATTEST:



Rebekah Dolphus, City Secretary





John McAnelly, Jr., Mayor