

MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, July 14, 2025 @ 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, Council Woman Rachel Ramirez, Council Woman Makenna Lange

Absent: None

Staff Present: City Manager John Naron, City Attorney Mike McCann, City Secretary Rebekah Dolphus, Public Relations & Recreation Director Jamie Kindred, IT Manager Josh Rodriguez, IT Support Specialist Nick Deleon, Director of Aviation Ryan Elder, Assistant Police Chief AJ Garza, Director of Parks, Len McVay, Athletic Coordinator Joe Alex Quintanilla, Development Services Manager Uche Echeozo, Seasonal Pool Manger Rob Fowler

3. Invocation by Mayor John McAnelly.

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.*

Melverda Dile – 700 CR 4311 Hondo, TX 78861

- **Concerns were raised regarding the potential use of Airport land for a solar farm and whether the existing sewer system will be able to support the increased demand from new housing developments.**
- **A request was made to consider adding another walking trail on the portion of Airport land that was previously listed for sale.**

Tracy Voss – 182 CR 248 Hondo, TX 78861

- **An introduction was given on the Promotion Action Compassion and Kindness (PACK) Program, which focuses on humane education.**
- **The youth version of the program, PAWS (Promoting Animal Welfare in Schools), aims to educate children on compassion, kindness, and responsible animal care.**

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Chavel Lopez – 1002 Ave S Hondo, TX 78861

- The warehouse that recently burned down needs to be demolished, with the City taking the lead on addressing the issue.
- Suggested that employee pay raises should be at least 10%.
- Would like Animal Care Board members to be appointed.

PROCLAMATIONS

6. Recognize Parks & Recreation Month 2025. (Mayor McAnelly)

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 Williams moved to approve items 7, 8, 9, and 10 on the Consent agenda; seconded by Council Woman Ramirez. Motion passes unanimously.

7. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 457-25 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HONDO, TEXAS, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR ADVANCED AIR MOBILITY INITIATIVES AT THE SOUTH TEXAS REGIONAL AIRPORT. (RYAN ELDER, DIRECTOR OF AVIATION)

8. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 458-25 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HONDO, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA) DEED OF RELEASE OF OBLIGATION FOR APPROXIMATELY 100.763 ACRES OF AIRPORT PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE SOUTH TEXAS REGIONAL AIRPORT AT HONDO; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (RYAN ELDER, DIRECTOR OF AVIATION)

9. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 459-25 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HONDO, TEXAS, APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF SPATZ WATER WELL PROJECT BY RL JONES, LP. (JEREMIAH SOCARRAS, WATER SUPERINTENDENT)

10. Consideration and approval of various appointments to boards and commissions. (Mayor McAnelly)

Planning & Zoning Commission

- Brendon Lowe

Airport Advisory Board

- Robert Richter

Library Advisory Board

- Susan Freeman
- Ashley Corral

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OTHER BUSINESS

11. Discuss and consider action on authorizing the City Manager to enter into a lease agreement with EZ-GO and The Huntington National Bank for golf carts at the Hondo Golf Course. (John Naron, City Manager)

Councilman Williams moved to authorize the City Manager to enter into a lease agreement with EZ-GO and The Huntington National Bank for golf carts at the Hondo Golf Course in the amount of \$2,355.25 for 49 months; seconded by Council Woman Lange. Motion passes unanimously.

12. Present, discuss, and consider action on Hondo Downtown Business Association request for 2026 Hotel Occupancy Tax funds. (Landon Morin, Vice President, Hondo Downtown Business Association)

Councilman Claire abstained from discussion and decision-making on this item due to a conflict of interest. He was not present at the dais for this portion of meeting.

Landon Morin presented request on behalf of the Hondo Downtown Business Association for 2026 Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) funds. No action was taken at this time; Council agreed the request can be discussed further during upcoming budget workshops.

13. Discuss and consider authorizing the City Manager to execute lease agreement(s) for a total of 362.021 acre-feet per annum of Base Irrigation (BIG) Edwards Aquifer water rights at the Hondo Airport for CY 2025. (Ryan Elder, Director of Aviation)

Council discussed the item, which was publicly advertised for bids under RFB #25-005. Two bids were received: Costanzo Farms for 150 acre-feet at \$100/acre-foot (\$15,000), and William Lamon for 362.021 acre-feet at \$76/acre-foot (\$27,513.60). Staff recommended awarding 150 acre-feet to Costanzo Farms and reducing the award to William Lamon to 212 acre-feet.

Councilman Ytuarte moved to authorize the City Manager to execute a lease with Costanzo Farms for 150AF of Airport BIG rights at a lease price of \$15,000 and execute a lease with William Lamon for 212AF of Airport BIG rights at a lease price of \$16,112; seconded by Council Woman Ramirez. Motion passes unanimously.

14. Discuss and consider action on an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Hondo and Hondo ISD to authorize the assignment of two (2) additional School Resource Officers (SROs) at the request of Hondo ISD, and to update the agreement to reflect increased compensation and benefit costs for all assigned SROs, including discussion regarding the funding and provision of necessary equipment and patrol vehicles to support the additional officers. (Justin Soza, Chief of Police)

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Councilman Ytuarte moved to approve Hondo ISD request for two additional SROs and authorize the City Manager to execute the amendment to the Interlocal Agreement; seconded by Councilman Williams. Motion passes unanimously.

15. Discuss and consider action on proposed amendments of the Home Rule Charter from the Charter Review Commission.

3.12 Rules of Procedure.

(1) The City Council and all Commissions and Boards shall conduct business in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order or such other rules of procedure which they may adopt by resolution. The City Council shall provide that the citizens of the City shall have a reasonable opportunity to clearly hear and be heard at all regular meetings and public hearings with regard to specific matters under consideration. The City Council shall provide for minutes to be taken and recorded for all public meetings as required by law. Such minutes shall be a public record and shall be kept and maintained by the City Secretary.

~~City Council shall adopt Rules of Procedure consistent with this Charter.~~

The Mayor, City Manager or any two (2) Councilmembers may place items on the agenda prior to the agenda being posted.

5.02 Filing for Office.

In the event any incumbent office holder, of any elected city office, becomes a candidate for election to any office other than the one they are presently holding, and the incumbent office holder has more than one year ~~and thirty (30) days~~ remaining in office, such candidate shall forfeit his/her position effective as of the date of becoming a candidate for the other elected office. Such resignation shall take effect without any further act of acceptance by the Council and the Council may proceed in filling the vacancy by calling an election in accordance with state law;

6.10 Results of a Recall Election..

If a majority of the votes cast at a recall election is against removal of a Council Member named on the ballot, that member shall continue in office. If a majority of the votes cast at such election are for the removal of the City Council Member named on the ballot, the City Council shall immediately declare the office vacant and such vacancy shall be filled in accordance with the provision of this Charter. Individuals removed from office by recall are prohibited from being a candidate in any City election for a period of ~~three two (32)~~ years and thirty (30) days from the date of their recall.

7.05 Public Hearing on Budget.

At the City Council meeting when the budget is submitted, the City Council shall name the date and place of a public hearing and shall have published in the official newspaper of the City, the time and place, which will be not less than the ten (10) days nor more than thirty (30) days after the date of notice. At this hearing, interested citizens may express their opinions concerning items of expenditures, giving their reasons for wishing to increase or decrease any items of expense. ~~Such public hearing shall be held at a separate City Council meeting that takes place prior to the meeting at which the budget is adopted.~~

8.01 Authority, Composition, and Procedures – Boards and Commissions

(1) The City Council shall create, establish or appoint, as may be required by the laws of the State of Texas or this Charter, or deemed desirable by the City Council, such boards, commissions and committees as it deems necessary to carry out the functions and obligations of the City. The City Council shall, by ordinance or resolution, prescribe the purpose, composition, function, duties, accountability and tenure of each board, commission and committee where such are not prescribed by law or this Charter. ~~Members of such boards, commissions, and committees shall serve staggered terms of three (3) years for no more than three (3) consecutive terms except as otherwise provided by this Charter or state law.~~

(2) Individuals who are qualified voters and residents of the City, ~~with no more than one member from the City's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ), may be appointed by the City Council, if allowed by state law, to serve on one (1) or more boards, commissions or committees. if allowed by state law. Where not~~

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prohibited by state law, and in addition to appointing individuals who are qualified voters and residents of the City, the City Council may appoint one individual who resides in the City's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) to serve on each board, commission, or committee; however, no more than one member of any single board, commission, or committee may reside in the ETJ. Such appointees shall serve at the pleasure of the City Council and may be removed at the discretion of the City Council. Except as otherwise provided in this Charter members of any such board, commission or committee shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for actual expenses as approved by the City Council.

9.04 The Comprehensive Master Plan: Procedure and Legal Effect.

The existing Comprehensive Master Plan contains recommendations for the growth, development and beautification of the City and its extraterritorial jurisdiction. ~~The Comprehensive Master Plan shall be reviewed every five (5) years.~~ Additions to and amendments of the Comprehensive Master Plan shall be by ordinance or resolution in accordance with Texas State Law.

11.01 Severability.

~~If any section or part of this Charter is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not invalidate or impair the validity, force or effect of any other section or part of this Charter. If any section or provision of this Charter is found and held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall not affect the validity, force, or effect of the remaining sections or provisions of this Charter.~~

11.04 Charter Review Commission.

~~(1) Within the first two (2) years after the adoption of this Charter t~~The Council shall appoint a Charter Review Commission in accordance with this Section ~~every fifth (5th) year following the date on which the Charter was initially amended. If Council does not appoint a Charter Commission, on the fifth year after initial adoption of the Charter and every five (5) years thereafter, the Council shall appoint a Charter Review Commission.~~ Except as otherwise provided in this Charter, each appointment of the Charter Review Commission shall be a registered voter of the City prior to the appointment, for at least twelve (12) months preceding the appointment. Commission members shall serve without compensation and shall not be employed by or hold any other position in the City government, in addition to any other requirements prescribed by the Council, members shall maintain the qualification established by this section while in office. No member of the commission shall remain in this position after being elected or appointed to a City office.

12.02 Disannexation.

~~The City Council may disannex territory within the City's corporate limits in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Charter, provided they do not conflict with the procedural requirements of state law.~~ Whenever in the opinion of the City Council, there exists within the corporate limits of the City a territory not suitable or necessary for City purposes the City Council may disannex said territory as part of the City by ordinance after a public hearing on the issue; however, any territory so disannexed shall be liable for its pro rata share of any debts incurred while it was a part of the city, and the city shall continue to levy and collect taxes on the property within said territory until indebtedness has been discharged.

14.02 Nepotism

All members of the City Council, and all officers and employees of the City, shall be subject to and shall comply with the provisions of general state law regarding nepotism, including but not limited to Chapter 573 of the Texas Government Code. The City Council shall provide, by ordinance, regulations and procedures for the implementation and enforcement of said Chapter.

~~In addition, no person related within the first degree by affinity or consanguinity to the Mayor or any Council Member or the City Manager shall be employed by or contracted with for the City. This shall not apply to any person employed by the City prior to the person related in the above degree filing to run for elective office or being nominated for an appointment.~~ Nothing in this Section shall prohibit the Council from adopting a more restrictive ordinance.

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Councilman Ytuarte moved to approve the proposed changes recommended by the Home Rule Charter Review Commission; seconded by Council Woman Ramirez. Motion passes unanimously.

16. Adjourn.

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

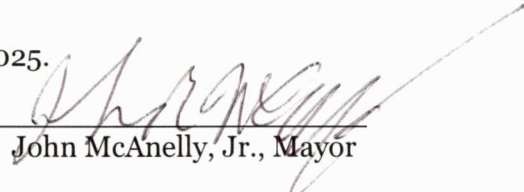
Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 11TH DAY OF AUGUST 2025.

ATTEST:



Rebekah Dolphus, City Secretary



John McAnelly, Jr., Mayor