

MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, August 25, 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, Mayor Pro Tem Jose “Porky” Ytuarte, Council Woman Rachel Ramirez, Council Woman Makenna Lange

Absent: None

Vacant: Council Place 2

Staff Present: City Manager John Naron, City Attorney Mike McCann, Chief Finance Officer Chris Hill, Assistant Finance Director Olivia Hancock, City Secretary Rebekah Dolphus, IT Manager Josh Rodriguez, IT Support Specialist Nick Deleon, Development Services Manager Uche Echeozo, Building & Grounds/Parks Director Len McVay

3. Invocation by Pastor Mike Vasquez, First Baptist 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.

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 item 6 on the Consent agenda; seconded by Council Woman Ramirez. Motion passes unanimously.

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6. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 462-25 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HONDO, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF A WATER TANK MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF HONDO AND UTILITY SERVICE CO., INC., AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (JOHN NARON, CITY MANAGER)

OTHER BUSINESS

7. Public Hearing on the Proposed Property Tax Rate for 2025-2026 Fiscal Year. (Chris Hill, Chief Finance Officer & John Naron, City Manager)

A. Open Public Hearing.

- Opened at 6:03 p.m.

B. Staff Presentation.

- Mr. Hill summarized the proposed property tax rate and advised that the No-New Revenue Rate (NNR) is \$0.4677 and the Voter Approval Rate (VAR) is \$0.5337. He explained that the proposed rate falls between these two rates; therefore, an election will not be required. Mr. Hill also noted that the tax rate will remain the same as last year, so if a property's appraisal does not change, the taxes will remain the same.

C. Public Comments. (Limited to 3 minutes per person)

- None

D. Adjourn Public Hearing.

- Adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

8. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION ON ORDINANCE NO. 1305-08-25 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HONDO, TEXAS MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF HONDO, TEXAS FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2025 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026; APPROPRIATING MONEY TO THE SINKING FUND TO PAY PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST DUE ON THE CITY'S INDEBTEDNESS; AND ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF HONDO FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (CHRIS HILL, CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER AND JOHN NARON, CITY MANAGER)

Councilman Ytuarte moved to approve Ordinance No. 1305-08-25; seconded by Council Woman Ramirez. Record Vote: Place 1 Councilman Brett Williams – Aye, Place 3 Councilman Jose “Porky” Ytuarte – Aye, Place 4 Council Woman Rachel Ramirez – Aye, Place 5 Council Woman Makenna Lange – Aye. Motion passes unanimously.

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9. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION ON ORDINANCE NO. 1306-08-25 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HONDO, TEXAS, SETTING THE AD VALOREM TAX RATE OF \$0.4800 CENTS PER \$100.00 VALUATION FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS AND DEBT SERVICE OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF HONDO FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR; PROVIDING WHEN TAXES SHALL BECOME DUE AND WHEN SAME SHALL BECOME DELINQUENT IF NOT PAID. (CHRIS HILL, CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER AND JOHN NARON, CITY MANAGER)

Mr. Hill advised the M&O will be .3122 and I&S will be .1678 equals .48

Councilman Ytuarte moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.48 cents per \$100.00 valuation, which is effectively a 2.63 percent increase in the tax rate; seconded by Council Woman Lange. Record Vote: Place 1 Councilman Brett Williams – Aye, Place 3 Councilman Jose “Porky” Ytuarte – Aye, Place 4 Council Woman Rachel Ramirez – Aye, Place 5 Council Woman Makenna Lange – Aye. Motion passes unanimously.

Councilman Ytuarte moved to approve Ordinance No. 1306-08-25; seconded by Council Woman Lange. Record Vote: Place 1 Councilman Brett Williams – Aye, Place 3 Councilman Jose “Porky” Ytuarte – Aye, Place 4 Council Woman Rachel Ramirez – Aye, Place 5 Council Woman Makenna Lange – Aye. Motion passes unanimously.

10. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 465-25 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HONDO, TEXAS RATIFYING THE PROPERTY TAX RATE INCREASE REFLECTED IN THE CITY'S ADOPTED FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET, WHICH IS A BUDGET THAT WILL REQUIRE RAISING MORE REVENUE FROM PROPERTY TAXES THAN IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (CHRIS HILL, CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER AND JOHN NARON, CITY MANAGER)

Councilman Ytuarte moved to approve Resolution No. 465-25; seconded by Council Woman Lange. Record Vote: Place 1 Councilman Brett Williams – Aye, Place 3 Councilman Jose “Porky” Ytuarte – Aye, Place 4 Council Woman Rachel Ramirez – Aye, Place 5 Council Woman Makenna Lange – Aye. Motion passes unanimously.

11. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION ON ORDINANCE NO. 1307-08-25 OF THE CITY OF HONDO, TEXAS AMENDING APPENDIX A, "FEE SCHEDULE" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HONDO BY AMENDING PERTINENT SECTIONS TO REFLECT CURRENT FEES, INCREASED FEES, DELETED FEES, AND NEW FEES; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (CHRIS HILL, CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER AND JOHN NARON, CITY MANAGER)

Councilman Ytuarte moved to approve Ordinance No. 1307-08-25; seconded by Council Woman Lange. Record Vote: Place 1 Councilman Brett Williams – Aye, Place 3 Councilman Jose “Porky” Ytuarte – Aye, Place 4 Council Woman Rachel Ramirez – Aye, Place 5 Council Woman Makenna Lange – Aye. Motion passes unanimously.

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12. Discuss and consider action on renewing a Facility Lease Agreement with Southwest Family Life Centers, Inc. (John Naron, City Manager)

Councilman Williams moved to authorize the City Manager to execute a new lease agreement with Southwest Family Life Centers, Inc.; seconded by Councilman Ytuarte. Motion passes unanimously.

13. Discuss and consider action on the purchase of a tractor for the Parks Department from the General Fund. (Len McVay, Parks Director & John Naron, City Manager)

Councilman Williams moved to authorize the City Manager to buy a tractor not to exceed \$49,000; seconded by Councilman Ytuarte. Motion passes unanimously.

The City Council of the City of Hondo convened into Executive Session at 6:27 p.m.

14. 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)**, Section 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), **Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters)**, Section 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), Section 551.087 (Deliberations Regarding Economic Development Negotiations, or Section 551.086 (Meeting concerning municipally owned utility-competitive matters);

A. Discussion and possible action regarding the City Manager's employment contract.

The City Council of the City of Hondo reconvened into regular session at 6:36 p.m.

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

Councilman Ytuarte moved to authorize the mayor to execute the City Manager's employment agreement as discussed and written; seconded by Councilman Williams. Motion passes unanimously.

16. Adjourn.

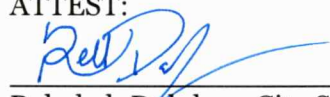
Councilman Williams moved to adjourn; seconded by Council Woman Ramirez. Motion passes unanimously.

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Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

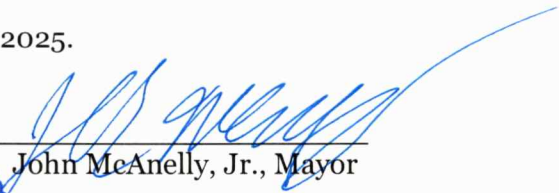
PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 13TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2025.

ATTEST:



Rebekah Dolphus, City Secretary





John McAnelly, Jr., Mayor