

MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, October 13, 2025 @ 6:00PM
City Council Chambers, 1600 Avenue M Hondo, Texas

1. Call to order.

Mayor McAnelly called the meeting to order at 6:02 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, City Secretary Rebekah Dolphus, Public Relations & Recreation Director Jamie Kindred, IT Manager Josh Rodriguez, IT Support Specialist Nick Deleon, Chief of Police Justin Soza, Public Works Director Rene Saenz, Development Services Manager Uche Echeozo

3. Invocation by Pastor Steve Peyton, New Fountain 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.*

Chavel Lopez– 1002 Ave S Hondo, TX 78861

- **Mr. Lopez began by recognizing Indigenous Peoples’ Day, then expressed concerns about data centers related to water and electric usage and noise, and also reported issues regarding the treatment of Parks and Facilities employees.**

Florestela Gonzales – 1002 Ave S Hondo, TX 78861

- **Ms. Gonzales commented on the Animal Advisory Board and expressed frustration that questions she raised several weeks ago had not yet been addressed by Council members.**

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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 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 on the Consent agenda; seconded by Councilman Ytuarte. Motion passes unanimously.

6. Consideration and approval of the August 11, 2025 Regular City Council meeting minutes.
(Rebekah Dolphus, City Secretary)

7. Consideration and approval of the August 18, 2025 Special City Council meeting minutes.
(Rebekah Dolphus, City Secretary)

8. Consideration and approval of the August 25, 2025 Regular City Council meeting minutes.
(Rebekah Dolphus, City Secretary)

9. Consideration and approval of the September 8, 2025 Regular City Council meeting minutes.
(Rebekah Dolphus, City Secretary)

10. Consideration and approval of the September 22, 2025 Regular City Council meeting minutes.
(Rebekah Dolphus, City Secretary)

11. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 466-25 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HONDO, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF FARM-TO-MARKET ROAD 462 (AVENUE M) ON NOVEMBER 22, 2025, FOR THE CITY OF HONDO "CHRISTMAS IN GOD'S COUNTRY" PARADE. (RENE SAENZ, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR)

12. Consideration and approval on authorizing the purchase of two (2) 2026 Ford Police Interceptor Utility (PIU) vehicles, including the vehicles, installation of emergency equipment, radar, and in-car camera systems, utilizing grant funds awarded by the Office of the Governor under Operation Lone Star 2026 Grant #5201202. (Chief Soza)

13. Consideration and approval on authorizing the purchase of one (1) 2026 Ford Police Interceptor Utility (PIU) vehicle, including the vehicle, installation of emergency equipment, radar, and in-car camera systems, utilizing grant funds awarded by the Office of the Governor under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Grant #5356201. (Chief Soza)

14. Consideration and approval on authorizing the purchase of one (1) 2026 Ford Police Interceptor Utility (PIU) vehicle, including the vehicle, installation of emergency equipment, radar, and in-car camera system, with funding provided in the City of Hondo FY 2025–2026 budget. (Chief Soza)

15. Consideration and approval of various appointments to boards and commissions. (Mayor McAnelly) – **None**

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OTHER BUSINESS

16. Consideration and possible action on Resolution No. 467-25 approving a sole source procurement of a Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system from Data Flow Systems, LLC (DFS) pursuant to Texas Local Government Code § 252.022(a)(7)(A), and authorizing the City Manager to execute the SCADA System Equipment Lease Agreement and related documents. (John Naron, City Manager)

Mr. Naron explained that DFS is a sole source provider whose system is made in the United States and is fully backward compatible. The system has no update fees, is known for long service life, and is used by several surrounding and Central Texas cities. The SCADA system will allow staff to monitor and control multiple components of the water system, and DFS will provide necessary training. Funding for this acquisition is already included in the FY budget.

Councilman Ytuarte moved to approve Resolution No. 467-25 and authorize the City Manager to execute the SCADA System Equipment Lease Agreement and related documents for a term of 3 years and an amount not to exceed \$286,607.00; seconded by Council Woman Lange. Motion passes unanimously.

17. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION ON ORDINANCE NO. 1309-10-25 OF THE CITY OF HONDO, TEXAS, AMENDING THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE TO: RENUMBER SUBSECTIONS IN §5.1 "RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICTS"; ADD A NEW §5.1.6 ESTABLISHING THE "R-4" RESIDENTIAL FOUR ZONING DISTRICT; AMEND §§4.1, 6.1.2, 6.2.1, 7.3.2, 7.3.6, AND 7.5.1 TO INCORPORATE THE R-4 DISTRICT; AMEND §11.1 "DEFINED TERMS" TO CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF "INDUSTRIALIZED HOME"; AMEND §§5.1.2, 5.1.3, 5.1.4, 5.1.5, 5.1.7, 5.1.8, AND 6.1.2 TO INCLUDE REFERENCES TO THE CLARIFIED DEFINITION OF "INDUSTRIALIZED HOME"; DECLARING A PUBLIC PURPOSE; INCORPORATING RECITALS; PROVIDING A REPEALER AND SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ernest Garza – 1703 16th Street Hondo, TX 78861

- **Spoke in opposition to the creation of the new zoning district, stating that he was previously required to install a concrete slab to ensure his structure could not be moved. He expressed concern that allowing different standards would move the community backward and conflict with the goal of maintaining a well-developed and consistent neighborhood.**

Councilman Ytuarte moved to approve Ordinance No. 1309-10-25 with the removal of townhomes; seconded by Council Woman Ramirez. Motion passes unanimously.

18. Public hearing on a rezoning request from St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church for a zone change from Residential-R2 to CBD (Central Business District). Legal descriptions being Hondo Block 32 Lots 1–10 and Hondo Block 29 north half parts of Lots 15–18. Assessor's parcel identification no's 16497 and 16486.

A. Open public hearing.

- **Opened at 6:40 p.m.**

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B. Staff presentation. (Uche Echeozo, Development Services Manager)

- Mr. Echeozo presented the item and advised that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the application.

C. Owner/applicant presentation.

- None

D. Public comments (limited to 3 minutes per person).

- None

E. Adjourn public hearing.

- Adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

F. Discuss and consider action on a rezoning request from St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church for a zone change from Residential-R2 to CBD (Central Business District).

No action was taken at the request of the City Attorney, as an ordinance and updated zoning map should be prepared and attached before consideration.

19. Public hearing and consideration on adopting the current editions of the International Code Council (ICC) codes, replacing the editions previously adopted by the City, including but not limited to the following:

International Building Code (IBC)

International Existing Building Code (IEBC)

International Residential Code (IRC)

International Energy Conservation Code (IECC)

International Plumbing Code (IPC)

International Mechanical Code (IMC).

International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC)

International Private Sewage Disposal Code (IPSDC)

International Fire Code (IFC)

A. Open Public Hearing.

- Opened at 6:59 p.m.

B. Staff Presentation. (Uche Echeozo, Development Services Manager)

- Mr. Naron advised that each code requires its own ordinance and that staff should review each code individually to ensure the City is not adopting provisions that do not fit local needs.

- Mr. Echeozo presented information regarding the adoption of the ICC codes.

- Mr. Jody Poth from Bureau Veritas Group came to podium and answered questions from Mayor and Council.

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

- None

D. Adjourn Public Hearing.

- Adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

E. Discuss and consider action on adopting the current editions of the International Code Council (ICC) Codes as stated above.

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No action was taken at the request of the City Attorney. He advised that adoption should occur in one of two ways: either by adding language for automatic amendments as new editions are released, or by reviewing each individual code and adopting customized versions tailored to the City's needs.

20. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 468-25 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HONDO, TEXAS, NOMINATING A CANDIDATE FOR THE ELECTION OF MEDINA CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2026-2027.

Councilman Ytuarte moved to approve Resolution No. 468-25 ; seconded by Council Woman Ramirez. Motion passes unanimously.

21. Adjourn.

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

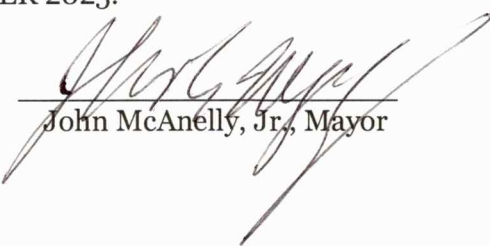
Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 8TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2025.

ATTEST:



Rebekah Dolphus, City Secretary



John McAnelly, Jr., Mayor

