

**MINUTES
OF THE TOWN OF HOLLYWOOD PARK
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2025, AT 6:00 P.M.**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
Mayor Drash called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- II. **INVOCATION:**
Councilmember Dale Randol.
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
Mayor Drash led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- IV. **ROLL CALL**
- V. Members of the City Council present: Mayor Chester Drash, Councilmember Jim Rodriguez, Councilmember Todd Kounse, Councilmember Dale Randol, Councilmember Wendy Gonzalez, and Councilmember Glenna Pearce.
- VI. Staff present: Police Chief Shad Prichard, Interim Fire Chief Eric Burnside, City Treasurer Fred Timmons, City Secretary Jeannette Huggins, City Attorney Frank Garza.
- VII. **ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO JEANNETTE HUGGHINS, CITY SECRETARY 0:42**
Judge Darrell Dullnig administered the Oath of Office to Jeannette Huggins.
- VIII. **REPORTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRESENTATIONS 5:47**
 - 1) The Interim Fire Chief reported 47 total calls for service in the month of August, of which 30 were EMS calls. Out of the 30 EMS calls 24 involved Advanced Life Support (ALS) calls where HPFD personnel provided ALS services. Currently HPFD employs five (5) paramedics. Mutual aid calls have gone down. Two new firefighters have been hired. Wellness checks will continue every other Thursday. HPFD completed 47 commercial inspections in the month of August.
Lt. Josh Bates presented the Hollywood Park Fire Fighter Association breast cancer awareness t-shirts they will be selling to promote breast cancer awareness in the Hollywood Park Community during the month of October. Funds from T-shirt sales will remain in Hollywood Park to help individuals battling breast cancer.
 - 2) **18:58** Police Chief Prichard reported 344 calls for service in the Month of August, of which 9 were offenses and 3 resulted in arrests. There were reports of vehicles stolen, as well as some burglary of motor vehicles from local establishments. Chief Prichard spoke about National Night Out, which may be sponsored by the HPCA on October 1st.
 - 3) **25:22** City Treasurer Fred Timmons reported Total revenues in the General Fund for the month of July were \$368,172. Total expenses for the month were \$535,784 which resulted in excess expenses for the month of \$167,612. For the ten months ending July 31, 2025, total revenues in the General Fund were \$5,796,099. Total expenses for the ten months were \$5,224,434. This resulted in excess revenues for ten months of \$571,665.
 - 4) **32:40** City Attorney reported he will be working with Councilmembers Pearce and Randol regarding the budget amendment process. He also worked on ordinances for the meeting today.

- 5) **33:07** Interim City Secretary Jeannette Huggins reported 13 public information requests for the month of August. A total of 7 pool passes sold with a total current sale of \$83,240.00 for the season. Municipal Court had 272 cases on the August docket with 111 defendants appearing for court. There were 98 warrants issued. A total of 103 tree trimming permits were issued in the month of August.
- 6) **35:00** Mayor Chester Drash reported 119 code enforcement calls for service during the month of August. There was a total of 42 Voigt Center rentals for the month of August. Mayor Drash reported that Public Works staff continues working on potholes around Town. Crack sealing can't be performed during hot days. Bid requests were requested and the City Engineer is vetting the bids for the culvert crossings and Donnella Dr. street work. Mayor Drash commented that changes to sanitation services are not included in the FY 25-26 budget. Major street improvements will be considered in the near future.

IX. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION 43:38

- None.

X. CONSENT AGENDA 43:56

1. Approval of the Minutes of the August 14, August 25, and September 9, 2025, Special City Council meetings.
2. Acceptance of the Financial Statements as of July 31, 2025.

Councilmember Randol moved to approve the Consent Agenda as noted.
Councilmember Gonzalez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

IX. NEW BUSINESS 45:38

1. **1:50:52** Discuss and consider approval of the appointment of five (5) individuals to the Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors for a term beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2027.
 - a) Citizen Comment - None
 - b) Discussion – Jeannette Huggins presented the item explaining there are seven (7) EDC board member of which four (4) have terms expiring September 30th. The Town received a total of eight (8) applications for the EDC Board. There are four (4) two-year terms to fill along with one (1) one-year term for an unexpired term of a board member who has had an excess number of absences from board meetings.
 - Councilmember Randol moved to appoint Chris Bain, Brian Budnik, Colleen Salazar, and Alan Sale to a two-year term and Kenneth Sumners for one year of the unexpired term.
 - Councilmember Kounse seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
2. **46:16** Discuss and consider approval of the FY 2025-2026 Budget for the Economic Development Corporation.
 - a) Citizen Comment – Tonya Cummings regarding an email she sent to the city council requesting their support for everything the EDC requested, to include the FD vehicle. She is in favor of the FD command vehicle.
 - b) Discussion – Councilmember Pearce asked the City Treasurer for information regarding the Uber gift cards. She also asked about the transfer of \$41,500 reserve

transfer. Councilmember commented that she is still not in support of the EDC purchasing the Fire Department command vehicle.
Councilmember Randol also commented that he is not in support of the EDC purchasing the Fire Department command vehicle.

Councilmember Kounse moved to pass the FY 2025-2026 budget.
Councilmember Rodriguez seconded the motion, which passed 3 to 2 in favor, with Councilmembers Randol and Pearce voting nay.

3. **54:55** Discuss and consider approval of an ordinance adopting the FY 2025-2026 Budget.
 - a) Citizen Comment - None
 - b) Discussion – City Treasurer Fred Timmons presented the item.
 - Councilmember Kounse moved the Town of Hollywood Park adopt an ordinance that approving and adopting a budget that will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year’s budget by the amount of \$166,083.00, which is a 4.55% increase from last year’s budget and the property tax revenue to be raised from the new property added to the tax roll this year is \$5,252.00. The proposed revenue increase will support maintenance and operations and interest in sinking funds for the town of Hollywood park.
 - Councilmember Gonzalez seconded the motion which passed unanimously via roll call vote.

4. **57:50** Discuss and consider approval of an ordinance adopting the FY 2025-2026 Tax Rate.
 - a) Citizen Comment – Tonya Cummings spoke about taxes being decreased a year or more ago and gave everyone a break.
 - b) Discussion - City Treasurer Fred Timmons presented the item. Councilmember Pearce commented that raising taxes isn’t what she likes to do and how she’s been vocal about not wanting to raise taxes. Councilmember Pearce also explained why she will be voting to approve the tax rate increase. Councilmember Gonzalez noted that looking back at the historical data in 2016 the tax rate was \$0.51 per \$100, in 2020 the tax rate decreased to \$0.48 per \$100, and now the Town is at \$0.46 per \$100 tax rate. She explained that the decrease in the tax rate that has happened in the last decade doesn’t work when everything costs more. Councilmember Randol spoke about his support for the tax increase. Councilmember Kounse spoke about the tax rate having been much higher in years past. The tax rate is to meet the needs of the Town. Councilmember Rodriguez explained he is not typically in favor of a tax increase, however with costs increasing, particularly with labor, the tax increase would be necessary. Mayor Drash spoke about the prior tax decrease and the revenue lost from that decrease and the loss of the fire service contract with Hill Country Village. He's not in favor of having to increase taxes; however, costs have increased, salaries increase, and the Town needs to be sure there is revenue coming in.
 - Councilmember Pearce moved to adopt an ordinance adopting a tax rate of \$0.47805 per \$100 valuation for use and support of the municipal government of the Town of Hollywood Park, Texas for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

- Councilmember Gonzalez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously via roll call vote.

- Councilmember Pearce moved that out of tax rate \$0.47805 per \$100 valuation, the rate that, if applied to the total taxable value, will impose the total amount of principal and interest that will be paid to pay the Town's debts in the next year from property tax revenue, including adjustments for collections, be adopted at \$0.00 since the Town's debts are paid through other sources but backed by property taxes.

- Councilmember Randol seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

- Councilmember Pearce moved that out of a tax rate of \$0.47805 per \$100, that \$0.47805 per \$100 valuation, be the rate that, if applied to the total taxable value, will impose the amount of taxes needed to fund maintenance and operation expenditures of the City for the next year.

- Councilmember Gonzalez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

5. **1:19:14** Discuss and consider approval of a resolution ratifying the FY 2025-2026 Adopted Budget.

a) Citizen Comment

b) Discussion - City Treasurer Fred Timmons presented the item.

- Councilmember Randol moved to approve a resolution ratifying the FY 2025-2026 Adopted Budget.

- Councilmember Kounse seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

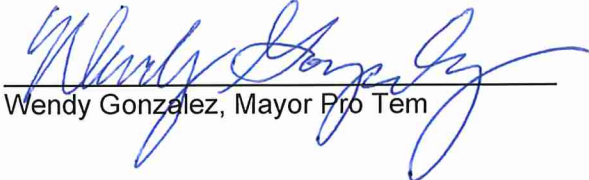
X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

XI. ADJOURNMENT 1:29:18

Mayor Drash adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

The minutes of this meeting were approved on the 21st day of October 2025.



Wendy Gonzalez, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:



Jeannette Huggins, City Secretary