



**TOWN OF HOLLYWOOD PARK  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2026, AT 6:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Drash called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**II. INVOCATION:**

Councilmember Randol led the invocation.

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Drash led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL 1:35**

Members of the City Council present: Mayor Drash, Councilmember Rodriguez, Councilmember Kounse, Councilmember Randol, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, and Councilmember Pearce.

Members of Town staff present: Police Chief Prichard; Fire Chief Burnside, City Treasurer Fred Timmons, City Secretary Jeannette Huggins, and City Attorney Frank Garza

**IV. REPORTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRESENTATIONS**

- 1) **1:59** Fire Department: Fire Chief Burnside presented a fire safety message regarding the use of fire extinguishers. Chief Burnside reported a total of 43 calls for service (CFS) for the month of December, 30 of those calls required advanced life support (ALS) care CFS, and one mutual aid CFS. The HPFD completed 20 fire inspections and pre-plans on commercial properties. Chief Burnside reported 130 training hours for HPFD personnel in the month of March. Chief Burnside provided an update on the appropriation funding through Tony Gonzalez's office. The funding is in the budget however the Federal Government must pass their 2027 budget.
- **13:13** Recognition: Lt. Jimmy Garcia presented Community Hero Certificates for two employees of Brookdale Senior Living for their quick and courageous actions in preventing life loss related to a structure fire call for service. Recipients were Sophia Schlueter and Shanna Gonzalez.
- 2) **18:52** Police Department: Chief Prichard reported 380 CFS including nine offenses and 17 arrests and several citations in the month of March. Chief Prichard provided information regarding Bumble dating app and scams related to it. The HPPD will be providing training for Elderly Fraud and Scam Prevention on June 5, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Voigt Center. The DEA Drug Take Back is scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Town Hall. Chief Prichard reported attending a Homes for Heros event in the past weekend where HPFD part-time Firefighter Johnathan

Jaskolka (prior full-time employee) was selected to receive a custom home from this program.

Chief Prichard presented the 287(g) Immigration and Nationality Act overview HPPD participates in. The program is a collaboration partnership between local law enforcement agencies and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). It allows trained and certified law enforcement officers to perform limited immigration enforcement functions under Federal supervision. HPPD is participating in the ERO (Enforcement and Removal Operations) Task Force Model. Chief Prichard stressed that HPPD is NOT seeking out immigrants or conducting sweeps. This program applies to traffic stops and routine criminal encounters.

- 3) **37:29** City Treasurer: Fred Timmons reported Total revenues in the General Fund for the month of February 2026 were \$1,112,617 and total expenses were \$472,848 which resulted in excess revenues for the month of \$639,769. For the five months ending February 28, 2026, total revenues in the General Fund were \$4,512,661 and total expenses were \$2,803,454. This resulted in excess revenues for the five months ending February 28, 2026, of \$1,709,207. Fred also reported that the Investment Policy was provided, per the Auditor, for approval in the Consent Agenda.
- 4) **43:53** City Secretary: Jeannette Huggins reported March 4<sup>th</sup> Municipal Court had 581 violations on the court docket for 391 defendants with a total of 176 defendants appearing on that date. For the month of March, the court clerk issued 238 warrants. She also reported a total of 69 permits issued for March. Jeannette mentioned the early voting period began yesterday and will end April 28<sup>th</sup>. Jeannette reported the recent hiring of the Finance Assistant and the Administration Assistant.
- 5) **56:30** City Attorney: Frank Garza reported he prepared a draft sales agreement for the fire apparatus; assisted Jeannete with PIA response and requests; reviewed the Police Department's 287(g) presentation; and assisted Code Enforcement and Mayor Drash with a nuisance property in Hollywood Park.
- 6) **49:10** Mayor: Mayor Drash reported steady Voigt Center rentals. There was a total of 39 rentals in March. Code Enforcement had a total of 60 CFS for the month of March with 26 confirmed violations. Mayor Drash spoke about the relocation of Sales and Use tax for street maintenance on the May 2<sup>nd</sup> Special Election.

## **V. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

- **57:43** Mark Beavers spoke about his concerns about dangerous dogs in Hollywood Park and his prior request for the Town to have a map online for dangerous dogs in Hollywood Park. *Chief Prichard provided a factual response to advise that the HPPD has created a Vicious Dog tab on the Police Department page of the Town website. Currently no incidents qualify for the "vicious dog" designation in Hollywood Park.*
- **1:01:33** Tonya Cummings spoke regarding the Snack Shack agenda item and requested City Council support the item. Tonya thanked Councilmembers Wendy Gonzalez and Pearce for presenting the program.

**VI. CONSENT AGENDA 1:02:43**

1. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of the February 17, 2026, Regular City Council meeting. *Councilmember Gonzalez mentioned a typographical error to be corrected.*
2. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of the March 18, 2026, Regular City Council meeting.
3. Acceptance of the Financial Statements as of January 31, 2026.
4. Acceptance of the Financial Statements as of February 28, 2026.
5. Approval of a Resolution Adopting the Town of Hollywood Park Investment Policy. Councilmember Pearce moved to approve the Consent Agenda to include the edits to the meeting minutes. Councilmember Kounse seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS 1:06:21**

1. Discuss, consider, and take action to approve a 2026 Snack Shack Program.
  - a) Citizen Comments

Amy Becker asked Councilmember Gonzalez and Pearce if they will not be participating in the Snack Shack program since they are presenting and voting on it after an ethics concern was previously raised. *City Attorney Frank Garza stated as a clarification that the Councilmembers agreed that if there are dates that no one scheduled, not to have the snack shack closed to the citizens, then and only then would the Councilmembers family be permitted to open the Snack Shack. In lieu of keeping the Snack Shack closed, it is his opinion, as our City Attorney, it is not a violation because they are providing a community service.*
  - b) 1:08:40 Discussion

Councilmember Gonzalez explained they are asking for the continuation of the Snack Shack program for this summer under the same terms as years past and reviewed those terms. She explained they are willing to put their children last on the calendar. Councilmember Pearce spoke about the issue of their children participating in this program. She explained they have always opened the program to their children only after no one else taking a specific date. They are adding specific language to the program as follows: *City employees and City officials, whether elected or appointed, must have their family members considered last when applications are accepted and positions are filled for the Snack Shack program.*

Councilmember Kounse asked how often the Snack Shack is open. Councilmember Pearce explained the schedule is based on hers and Councilmembers availability, as they oversee the program.

1:17:56 Councilmember Randol moved to approve the 2026 Snack Shack program as presented by Councilmember Gonzalez and Councilmember Pearce. Councilmember Kounse seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
2. 1:18:18 Discuss, consider, and take action to update the amount previously authorized by City Council for Mayor Drash and Chief Burnside to purchase fire apparatus.
  - a) Citizen Comments

Tonya Cummings read a prepared statement in support of the City Council supporting the request in this item.
  - b) Discussion

1:21:13 Chief Burnside explained his will be requesting an increase of funds of what was approved last month along with permission to sell the 2010 Pierce Velocity Rescue Pumper for no less than \$225,000.00. He reminded the City Council that the HPFD is still waiting for the appropriations decision for the Federal approval of a grant for a new pumper. If approved those funds would be available in 2027. Chief Burnside's proposal is for the HPFD to purchase a used pumper, a used aerial, and a used squad/mini pumper with proceeds from the sale of the aerial platform. The reason for the new request is that during the search for a used aerial a lot of great usable apparatus were presented. Rather than using the funds previously allocated by Council to replace the aerial, he thought it in the best interest of the Town to come back to Council with a presentation of something that would be more appropriate for the Town with the funds that will be available. He explained that he was able to place a hold on the three apparatus in question to have this meeting, or they wouldn't be available.

Mayor Drash stressed the apparatus, that the previous amount was appropriated for, was no longer available.

Councilmember Pearce asked for clarification on why Chief Burnside is asking Council to consider a different scenario that what was discussed and approved at the last city council meeting, which was to sell the aerial, purchase a replacement for put to \$350,000.00 then come back to Council to discuss any other needs. Chief Burnside explained the apparatus presented in the original agreement was no longer available once the funds were approved at the last meeting.

*The following summarizes the information provided for the HPFD apparatus:*

### **Fire Apparatus Disposition & Acquisition Summary (Approved on April 21, 2026)**

#### **Council Actions:**

- To sell the 2023 Pierce Aerial Platform for \$1.8 million; \$200,000 in outstanding debt was paid off from the sale proceeds.
- To purchase a 2018 Aerial PUC for \$750,000.
- To sell the 2010 Rescue Pumper for \$225,000.
- To purchase a 2011 Pumper for \$250,000.
- To reassign the 2016 Squad to Public Works or to sell it.
- To purchase a 2019 Squad / Mini-Pumper for \$100,000.

#### **Net Financial Impact:**

- Total revenue from sales: \$2,025,000
- Total cost of purchases: \$1,100,000
- Debt payoff: \$200,000
- Net positive balance: \$725,000

#### **Service Life and Replacement planning information:**

##### **2018 Aerial PUC**

- Purchased in 2026
- Expected to provide 9 to 14 years of remaining service life

- Anticipated replacement window: 2035 to 2040
- This unit replaces the 2023 Aerial Platform
- **2011 Pumper**
- Purchased in 2026
- Expected to provide approximately 5 years of remaining service life
- Anticipated replacement year: 2031
- A grant application is planned for 2029 to assist with the cost of replacement (estimated at ~\$1 million)
- **2019 Squad / Mini-Pumper**
- Purchased in 2026
- Expected to provide 9 to 14 years of remaining service life
- Anticipated replacement window: 2035 to 2040
- The 2016 Squad may be reassigned to Public Works as part of this decision or sold.

2:56:00 Councilmember Kounse moved to approve the plan presented by Chief Burnside. Councilmember Rodriguez seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of:

4-aye (Councilmembers Rodriguez, Kounse, Gonzalez, and Pearce)

1-nay (Councilmember Randol)

#### IV. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** 2:57:14

2:57:57 The City Council convened into a closed executive session regarding any matter listed on this agenda if such discussion is permitted under the law under the Texas Government Code § 551.071 (Consult with attorney) at 8:58 p.m.

- Discussion with legal counsel on options under state law regarding Hollywood Park EDC.
- Discussion with legal counsel regarding an update on Randy Tomasini v. Town of Hollywood Park, et al.


3:40:33 City Council reconvened in open session at 9:41 p.m. No action taken.

#### V. **ADJOURNMENT** 3:40:33

Mayor Drash adjourned the meeting at 9:41 p.m.

  
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 Chester J. Drash, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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 Jeannette Huggins, City Secretary