



STAFF REPORT
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Submitted By: Diana Boone, City Secretary

Council Meeting Date: August 18, 2026

Agenda Item Wording: Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of Bruce Moulton as the representative of the Hays Groundwater Conservation District to the Utility Commission and the re-appointment of Charlie Busbey for terms ending June 30, 2028

Agenda Item Requestor: Gray Larhman, Utilities Director

Summary/Background: The Utility Commission is a five-member advisory commission. The Utility Commission assists the City in Wastewater Plant operations and reuse plans (including expansion), achieving the City's goal of 100% beneficial use and assisting the City with procedures and policies related to retail water services provided by the City.

Members of the Utility Commission are appointed by City Council with two members being nominated by the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District (HTGCD), and where at least two members shall be residents of the City Limits. Members are appointed to serve a two year term.

Current Commission

<i>Member</i>	<i>Term</i>	<i>Seat Description</i>	<i>Residency</i>
Charlie Busbey, Chair	06/30/26	At-Large	City Limits
Lara Dudek	06/30/27	At-Large	ETJ
Zach West	06/30/26	HTGCD Representative	ETJ
Barney Austin	06/30/27	HTGCD Representative	ETJ
Matthew Ordway	06/30/25	At-Large	Moved

Zach West, a representative of HTGCD has resigned. The Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District Board added this appointment recommendation to their August agenda and voted to recommend Bruce Moulton to serve as their representative.