City Council Special Meeting

Dripping Springs City Hall

511 Mercer Street - Dripping Springs, Texas

Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at 5:30 PM

DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

With a quorum of Council Members present, Mayor Foulds called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

City Council Members
Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.
Mayor Pro Tem Taline Manassian
Council Member Place 2 Ana Grace Husted
Council Member Place 3 Geoffrey Tahuahua
Council Member Place 4 Travis Crow
Council Member Place 5 Sherrie Parks

Staff, Consultants & Appointed/Elected Officials
City Administrator Michelle Fischer
Deputy City Administrator Ginger Faught
Deputy City Administrator Shawn Cox
Deputy City Attorney Aniz Alani
City Secretary Diana Boone
Planning Director Tory Carpenter
IT Director Jason Weinstock
Maintenance Director Riley Sublett
DSRP Manager Lily Sellers
Parks & Community Services Director Andy Binz
Parks & Community Services Assistant Director Emily Nelson
People & Communications Director Lisa Sullivan

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Parks.

PRESENTATION OF CITIZENS

A member of the public that wishes to address the City Council on any issue, regardless of whether it is posted on this agenda, may do so during Presentation of Citizens. It is the request of the City Council that individuals wishing to speak on agenda items with a public hearing hold their comments until the item is being considered. Individuals are allowed two (2) minutes each to speak regarding issues not on the

agenda and two (2) minutes per item on the agenda and may not cede or pool time. Those requiring the assistance of a translator will be allowed additional time to speak. Individuals are not required to sign in; however, it is encouraged. Individuals that wish to share documents with the City Council must present the documents to the City Secretary or City Attorney providing at least seven (7) copies; if seven (7) copies are not provided, the City Council will receive the documents the following day. Audio Video presentations will not be accepted during Presentation of Citizens. By law no action shall be taken during Presentation of Citizens; however, the Mayor may provide a statement of specific factual information, recitation of existing policy, or direction or referral to staff.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

1. **Presentation and discussion regarding the proposed Municipal Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.** *Deputy City Administrator, Shawn Cox*

   Presentation and discussion only. No action was taken.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items will be acted upon in a single motion and are considered to be ministerial or routine. No separate discussion or action on these items will be held unless pulled at the request of a member of the City Council or City staff.

2. **Approval of HDR PSA Amendment No. 4, for Old Fitzhugh Road, supplemental Construction Administration and Construction Engineering Support Services.** *Sponsor: Mayor Pro Tem Taline Manassian*

3. **Approval to authorize City Staff to exceed $50,000.00 worth of purchases from Chuck Nash for the replacement of a 2018 F-250 utilizing vehicle replacement funds.** *Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.*

   A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian and seconded by Council Member Parks, to approve items 2 and 3 on the Consent Agenda.

   The motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

BUSINESS AGENDA

Please note that the Business Agenda item order was revised during the meeting based on motions duly made and approved by council.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian and seconded by Council Member Parks, to move item 6 to be considered next, to the extent that it is considering the correction or revision of the 2026 tax rate calculation form.

The motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

6. **Public input, discussion, and possible action regarding the City's 2026 ad valorem tax rate, including consideration of corrected or revised 2026 tax-rate calculation forms and supporting TIRZ/TIF documentation; possible rescission or amendment of the City Council's September 15, 2026 action setting the City's proposed 2026 ad valorem tax rate; consideration and possible approval, pursuant to Texas Tax Code Section 26.05(a-1), of a debt-service tax rate of $0.046117 per $100 of taxable value, compared with the calculated debt rate of $0.007573 per $100 of taxable value, a difference of $0.038544 per $100 of taxable value, and the stated purpose for the resulting excess debt-service revenue; consideration and possible approval of a maintenance-and-operations tax rate of $0.173100 per $100 of taxable value; possible action to adopt and levy the City's 2026 ad valorem tax rate of $0.219217 per $100 of taxable value on all taxable property within the City; and possible action to direct recalculation of the voter-approval tax rate and any further notices, filings, and postings required by law.**

a. Staff Report

The Staff Report was presented by Deputy City Administrator Shawn Cox.

No information was provided to suggest a need for modification of the 2026 Tax Rate Calculation Forms. No action was taken.

After the staff report was presented, a motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian and seconded by Council Member Crow, to return to item 4 to consider the budget next.

The motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

4. **Public hearing and consideration of approval of an Ordinance of the City of Dripping Springs, Texas, amending the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Municipal Budget; funding municipal services and authorizing expenditures; providing for filing and posting; and providing an effective date.**

a. Staff Report

The Staff Report was presented by Deputy City Administrator Shawn Cox.

b. Public Hearing

No one spoke during the Public Hearing.

c. Budget Amendment Ordinance

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian and seconded by Council Member Crow, to approve the Budget Amendment Ordinance referenced in item 4.

The motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian and seconded by Council Member Parks, to reopen the Budget Workshop to continue discussing the supplemental items.

The motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

1. **Presentation and discussion regarding the proposed Municipal Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.** *Deputy City Administrator, Shawn Cox*

Council discussed and asked staff questions. No action was taken.

A motion was made by Council Member Tahuahua and seconded by Council Member Husted, to go into Closed Session regarding item 9 in accordance with Section 551.074, Deliberations of Personnel Matters.

The motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

Closed Session began at 8:00 p.m.

9. **Deliberation regarding the evaluation, reassignment, compensation, and duties of individual City employees.** *Deliberation of Personnel Matters, 551.074.*

Closed Session ended at 8:26 p.m.

No action was taken during Closed Session.

5. **Public hearing and consideration of approval of an Ordinance of the City of Dripping Springs, Texas, adopting the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Municipal Budget; funding municipal services and authorizing expenditures; providing for filing and posting; and providing an effective date.**

a. Staff Report

The Staff Report was presented by Deputy City Administrator Shawn Cox.

b. Public Hearing

No one spoke during the Public Hearing.

c. Ordinance

A motion was made by Council Member Husted and seconded by Council Member Parks, to adopt the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Municipal Budget, funding municipal services and authorizing expenditures, providing for filing and posting, and providing an effective date.

The motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Pro Tem Manassian – Aye
Council Member Husted – Aye
Council Member Tahuahua – Aye

Council Member Crow – Aye
Council Member Parks - Aye

6. **Public input, discussion, and possible action regarding the City's 2026 ad valorem tax rate, including consideration of corrected or revised 2026 tax-rate calculation forms and supporting TIRZ/TIF documentation; possible rescission or amendment of the City Council's September 15, 2026 action setting the City's proposed 2026 ad valorem tax rate; consideration and possible approval, pursuant to Texas Tax Code Section 26.05(a-1), of a debt-service tax rate of $0.046117 per $100 of taxable value, compared with the calculated debt rate of $0.007573 per $100 of taxable value, a difference of $0.038544 per $100 of taxable value, and the stated purpose for the resulting excess debt-service revenue; consideration and possible approval of a maintenance-and-operations tax rate of $0.173100 per $100 of taxable value; possible action to adopt and levy the City's 2026 ad valorem tax rate of $0.219217 per $100 of taxable value on all taxable property within the City; and possible action to direct recalculation of the voter-approval tax rate and any further notices, filings, and postings required by law.**

b. Opportunity for Public Input

No one from the public provided input.

c. Consideration of Corrected or Revised 2026 Tax-Rate Calculation Forms and Supporting TIRZ/TIF Documentation

No action required.

d. Consideration and Possible Action to Rescind or Amend the September 15, 2026 Proposed-Rate, if Necessary

No action required.

e. Consideration and Possible Action Under Texas Tax Code Section 26.05(a-1) to Approve the Proposed Debt-Service Tax Rate

A motion was made by Council Member Husted and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian, (pursuant to Texas Tax Code Section 26.05 a-1) to approve a debt service tax rate of $0.046117 per $100 of taxable value. The calculated debt rate is $0.007573 per $100 of taxable value. The proposed debt-service rate exceeds the calculated debt rate by $0.038544 per $100 of taxable value. The excess debt service revenue will be used solely to pay principal of and interest on the City's outstanding tax supported debt obligations and to maintain debt service reserves or other amounts required by the ordinances or documents governing those obligations.

The motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Pro Tem Manassian – Aye
Council Member Husted – Aye
Council Member Tahuahua – Aye

Council Member Crow – Aye
Council Member Parks - Aye

f. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the Proposed Maintenance-and-Operations Tax Rate

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian and seconded by Council Member Crow, to approve a maintenance and operations tax rate of $0.173100 per $100 of taxable value.

The motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Pro Tem Manassian – Aye
Council Member Husted – Aye
Council Member Tahuahua – Aye
Council Member Crow – Aye
Council Member Parks - Aye

g. Consideration and Possible Action to Adopt and Levy the City's 2026 Ad Valorem Tax Rate

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian and seconded by Council Member Parks, to approve the 2026 Ad Valorem Tax Rate Ordinance, adopting and levying the City of Dripping Springs' 2026 Ad Valorem tax Rate of $0.219217 per $100 of taxable value on all taxable property within the City.

The motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Pro Tem Manassian – Aye
Council Member Husted – Aye
Council Member Tahuahua – Aye
Council Member Crow – Aye
Council Member Parks - Aye

h. Direction Regarding Voter-Approval-Rate Recalculation and Any Required Further Notice, Filings, and Postings

No action required.

7. Discuss and consider approval of a Resolution ratifying the property-tax increase reflected in the City of Dripping Springs Fiscal Year 2026–2027 Municipal Budget, if required by Texas Local Government Code Section 102.007(c); funding municipal purposes; authorizing expenditures; filing of budget; repealer; severability; effective date; and proper notice.

No action required.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian and seconded by Council Member Crow, to go into Closed Session for item 8, under Section 551.071.

The motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

Closed Session began at 8:35 p.m.

The City Council has the right to adjourn into closed session on any item on this agenda and at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any matter as authorized by law or by the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation With Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberation Regarding Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberation Regarding Prospective Gifts), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits), 551.0761 (Deliberation Regarding Critical Infrastructure Facility), and 551.087 (Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations), and 551.089 (Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits). Any final action or vote on any Closed Session item will be taken in Open Session.

8. **Consultation with City Attorney regarding legal advice concerning City authority, obligations, and potential legal issues related to public infrastructure and development matters.** *(Consultation with Attorney, 551.071)*

Closed Session ended at 8:49 p.m.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian and seconded by Council Member Parks, to adjourn the meeting.

The motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

APPROVED ON: Month, XX, 202X

Bill Foulds, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Diana Boone, City Secretary