



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at 6:00 PM
Fulton Council Chambers, 201 N. 7th Street

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT

Mayor Kelli Cole
Mayor Pro Tem Robert Loflin
Place 2 Chris Garis Place
Place 3 MaryAnn Pahmiyer
Place 5 Laura McCorkle

STAFF PRESENT

Hal George, Town Attorney
Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary
Ty Gerstenberger, Chief

Mayor Cole called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – U.S. Flag and Texas Flag

Mayor Cole led everyone in the pledges.

OBSERVE A MOMENT OF SILENCE/PRAAYER

Mayor Cole led everyone in a moment of silence.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD (PUBLIC FORUM)

Public participation is valued and at this time, comments limited to three (3) minutes will be taken from persons who have signed the Speaker's Card located on the table inside the Council Chambers and delivered to the City Secretary before the meeting begins. Written comments received by submission to the City Secretary in person or emailed to citysec@fultontexas.org by 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting, on any subject matter that is not on the agenda, will be read and summarized in the minutes of the meeting. Persons wishing to address the Council and who have registered using the Speaker's Card will have up to three (3) minutes to speak. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Council may not discuss or take action on any item that has not been posted on the agenda. While civil public criticism is not prohibited; disorderly conduct or disturbance of the peace as prohibited by law shall be cause for the chair to terminate the offender's time to speak.

No one came forward.

PROCLAMATION

1. Joint Proclamation proclaiming the week of April 11-17, 2026 as the Week of the Young Child.

Mayor Cole read the proclamation proclaiming the week of April 11-17, 2026, the Week of the Young Child. Mrs. Nielsen addressed the Council and thanked them for their support.

2. Proclamation proclaiming the month of April 2026 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Mayor Cole read the proclamation proclaiming the month of April 2026 Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Patricia Arnold addressed the Council, recapped the Red Shoe event held at the Courthouse this morning, and thanked the Council for their support.

CONSENT AGENDA

All consent agenda items listed are considered to be routine by the Town Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a council Member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

3. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 18, 2026.
4. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** the February 2026 financials.

Motion made by Place 5 McCorkle, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 5 McCorkle

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

5. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** establishing a Town Hall Community Planning Advisory Panel consisting of up to five (5) members and authorize the Mayor to appoint members with Council approval.

Mayor Cole read the item and discussed the beginning processes.

Motion made by Place 5 McCorkle, Seconded by Place 2 Garis establishing a Town Hall Community Planning Advisory Panel consisting of up to five (5) members and authorize the Mayor to appoint members with Council approval.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 5 McCorkle

6. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** Resolution R_01_2026 establishing a Town Hall Community Planning Advisory Panel; Providing for the Purpose, Membership, and Duties of the Panel; and providing an effective Date.

Mayor Cole read the item. Alderwoman Pahmiyer inquired as to the Council being kept informed of the status of the panel and events. Mayor Cole assured her that the Council will be informed throughout all steps.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Seconded by Place 2 Garis to approve Resolution R_01_2026 establishing a Town Hall Community Planning Advisory Panel; Providing for the Purpose, Membership, and Duties of the Panel; and providing an effective Date.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 5 McCorkle

7. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove the Fulton Police Department's Policies, Procedure and Code of Conduct.

Mayor Cole read the item. Hal George, Town Attorney, suggested that the Council pass the Police Department's Policies, Procedure and Code of Conduct except for the organization chart included in Section 1.2. Mr. George suggested the chart be revised to include positions rather than specific employees. Chief Gerstenberger will revise the chart and bring Section 1.2 back to the Council for approval. Chief Gerstenberger noted that the State of Texas provides most of the updates to the police department that must be incorporated into the policy and procedures.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Seconded by Place 5 McCorkle to approve the Fulton Police Department's Policies, Procedure and Code of Conduct except for the organization chart included in Section 1.2.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 5 McCorkle

CLOSED SESSION

The Town Council may elect to go into closed session pursuant to Chapter 551, Government Code on any Agenda item where appropriate and particularly Sections 551.071 (consultation with attorney) and 551.074 (personnel matters), Government Code.

Council did not convene into Closed Session.

OPEN SESSION

Discuss/Approve/Disapprove any and all action necessary with regard to the preceding matter(s).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

8. Mayor's Update.

Mayor Cole noted that the pre-bid meeting for the joint street and drainage project with Aransas County will be held at Town Hall on April 16, 2026. She mentioned the Red Shoe event for the sexual assault awareness and how well that went. Mayor Cole noted that the Council Members will be sworn in at the May 20, 2026, meeting. Alderwoman Pahmiyer shared that the installation of a sculpture was done at the Castro park along with additional clean up.

9. The next Regular Fulton Town Council Meeting will be held Wednesday, May 6, 2026, beginning at 6:00 pm.

Mayor Cole announced the date and time of the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Cole entertained a motion to adjourn.

Motion made by Place 2 Garis, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin to adjourn the meeting.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 5 McCorkle

The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Kelli Cole, Mayor

Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary