



CITY OF IOWA COLONY

CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION MINUTES

**Wednesday, August 26, 2026
6:00 PM**

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BE IT REMEMBERED ON THIS, the 26th day of August 2026, the City Council of the City of Iowa Colony, Texas, held a worksession at 6:00 P.M. at the Iowa Colony City Council Chambers, there being present and in attendance the following members to wit:

Mayor Wil Kennedy
Mayor Pro Tem Marquette Greene-Scott
Councilmember Arnetta Murray
Councilmember Margaret Madariaga
Councilmember Tim Varlack
Councilmember Kareem Boyce
Councilmember Sydney Hargroder

And none being absent, constituting a quorum at which time the following business was transacted.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kennedy called the worksession to order at 6:00 P.M.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Discussion on the FY 2026-2027 City Budget, tax rate, and related matters.

City Manager Tarron Richardson provided an overview of the upcoming dates for the budget hearings and water rate study.

Mayor Kennedy asked about the Strategic Plan document, specifically regarding the Junior Police Academy and Civic Academy.

Finance Director Chris Thomas provided an overview of the opening page of the budget document. He explained that the Strategic Plan had been updated to include project timelines by quarter. He noted that the accompanying verbiage is intended to explain the City's policies and provide readers with a better understanding of the budgeting process. He stated that this information is also part of the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) criteria used in evaluating the City's budget document.

Chris explained that the budget is balanced at a tax rate of \$0.52 and includes a one-time use of fund balance for street repairs. He reviewed personnel and departmental expenditures that had

been added and identified in the budget, including Human Resources and \$50,000 for permitting software requested by the Community Development Department.

He also discussed the creation of a new fund intended to provide greater transparency regarding property tax revenues distributed to entities with agreements with the City, including the TIRZ. He noted that the expiration date of the TIRZ agreement would be added to the document. Additionally, he reviewed ICDA operating expenses, including amounts associated with developer reimbursements.

Chris discussed the City's debt obligations and the amounts owed by the City. He explained that these obligations affect the Interest and Sinking (I&S) tax rate and are reflected on the cover page of the adopted budget.

Councilmember Madariaga requested that additional explanatory information be included regarding the City's bond information.

Councilmember Hargroder discussed the costs associated with City-wide events and recommended that the City remain cautious when allocating funding for such events, noting that costs can increase quickly.

Councilmember Boyce asked whether the City could add a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section to the City's website to provide residents with additional information and clarification regarding the budget and related matters.

City Manager Richardson responded regarding the funding allocated for City-wide events and discussed the parameters and considerations used when planning and funding these events.

ADJOURNMENT

The worksession was adjourned at 7:38 P.M.

APPROVED THIS 19TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2026

Kayleen Rosser, City Secretary

Wil Kennedy, Mayor

