

# MINUTES

## RICHWOOD CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at 6:00 PM

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BE IT KNOWN THAT a City of Richwood City Council will meet Weekday, Wednesday, April 22, 2026, beginning at 6:00 PM at Richwood City Hall, located at 1800 Brazosport Blvd. N., Richwood, Texas 77531 with the following agenda:

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. INVOCATION

Tricia Ditto, guest, gave the invocation.

III. PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE.

*Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge*

Mayor Durham led the pledges.

IV. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

**Present:**

Mayor Michael Durham

Councilmember Paul Stallberg

Councilmember Mike Johnson

Councilmember Amanda Reynolds

Councilmember William Yearsin

Councilmember Jeremy Fountain

**Others present:** Eric Foerster, City Manager; Clif Custer, Public Works Director; Kirsten Garcia, City Secretary; Jeremy Richards, Chief of Police; and Jacob Herrington, City Attorney.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

*Citizens are invited to address the City Council on agenda items prior to action being taken. All comments are subject to the following rules: Speakers must be recognized by the Chair and shall direct all remarks to the Chair. Comments must pertain to matters before the City Council, City business, or issues of community interest. Speakers are limited to three (3) minutes and may speak only once per agenda item. A designated representative of a group may be allowed up to five (5) minutes. Time may not be transferred to another speaker. Speakers shall conclude their remarks when their time has expired. Profane, vulgar, or abusive language and personal attacks will not be tolerated.*

*In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, the City Council will not engage in discussion or take action on items not posted on the agenda; however, the Mayor may direct staff to follow up as appropriate.*

Tricia Ditto, former employee, spoke regarding the City Secretary, expressing her appreciation and highlighting her achievements and service to the City. She also addressed the fee schedule items listed on the agenda for consideration.

Bob Page, resident, thanked Council Member Stallberg for his service and apologized to the other Council Members about him being a "pain". He also spoke in support of the City Secretary and her abilities, wished Council Member Yearsin well regarding his agenda item, and welcomed Council Member Fountain to the

other side once his term was over. Mr. Page further addressed an email that had been sent to Council concerning the future of city management.

Lauren LaCount, resident, spoke regarding the large attendance at the meeting and the visible support for the City Secretary. She also commented on employee turnover within the City and expressed concerns regarding how staff have been treated by the City and/or City Council.

Matt Yarborough, resident, spoke regarding ongoing issues within the City and encouraged Council to act as independent thinkers, emphasizing the importance of relying on facts and official records rather than hearsay. He noted that the City had been in a better position in the recent past and expressed concern about the amount of change that has occurred in a short period. He also commented on the upcoming City Manager search, stating it may be a difficult process, and expressed support for the City Secretary, noting he has not had any complaints regarding her performance.

Mark Guthrie, resident, spoke as a citizen, clarifying he was not speaking in his capacity with the Fire Department and expressing concern about potential retaliation. He stated he has previously been in a position similar to that of Council and shared his experience working with the City Secretary. He encouraged Council to consider the long-term impact of their decisions, reflect on their legacy, and work toward improving the City.

#### VI. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

- A. Discussion and possible action to review the City's comprehensive fee schedule, including all applicable fees (including impact fees), and provide direction to staff.

A motion was made to move the item to the May agenda.

Motion made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Stallberg.

**Voting Yea:** Council Members Stallberg, Johnson, and Fountain

**Voting Nay:** Council Members Reynolds and Yearsin

***Motion carried.***

#### VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to Chapter 551.0745, Personnel Matters to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee:

1. City Secretary  
Council recessed into Executive Session at 6:20 p.m.

#### VIII. ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to Chapter 551.0745, Personnel Matters to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee:

2. City Secretary  
Council reconvened into Open Session at 7:15 p.m.

***No action taken.***

#### IX. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS UPDATE

No report.

#### X. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

No report.

XI. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS & REPORTS

Council Member Stallberg encouraged residents to get out and vote, provided information regarding early voting, and reminded everyone to stay safe.

Council Member Johnson expressed appreciation to those in attendance, voiced his support for the City Secretary, and encouraged residents to participate in voting.

Council Member Reynolds – No report.

Council Member Yearsin spoke regarding the responsibilities of serving on Council, noting the challenges associated with the role. He discussed his intentions for the City, his position on the fee schedule and the reasoning behind it and referenced his service to the country. He encouraged individuals interested in making changes to consider running for office, noting that Council decisions are not always easy.

Council Member Fountain spoke regarding the conclusion of his term. He addressed the importance of communication and the responsibilities within a council-manager form of government. He provided advice to incoming Council Members, commented on misinformation on social media, and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve.

XII. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Durham spoke regarding the City Secretary and thanked her for her dedication to the City of Richwood. He also wished Council Member Reynolds a happy birthday and extended birthday wishes to his daughter.

XIII. ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

*Pursuant to Section 551.0415 of the Texas Government Code, Items of Community Interest may include expressions of thanks, congratulations, or condolences; information regarding holiday schedules; honorary or salutary recognition of public officials, employees, or citizens; reminders about upcoming events; and announcements involving an imminent threat to public health and safety. No discussion or action will be taken on these items.*

Elections

KRB Clean Up

XIV. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Fee Schedule

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Being there no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

**These minutes were read and approved on May 11, 2026.**

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**Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**City Secretary**