



CITY COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 28, 2026 MINUTES

City Hall, 120 El Chico Trl., Suite A, Willow Park, TX 76087

Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Mayor Teresa Palmer called the meeting to order on Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. and asked for a motion to recess the meeting until 6:00 pm Wednesday, April 29, 2026 due to dangerous weather situation in Willow Park and the surrounding area.

Motion was made by Councilmember Buddy Wright, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Nathan Crummel to recess the regular Council meeting for Tuesday, April 28, 2026 until Wednesday April 29, 2026 at 6:00 pm due to dangerous weather in Willow Park and surrounding area.

Motion carried with three votes in approval and zero votes opposed.

Mayor Teresa Palmer reconvened the regular meeting from Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 29, 2026 and confirmed there was a quorum present for this meeting.

PRESENT

Mayor Teresa Palmer
Councilmember Eric Contreras
Councilmember Chawn Gilliland
Councilmember Buddy Wright
Councilmember Scott Smith
Councilmember Nathan Crummel

Staff Present:

Interim City Manager - Toni Fisher

City Secretary Deana McMullen

City Attorney Fritz Quast and Aliecion Cotton

INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND TEXAS PLEDGE: Pastor Clark Bosher of Willow Park Baptist Church.

Pastor Clark Bosher, of Willow Park Baptist Church was in attendance at the meeting and gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance and the TEXAS Pledge that was given by all present.

1. Mayor Comments: 1) Bible Verse 2) Business Recognition

Mayor Teresa Palmer read Bible Verse: Hebrew12:14

Mayor Palmer recognized a new business coming in, Whit's Custard at 119 S Ranch House Road. They just recently opened. Mayor Palmer encouraged everyone to do business with them. Mayor Palmer also recognized an existing business, Las Vaqueros, at I20 and Stage Coach Trail.

Mayor Palmer also recognized Clint and Christi Reese the founders of the 760 Festival and what a great event they had this past weekend. It was attended by many people and everyone had a great time. Clint and Christi Reese recognized the City of Willow Park by giving the Mayor a Picture of the Event with the Willow Park Logo in the back ground and thanked the City for thier Sponsorship of this event and they look forward to holding this event every year as long as they can.

Mayor Palmer announced that the area where Drake Yoke's was located will be a new business called Blue Barrell Bar & Grill. Also there are a couple more new restaruants coming to the Wilkes area in the fall. Something to look forward too.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

To address the City Council, residents must complete a speaker form and turn it in to the City Secretary at least five (5) minutes before the start of the meeting. The Rules of Procedure state that all comments are to be limited to five (5) minutes for each speaker provided that there are no more than ten (10) speakers. If there are more than ten (10) speakers, the Mayor and/or the City Council may reduce the applicable time limits to speak to three (3) minutes. Pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Council is not permitted to take action on or discuss any item not listed on the agenda. The Council may: (1) make a statement of fact regarding the item; (2) make a statement concerning the policy regarding the item; (3) propose the item be placed on a future agenda (Tex. Govt. Code §551.042). Each speaker shall approach the podium or designated speaker location and state his/her name and address before speaking. Speakers shall address the City Council with civility that is conducive to appropriate public discussion. Speakers may only address the City Council and not individual officials, commission members, committee members, or employees. The public cannot speak from the gallery, but only from the podium or designated speaker location.

Those speaking under Public Comments were:

Officer Bryan Roberts

Houston Wingard

Gene Martin

CONSENT AGENDA

These items consist of non-controversial or "housekeeping" items required by law. Items may be considered individually by any Council member making such request prior to a motion and vote on the Consent Items.

2. **Approval of Regular City Council Meeting Minutes: APRIL 14, 2026**

Motion was made to approve the minutes from the regular city council meeting on April 14, 2026 as presented.

Motion made by Councilmember Smith, Seconded by Councilmember Gilliland.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Contreras, Councilmember Gilliland, Councilmember Wright, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Crummel

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

3. **Public Hearing:** to consider approval of a request for change in rezoning from "Class II: Residential: 'R-1' Single-Family District" to "Class I: Special Purpose: 'PD/CL' Planned Development District" for the Residential Development, currently known as "Clearion", being approximate 81.706 acre tract of land situated in Abstract No. 468, W. Franklin Survey, and in Abstract No. 910, A. McCarver Survey, Parker County, Texas, as further identified as being a portion of Parker County Appraisal District as Property ID #106134,47776, and 62893.

City Planner Chelsea Kirkland gave the Council a brief on this item and asked the Developer Brian Holland with the Skorborg Development Company to come forward to give his brief presentation to the City Council.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Teresa Palmer opened the meeting at 6:45 pm for anyone wishing to speak for or against this item.

Mr. Gene Martin was against the density of the project.

Mr. Bill Green spoke in favor of the project stating they were doing things the right way

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Teresa Palmer closed the Public Hearing on this item at 6:50 pm.

4. **Discussion/Action:** to consider an Ordinance to approve a request for change in rezoning from "Class II: Residential: 'R-1' Single-Family District" to "Class I: Special Purpose: 'PD/CL' Planned Development District" for the Residential Development, currently known as "Clearion", being approximate 81.706 acre tract of land situated in Abstract No. 468, W. Franklin Survey, and in Abstract No. 910, A. McCarver Survey, Parker County, Texas, as further identified as being a portion of Parker County Appraisal District as Property ID #106134,47776, and 62893. (*City Planner Chelsea Kirkland, Interim City Manager Toni Fisher*)

Motion was made to Ordinance 939-26 that approves a request for change in rezoning from "Class II: Residential: 'R-1' Single-Family District" to "Class I: Special Purpose: 'PD/CL' Planned Development District" for the Residential Development, currently known as "Clearion", being approximate 81.706 acre tract of land situated in Abstract No. 468, W. Franklin Survey, and in Abstract No. 910, A. McCarver Survey, Parker County, Texas, as further identified as being a portion of Parker County Appraisal District as Property ID #106134,47776, and 62893.

Motion made by Councilmember Crummel, Seconded by Councilmember Contreras.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Contreras, Councilmember Gilliland, Councilmember Wright, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Crummel

5. **Discussion & Action:** to consider approval of Preliminary Plat for Clearion Development. (*City Planner Chelsea Kirkland, Interim City Manager Toni Fisher*)

Motion was made to approve the Preliminary Plat for Clearion Development as presented.

Motion made by Councilmember Contreras, Seconded by Councilmember Gilliland.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Contreras, Councilmember Gilliland, Councilmember Wright, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Crummel

6. **Public Hearing:** to consider a request for a change in zoning from a "Class II: Residential: 'R-1' Single-Family District" to a "Class III - Business: 'C' Commercial District. for the Bar-Ko Land Company LLC, the owner of all that certain 7.290 Acre tract of land being situated in the James Oxer Survey, Abstract Number 1029, Parker County, Texas.

City Planner Chelsea Kirkland gave a brief on this item.

OPEN HEARING: Mayor Teresa Palmer opened the Public Hearing at 6:54 for anyone wishing to speak for or against the item.

There was no one who chose to speak for or against this item.

CLOSE HEARING: Mayor Teresa Palmer closed the Public Hearing at 6:55 pm

7. **Discussion/Action:** to consider an Ordinance to approve a request for a change in zoning from a "Class II: Residential: 'R-1' Single-Family District" to a "Class III - Business: 'C' Commercial District. for the Bar-Ko Land Company LLC, the owner of all that certain 7.290 Acre tract of land being situated in the James Oxer Survey, Abstract Number 1029, Parker County, Texas. (*City Planner Chelsea Kirkland, Interim City Manager Toni Fisher*)

Motion was made to approve Ordinance number 940-26 approving a request for a change in zoning from a "Class II: Residential: 'R-1' Single-Family District" to a "Class III - Business: 'C' Commercial District. for the Bar-Ko Land Company LLC, the owner of all that certain 7.290 Acre tract of land being situated in the James Oxer Survey, Abstract Number 1029, Parker County, Texas.

Motion made by Councilmember Smith, Seconded by Councilmember Wright.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Contreras, Councilmember Gilliland, Councilmember Wright, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Crummel

8. **Public Hearing:** to consider a request for change in zoning from “Class II: Residential: ‘R-1’ Single-Family District” to a “Class III - Business: "LR" Local Retail District” being a .80 acre tract of land in the HAVINS SUBDIVISION Block 1 of said Havins Subdivision of Lot 7 of the C.E. Beavers Subdivision of a part of the following Surveys, McKinney and Williams Abstract 954, J.M. Moore Abstract 882 and I&G.N. RR. Co. Abstract 1998 also known as 6603 East Bankhead Highway, all in Parker County, Texas further identified as being a portion of Parker County Appraisal District as Property ID#9527.

City Planner Chelsea Kirkland gave a brief on this item.

OPEN HEARING: Mayor Teresa Palmer opened this Public hearing at 6:58 pm for anyone wishing to speak for or against the ite. there was no one who wished to speak on this item.

CLOSE HEARING: Mayor Teresa Palmer closed this Public Hearing at 6:58 pm

9. **Discussion/Action:** to consider an Ordinance approving a request for change in zoning from “Class II: Residential: ‘R-1’ Single-Family District” to a “Class III - Business: "LR" Local Retail District” being a .80 acre tract of land in the HAVINS SUBDIVISION Block 1 of said Havins Subdivision of Lot 7 of the C.E. Beavers Subdivision of a part of the following Surveys, McKinney and Williams Abstract 954, J.M. Moore Abstract 882 and I&G.N. RR. Co. Abstract 1998 also known as 6603 East Bankhead Highway, all in Parker County, Texas further identified as being a portion of Parker County Appraisal District as Property ID#9527. (*City Planner Chelsea Kirkland, Interim City Manager Toni Fisher*)

Motion was made to approve Ordinance 941-26 approving a request for change in zoning from “Class II: Residential: ‘R-1’ Single-Family District” to a “Class III - Business: "LR" Local Retail District” being a .80 acre tract of land in the HAVINS SUBDIVISION Block 1 of said Havins Subdivision of Lot 7 of the C.E. Beavers Subdivision of a part of the following Surveys, McKinney and Williams Abstract 954, J.M. Moore Abstract 882 and I&G.N. RR. Co. Abstract 1998 also known as 6603 East Bankhead Highway, all in Parker County, Texas further identified as being a portion of Parker County Appraisal District as Property ID#9527.

Motion made by Councilmember Contreras, Seconded by Councilmember Crummel.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Contreras, Councilmember Gilliland, Councilmember Wright, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Crummel

10. **Public Hearing:** to consider approval of a Specific Use Permit (SUP) to allow for existing pole sign to be updated to an Electronic, Informative Digital Message Sign for Trinity Christian Academy, an approximately 4.392-acre tract legally described as Lot 2 Block 1 of the Trinity Church Properties Subdivision in Parker County Appraisal District as Property ID 96818.

City Planner Chelsea Kirkland gave a brief on this item.

OPEN HEARING: Mayor Teresa Palmer opened the Public Hearing at 7:01 pm for anyone wishing to speak for or against this item. There was no one wishing to speak on this item.

CLOSE HEARING: Mayor Teresa Palmer closed the Public Hearing at 7:01 pm.

- 11. Discussion/Action: to consider approval of a Specific Use Permit (SUP) to allow for existing pole sign to be updated to an Electronic, Informative Digital Message Sign for Trinity Christian Academy, an approximately 4.392-acre tract legally described as Lot 2 Block 1 of the Trinity Church Properties Subdivision in Parker County Appraisal District as Property ID 96818.** *(City Planner Chelsea Kirkland, Interim City Manager Toni Fisher)*

Motion was made to approve the Specific Use Permit (SUP) as presented with the SUP to remain on file with the City Manager's office for 10 years.

Motion made by Councilmember Contreras, Seconded by Councilmember Smith.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Contreras, Councilmember Gilliland, Councilmember Wright, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Crummel

- 12. Discussion/Action: to consider approval of the City Limits/Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) Map and adopting an Ordinance.** *(City Planner Chelsea Kirkland, Interim City Manager Toni Fisher)*

Motion was made to approve the City Limits/Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) Map and adopting Ordinance 942-26 as presented.

Motion made by Councilmember Gilliland, Seconded by Councilmember Wright.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Contreras, Councilmember Gilliland, Councilmember Wright, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Crummel

- 13. Discussion/Action: Traffic Control/Speeding Enforcement issue on Kingsgate** *(Police Commander Quincy Hamilton, Public Works Director Chase McBride)*

Commander Quincy Hamilton addressed the Council regarding this item. He stated that the Speed Trailer's had been placed in a couple of locations and most of the vehicle data recorded shows that 10 out of 15 cars were speeding with one as high as 81mph. The Police Department is running traffic in those areas as available. Public Works Director Chase McBride stated that we do have a policy for Speed Humps. The neighborhood citizens would have to petition for them to be added onto the Streets and the citizens on that petition would be responsible for 50% of the cost to install the speed humps.

Following disucssion there was no actioin on this item at this time.

14. Discussion/Action: to consider approval of an extension to McKnight Lease for 120 El Chico Trail, Suite B (*Interim City Manager Toni Fisher, Interim City Manager Michelle Guelker*)

Motion was made to approve the extension of the McKnight Lease for 120 El Chico Trail, Suite B as presented.

Motion made by Councilmember Gilliland, Seconded by Councilmember Wright.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Contreras, Councilmember Gilliland, Councilmember Wright, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Crummel

15. Discussion/Action: to consider cancelling the regular City Council meeting for May 26, 2026 due to the Memorial Day Holiday (*Interim City Manager Toni Fisher, Interim City Manager Michelle Guelker*)

Motion was made to cancel the Regular City Council meeting for May 26, 2026 due to the Memorial Day Holiday on Monday May 25, 2026.

Motion made by Councilmember Contreras, Seconded by Councilmember Crummel.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Contreras, Councilmember Gilliland, Councilmember Wright, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Crummel

16. Discussion/Action: to consider approval of rate change for Republic Waste Systems (*Interim City Manager Michelle Guelker, Interim City Manager Toni Fisher*)

Interim City Manager Michelle Guelker was unable to attend this meeting, so Communication Officer Rose Hoffman addressed the Council regarding this item. She stated there had been multiple complaints on the impending raise in the garbage rates going from \$19.08 per month to \$25.12 per month and also regarding the new carts needed for the new way garbage is to be collected.

Following discussion motion was made to approve the ordinance as requested and instruct staff to work with the five (5) other cities and try to negotiate this contract.

Motion made by Councilmember Contreras, Seconded by Councilmember Gilliland.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Contreras, Councilmember Gilliland, Councilmember Wright, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Crummel

17. Discussion/Action: to approve a water project to loop the water line west along the southern service road of I-20 & East Bankhead Highway. (*Public Works Director Chase McBride; Interim City Manager Michelle Guelker*)

Motion was made to approve a water project to loop the water line west along the southern service road of I-20 & East Bankhead Highway as presented.

Motion made by Councilmember Crummel, Seconded by Councilmember Smith.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Contreras, Councilmember Gilliland, Councilmember Wright, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Crummel

EXECUTIVE SESSION

In accordance with the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapter D, the City Council will recess in Executive Session (closed meeting) to discuss the following:

Mayor Teresa Palmer adjourned the regular meeting into Executive Session to discuss the items listed on the Agenda at 7:40 pm.

Those in attendance of this Executive Session were: Mayor Teresa Palmer, Mayor Pro Tem Nathan Crummel, Councilmember Eric Contreras, Councilmember Chawn Gilliland, Councilmember Buddy Wright, Councilmember Scott Smith, Interim City Manager Toni Fisher, City Attorney Fritz Quast, City Attorney Aliceion Cotton.

- 18. Section 551.071, Consultation with City Attorney; City of Aledo, Texas and City of Fort Worth, Texas v. City of Willow Park, Texas, cause number: CV26-0175 in Parker County District Court, 43rd District**
- 19. Section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney; City of Willow Park v. Halff & Associates**
- 20. Section 551.074, Personnel Matters; appointment, employment, evolution, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee; Police Chief"**
- 21. Section 551.074, Personnel, Municipal Court Judge**
- 22. Section 551.074, Personnel, regarding work schedules**

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

In accordance with the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, the City Council will reconvene into Regular Session to consider action, if any, on matters discussed in Executive Session.

Mayor Teresa Palmer reconvened the Regular Session at 9:25 pm.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Nathan Crummel, seconded by Councilmember Eric Contreras to remove Ray Lacy as the Police Chief due to lack of confidence effective immediately.

Motion carried 5 votes in approval and zero votes opposed.

Motion was made by Councilmember Chawn Gilliland, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Nathan Crummel to approve the contract for the Municipal Court Judge for another two (2) years and raise the monthly pay to \$1550 per month.

Motion carried with five (5) votes in approval and zero (0) votes opposed.

INFORMATIONAL COMMENTS

23. City Manager Comments: Reaction/Response to meeting

Thank you to all the staff getting ready for this Council Meeting. Special Thanks to Chelsea and Gretchen for working on all of the Public Hearings and documents as well as the City Maps. Thanks to Rose and Mandy for taking the brunt of the calls for citizens inquiring about the new garbage rates and rules.

24. City Council/Mayor Comments: Response/Reaction to meeting

Mayor Teresa Palmer thanked Kevin and all the Police Officers for getting everyone cleared out at the 760 Fest when the bad weather was approaching our area and making sure everyone was safe.

Councilmember Scott Smith thanked the staff for the way they interact with the Public especially at the City sponsored events.

Councilmember Eric Contreras asked if we can get with ESD Chief Stephen Watson and see if the City of Willow Park can help out our neighboring cities that suffered a lot of damage with the storms that came through on Tuesday evening. Prayers are definitely needed for all of the communities involved.

25. Items of Community Interest: Willow Spark, 4th of July Event

Reminder of the upcoming event, Willow Spark on the 4th of July. More details to come soon.

26. Future Agenda Items requested by Mayor, City Council or City Staff

Mayor Teresa Palmer stated that she would like an update on the poor condition of Crown Road and the repairs that Hudson Oaks has made after replacing a sewer line in that area. What is the time frame for the repaving of Crown Road.

Mayor Palmer would also like to see an item regarding a possible re-paving of the city streets and utilizing the County to do such projects.

ADJOURN

With there being nothing further to discuss or consider, Mayor Teresa Palmer asked for a motion to adjourn this meeting.

Motion was made to adjourn the regular meeting of Willow Park City Council at 9:32 pm.

Motion made by Councilmember Wright, Seconded by Councilmember Smith.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Contreras, Councilmember Gilliland, Councilmember Wright, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Crummel

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY WILLOW PARK CITY COUNCIL:

Mayor

Date

City Secretary