



## CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING JANUARY 22, 2026 MINUTES

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

Thursday, January 22, 2026 at 6:00 PM

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### CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Mayor Teresa Palmer called the Special Meeting of the Willow Park City Council to order at 6:00 pm and determined a quorum was present.

#### 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

### INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND TEXAS PLEDGE

Mr. Bill Green gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge that was given by all present.

- 1. Mayors Comments - I am hopeful that we will select three finalists and will have the ability to hold a Meet and Greet with our finalists at a future date to include our citizens in this important process. A hat tip to Aledo for the idea to hold a Meet and Greet!"**

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### PUBLIC COMMENTS (Limited to five minutes per person)

*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.*

There was no one present to speak under the item of Public Comments.

## **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:*

### **2. Section 551.074, Personnel Matters; City Manager Candidate Interviews; and selection of top three finalists.**

Mayor Teresa Palmer adjourned the special called meeting into executive session at 6:04 pm so that the council could interview city manager candidates.

Those present in this session were:

Mayor Teresa Palmer, Mayor Pro Tem Nathan Crummel, Councilmember Eric Contreras, Councilmember Chawn Gilliland, Councilmember Buddy Wright and Councilmember Scott Smith.

## **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 Special meeting of the Willow Park City Council at 9:14 p.m.

There was no action from the Executive Session.

## **ADJOURN**

*As authorized by Texas Government Code, §551.127, one or more Council members or employees may attend this meeting remotely using video conferencing technology.*

With there being nothing further to discuss or consider, Mayor Teresa Palmer asked for a motion to adjourn this Special meeting of the Willow Park City Council.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 pm

Motion made by Councilmember Contreras, Seconded by Councilmember Gilliland.

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

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Deana McMullen  
City Secretary

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