

Wylie City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

June 09, 2026 – 6:00 PM

Council Chambers - 300 Country Club Road, Building #100, Wylie, Texas 75098



CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Matthew Porter called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The following City Council members were present: Junior Mayor Kacen Beck, Councilman David R. Duke, Councilman Dave Strang, Councilman Todd Pickens, Councilman Sid Hoover, and Mayor *Pro Tem* Gino Mulliqi. Councilman Scott Williams was absent.

Staff present included: City Manager Brent Parker; Deputy City Manager Renae Ollie; Assistant City Manager Lety Yanez; Assistant Fire Chief Brian Ritter; Finance Director Melissa Brown; Marketing and Communications Director Craig Kelly; City Secretary Stephanie Storm; Police Chief Anthony Henderson; Parks and Recreation Director Carmen Powlen; Library Director Ofilia Barrera; Community Services Director Jasen Haskins; Assistant Public Works Director Lavonte Childs; Operations Director James Brown; and various support staff.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (U.S. AND TEXAS FLAGS)

Mayor Porter led the invocation, and Mayor *Pro Tem* Mulliqi led the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas Flags.

PRESENTATIONS & RECOGNITIONS

PR1. Junior Mayor for the Day - Kacen Beck.

Mayor Porter introduced Junior Mayor Kacen Beck and presented a challenge coin for serving as “Mayor for the Day.”

PR2. Shining the Wylie Way Students - Term 4.

Mayor Porter and Mayor *Pro Tem* Mulliqi presented a medallion to two students who demonstrated “Shining the Wylie Way.” Every nine weeks, one student from each WISD campus is chosen as the “Wylie Way Student.”

PR3. Presentation and update on the Taste of Wylie and proceeds benefiting 5 Loaves Ministries, Amazing Grace Food Pantry, Wylie Community Christian Care Center, and Hope for the Cities.

Special Events Coordinator Mary Ann Olson presented a \$46,072.48 check to representatives from Hope for the Cities, Wylie Christian Care Center, Amazing Grace Food Pantry, and 5 Loaves Ministries from the proceeds of Taste of Wylie.

PR4. American Legion Hale-Combest Post 315 wishes to recognize Darren E. James, Lt Col (Retired) USAF, and Charles Brooks McFarland Jr., Col (Retired) USAF.

American Legion Hale-Combest Post 315 recognized Darren E. James, Lt Col (Retired) USAF, and Charles Brooks McFarland Jr., Col (Retired) USAF, for the commitment and pride that each commander has instilled in the cadets under their command in the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC).

PR5. Juneteenth 2026.

Mayor Porter proclaimed June 19, 2026, as Juneteenth in Wylie, Texas. Tonya Johnson, a member of the Juneteenth Organization of Wylie, was present and invited the community to attend Wylie's 7th Annual Juneteenth Freedom Celebration, which will be held on Saturday, June 13th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Olde City Park.

COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Any member of the public may address Council regarding an item that is not listed on the Agenda. Members of the public must fill out a form prior to the meeting in order to speak. Council requests that comments be limited to three minutes for an individual, six minutes for a group. In addition, Council is not allowed to converse, deliberate or take action on any matter presented during citizen participation.

There were no persons present wishing to address the Council.

CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

- A. Consider, and act upon, approval of the May 26, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting minutes.**
- B. Consider, and place on file, the Animal Shelter Advisory Board report to the City Council.**
- C. Consider, and act upon, approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Wylie and Friends of Rescue Animals as it relates to a volunteer program for the Animal Shelter, and authorizing the City Manager to execute any necessary documents.**
- D. Consider, and act upon, Ordinance No. 2026-24 amending Chapter 78 (Parks and Recreation), Article V (Park Regulations), Division 1 (Generally), Section 78-101 (Hours Open to the Public) of the Wylie Code of Ordinances, Ordinance No. 2021-17, as amended, to include that the municipal outdoor pickleball courts shall be open to the general public only between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.**

Council Action

A motion was made by Mayor *Pro Tem* Mulliqi, seconded by Councilman Pickens, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. A vote was taken, and the motion passed 6-0 with Councilman Williams absent.

REGULAR AGENDA

- 1. Interview applicants for Board of Review vacancies for a term to begin July 1, 2026 and end June 30, 2028.**

Council Comments

Board of Review applicants Hassan Butt, Mark Booth, Pete Maziarz, and Robert Hunter were present for interviews with the City Council.

Ksenia Stepankina and Marc Chang Yen were not present for interviews.

Council Action

No action was taken regarding this item.

- 2. Consider, and act upon, appointments to fill the Board of Review vacancies for a term to begin July 1, 2026, and end June 30, 2027/2028.**

Council Action

A motion was made by Mayor *Pro Tem* Mulliqi, seconded by Councilman Pickens, to appoint Mark Booth, Pete Maziarz, and Robert Hunter, and alternate Bonnie Tinsley (one-year term) for the Board of Review vacancies for a term to begin July 1, 2026, and end June 30, 2027/2028. A vote was taken, and the motion passed 6-0 with Councilman Williams absent.

- 3. Consider, and act upon, the recommendations of the 2026 Boards and Commission Council Interview Panel for appointments to the Animal Shelter Advisory Board, Construction Code Board, Historic Review Commission, Library Board, Parks and Recreation Board, Parks and Recreation Facilities Development Corporation Board (4B), Planning and Zoning Commission, Public Arts Advisory Board, Wylie Economic Development Corporation, and the Zoning Board of Adjustments to fill board vacancies for a term to begin July 1, 2026 and end June 30, 2027/28/29.**

Council Action

A motion was made by Mayor *Pro Tem* Mulliqi, seconded by Councilman Strang, to appoint the following members to the Animal Shelter Advisory Board: reappoint Priscilla Muhoho and Susan Cranford; appoint Abigail Campbell as Replacement 1; and appoint Michael Innella as Replacement 2. A vote was taken, and the motion passed 6-0 with Councilman Williams absent.

A motion was made by Mayor *Pro Tem* Mulliqi, seconded by Councilman Strang, to appoint the following members to the Construction Code Board: reappoint Todd Cranford and Jon Ennis; appoint Dipu Harilal to replace Ronald Frantom, Nathan Planchon to replace Franklin McMurrian as Alternate 1, and Mitchell Huffman to replace Akbar Shaik as Alternate 3. A vote was taken, and the motion passed 6-0 with Councilman Williams absent.

A motion was made by Mayor *Pro Tem* Mulliqi, seconded by Councilman Strang, to appoint the following members to the Historic Review Commission: reappoint Tommy Todd and Allison Stowe; appoint Jennifer Cleveland to replace Edwin Caffrey, Amanda Smith as Replacement 1, and Donald Dennis as Replacement 2. A vote was taken, and the motion passed 6-0 with Councilman Williams absent.

A motion was made by Mayor *Pro Tem* Mulliqi, seconded by Councilman Strang, to appoint the following members to the Library Board: reappoint Brian Ortiz and Justin Strauch; and appoint Billy Joe Ketner to replace Toshia Kimball, Jennifer Waits as Replacement 1, and Carrie Duck as Replacement 2. A vote was taken, and the motion passed 6-0 with Councilman Williams absent.

A motion was made by Mayor *Pro Tem* Mulliqi, seconded by Councilman Strang, to appoint the following members to the Parks and Recreation Board: reappoint C'ne Turner, Matthew Busick, and Nicholas Puente; appoint Amanda Hardy as Replacement 1 and Benjamin Wrobbel as Replacement 2. A vote was taken, and the motion passed 6-0 with Councilman Williams absent.

A motion was made by Mayor *Pro Tem* Mulliqi, seconded by Councilman Strang, to appoint the following members to the Parks and Recreation 4B Board: reappoint Sid Hoover, Matthew Porter, and Auston Foster; appoint Richard Miller to replace Whitney McDougall, Matthew Wilson as Replacement 1, and Jennifer Duffey as Replacement 2. A vote was taken, and the motion passed 6-0 with Councilman Williams absent.

A motion was made by Mayor *Pro Tem* Mulliqi, seconded by Councilman Strang, to appoint the following members to the Planning and Zoning Commission: reappoint Zewge Kagnev and Harold Gouge; and appoint Michael Schwerin to replace Franklin McMurrian, Daniel Marengo to replace Keith Scruggs, Michael McCrossin as Replacement 1, and John Barndt as Replacement 2. A vote was taken, and the motion passed 6-0 with Councilman Williams absent.

A motion was made by Mayor *Pro Tem* Mulliqi, seconded by Councilman Strang, to appoint the following members to the Public Arts Advisory Board: reappoint Gloria Suarez; appoint Joel Walters to replace Manoj Padhi, James Bell to replace Chantelle McMurrian, Mary Nitschke to replace Steve Shank, Brandon Iker as Replacement 1, and Janet Tucker as Replacement 2. A vote was taken, and the motion passed 6-0 with Councilman Williams absent.

A motion was made by Mayor *Pro Tem* Mulliqi, seconded by Councilman Strang, to appoint the following members to the Wylie Economic Development Corporation Board: reappoint Harold Smith. A vote was taken, and the motion passed 6-0 with Councilman Williams absent.

A motion was made by Mayor *Pro Tem* Mulliqi, seconded by Councilman Strang, to appoint the following members to the Zoning Board of Adjustment: appoint Meera Gayle to replace Richard Covington, Brandon Frosch to replace Gordon Hikel, Steven Crate to replace Luca Pareti as Alternate 1, and Doug Moore to replace Meera Gayle as Alternate 2 (one-year term). A vote was taken, and the motion passed 6-0 with Councilman Williams absent.

Mayor Porter thanked members of the 2026 Boards and Commissions Interview Panel (Mayor *Pro Tem* Mulliqi, Councilman Duke, and Councilman Strang).

- 4. Consider, and act upon, nominations for a primary and an alternate member to serve on the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Regional Transportation Council (RTC) of the Dallas/Fort Worth area for the cities of Allen, Rowlett, Sachse, Wylie, Murphy, Lucas, Parker, and Lavon.**

Council Comments

Mayor Porter expressed his willingness to continue serving as the Primary Representative to the RTC, with Michael Schaeffer, Council member with the City of Allen, continuing as the Alternate Representative. Porter stated the City may choose to appoint a new primary representative and/or alternate representative.

Council Action

A motion was made by Mayor *Pro Tem* Mulliqi, seconded by Councilman Strang, to nominate Mayor Matthew Porter as the primary member and Allen Councilmember Michael Schaeffer as the alternate member to serve on the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Regional Transportation Council (RTC) of the Dallas/Fort Worth area for the cities of Allen, Rowlett, Sachse, Wylie, Murphy, Lucas, Parker, and Lavon. A vote was taken, and the motion passed 6-0 with Councilman Williams absent.

Mayor Porter convened the Council into a break at 7:27 p.m.

Mayor Porter reconvened the Council into Regular Session at 7:39 p.m.

WORK SESSION

Mayor Porter convened the Council into a Work Session at 7:39 p.m.

WS1. Wylie Public Works and Engineering Department overview.

Assistant Public Works Director Childs presented an overview of the department's divisions; org chart; statistics; strategic focus areas on streets and fleet; fleet replacement criteria; project updates on McMillen Road, E. FM 544, Stone Road, FM 2514 (Parker Road/North Ballard), Outer Loop, Dogwood/Briarwood/Hilltop, Park Boulevard, Downtown, Kreymer Lane, 2023 Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) 544 Corridor, and 2025 Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) 78 Corridor; facilities: utilization of space including Public Works, Parks, and Animal Control Complex; equipment; and striping; and responded to Council questions.

WS2. Discuss FY 2027 General Fund Budget.

City Manager Parker presented an overview of the Fiscal Year 2026-27 General Fund budget, including proposed revenue assumptions, items included in the proposed base budget, General Fund revenues and expenditures, facts to consider, and responded to Council questions. Parker requested direction regarding public safety compensation adjustments to maintain police, fire, and dispatch salaries at 100% of peer city averages, as previously directed by Council.

Council discussion included consideration of future multi-year insurance contracts, narrow-network options, additional employee cost-sharing measures, options for maintaining services, using fund balance for one-time expenditures, and potentially reducing or delaying non-essential services or projects in future years. Additional discussion focused on operational efficiencies, potential attrition strategies, procurement improvements, technology efficiencies, and the possibility of conducting an independent efficiency study. Parker noted that many operational and staffing decisions would require Council policy direction. Council requested additional information from staff regarding peer city salary comparisons, health insurance structures, and compensation data. The Mayor encouraged Council members to continue reviewing budget information, engage with community members, and provide additional feedback to staff prior to future budget discussions.

Mayor Porter convened the Council into a break at 9:31 p.m.
Mayor Porter reconvened the Council into Work Session at 9:40 p.m

WS3. Discuss 2026 Wylie Championship Rodeo.

City Manager Parker and Wylie Area Chamber of Commerce CEO Tina Stelnicki presented information regarding the potential hosting of the 2026 Wylie Championship Rodeo on City property. The Chamber requested the City of Wylie’s consideration of the proposal due to ongoing improvements at the WISD property, which will prevent the rodeo from being hosted there in 2026. Staff and the Chamber representatives responded to Council questions regarding the proposal.

Council expressed concerns about the proposed location, primarily regarding safety; however, Council indicated an interest in assisting the Wylie Area Chamber of Commerce with exploring alternative locations, including sites near Public Works and Community Park, or farther east on the Municipal Complex property.

RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Porter reconvened the Council into Regular Session at 9:55 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Porter convened the Council into Executive Session at 9:55 p.m.

Sec. 551.072. DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY; CLOSED MEETING.

A governmental body may conduct a closed meeting to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on its negotiating position.

ES1. Discuss the Relocation of the Stonehaven House.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

Take any action as a result from Executive Session.

Mayor Porter convened the Council into Open Session at 10:20 p.m. and read the following statement: “After discussion in Executive Session the Council has made a determination with a consensus of that Council that we are going to stop contractual negotiations with the Wylie Historical Society with regard to the Stonehaven House. The Council would also like to set the record straight at no time has there been a desire or plan by the Council to cause damage to, or demolish the Stonehaven House, and there is no plan to do so in the future. At this time, the Council has made the determination that we would like to pause and reassess our options with the Stonehaven House to ensure the preservation of this historic Wylie landmark.”

READING OF ORDINANCES

Title and caption approved by Council as required by Wylie City Charter, Article III, Section 13-D.

City Secretary Storm read the caption of Ordinance No. 2026-24 into the official record.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Strang, seconded by Mayor *Pro Tem* Mulliqi, to adjourn the meeting at 10:22 p.m. A vote was taken, and the motion passed 6-0 with Councilman Williams absent.

Matthew Porter, Mayor

ATTEST:

Stephanie Storm, City Secretary