

MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
RONALD C. BOWMAN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
447 North Main Street
Boerne, TX 78006
APRIL 28, 2026 – 6:00 PM

Minutes of the Regular Called City Council Meeting of April 28, 2026.

Present: 5 - Mayor Pro Tem Ty Wolosin, Council Member Joe Bateman, Council Member Kyle Mickelsen, Council Member Bret A. Bunker, and Council Member Joseph Macaluso

Absent: 1 - Mayor Frank Ritchie

Staff Present: Ben Thatcher, Walter Ball, Ryan Bass, Mike Brinkmann, Jeff Carroll, Lori Carroll, Nathan Crane, Maria Garcia, Andrea Huston, Mike Raute, Chastity Valdes, and Danny Zincke.

Recognized / Registered Guests: Heather Bateman, Alex Magdalino, and Nick Goodwin.

1. CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 PM

Mayor Pro Tem Wolosin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Wolosin asked for a Moment of Silence and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and to the Texas Flag.

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflicts were declared.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No comments were received.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER MACALUSO, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BUNKER, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Yeah: 5 - Mayor Pro Tem Wolosin, Council Member Bateman, Council Member Mickelsen, Council Member Bunker, and Council Member Macaluso

A. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 14, 2026.

THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED.

B. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 2026-R22; A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AND MANAGE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BOERNE AND CITY OF CASTROVILLE TO ALLOW THE SHARING AND USE OF COMPETITIVELY PROCURED CONTRACTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 791 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE.

THE RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED.

REGULAR AGENDA:

5. RESOLUTIONS:

A. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 2026-R23; A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH HOEFER WELKER ARCHITECTS FOR ADDITIONAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR FIRE STATION #2 PROJECT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$847,500. (Design of Fire Station #2)

Mayor Pro Tem Wolosin called on Assistant City Manager Danny Zincke. ACM Zincke stated that Fire Chief Casarez was out of town on City business. He reviewed the initial professional services contract for the new fire station and outlined what was included in the original scope. He noted that the purpose of today's discussion was to address a change in scope related to design and engineering services, and he explained the proposed contract amendment and associated cost increases. Assistant Fire Chief Walter Ball provided additional detail regarding site topography and the improved facility relocation, which

had not been included in the original scope. He showed an aerial view of the proposed building. He also outlined next steps, including a projected construction start in late fall.

Council discussed whether additional cost increases are anticipated, whether the proposed station size will accommodate future growth, and how the facility design will contribute to the unique character of Boerne.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER MACALUSO, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BUNKER, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2026-R23; A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH HOEFER WELKER ARCHITECTS FOR ADDITIONAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR FIRE STATION #2 PROJECT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$847,500. (DESIGN OF FIRE STATION #2). THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Yeah: 5 - Mayor Pro Tem Wolosin, Council Member Bateman, Council Member Mickelsen, Council Member Bunker, and Council Member Macaluso

6. OTHER:

A. DISCUSSION ON PAST MOBILITY PLANNING STUDIES, SIDEWALK PROJECT PRIORITIZATION FRAMEWORK, AND METHODS FOR PROJECT SELECTIONS.

Mayor Pro Tem Wolosin called on Engineering and Mobility Director Jeff Carroll. Director Carroll stated that the City’s sidewalk requirements originated in the late 1980s. He reviewed the process used to determine sidewalk location needs, including evaluation of connectivity, safety, and demand. Director Carroll provided an update on sidewalk infrastructure identified in the 2018 Master Plan, as well as input gathered through citizen surveys. He noted that one of the most common concerns expressed by residents is gaps in the sidewalk network. He also reviewed the sidewalk construction program, including the annual operating budget, use of an infill contractor, projects identified in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP), and available state and federal funding opportunities. Director Carroll reported that the City has received a \$2.7 million grant on an 80/20 match basis. Director Carroll presented a citywide sidewalk map, highlighting Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) projects, CIP projects, and future planned improvements.

Mayor Pro Tem Wolosin emphasized the importance of participation in MPO programs, noting that projects must be shovel-ready and have an identified funding source in order to be competitive for funding.

B. UPDATE AND DISCUSSION ON WATER CONSERVATION.

Mayor Pro Tem Wolosin called on Utilities Director Mike Brinkmann. Director Brinkmann provided an update on the City's water conservation efforts and highlighted typical water production levels. He presented a graph showing 2025 water demand, along with historical demand patterns comparing water production from 2021 through 2025. He discussed the importance of balancing water supply and demand while maintaining water quality, efficiency, public safety, public health, and overall quality of life. Director Brinkmann also presented a water loss graph, noting that Boerne's water loss is approximately 10%, which is considered very good. He reviewed the impacts of recent rainfall on water supply and demand. Ryan Bass, Environmental Program Manager provided an update on the City's water conservation incentive program, including participation in rainwater harvesting, irrigation system consultations, and the installation of irrigation rain and freeze sensors. He also introduced a new rebate program for this year that includes incentives for turfgrass reduction. Discussion ensued regarding increasing participation in the programs and providing a tool on the city's website that demonstrates how much water could be captured through conservation efforts. Planning Director Nathan Crane discussed the enforcement process and provided a comparison of watering violations from 2023 to 2026. He noted that the City's website includes a page where residents can report watering violations.

7. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mayor Pro Tem Wolosin called on City Manager Thatcher.

A. MONTHLY PROJECTS UPDATE.

City Manager Ben Thatcher provided an update on various city projects.

8. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL – No discussion or action may take place.

Council Member Bunker recognized a fifth-grade class from Curington

Elementary School for having a display featured at the Holocaust Museum in San Antonio and encouraged the community to visit. He also congratulated Champion High School student Colt McCune for earning third place at the Citizen Bee State Competition. He noted that STAAR testing has concluded and extended best wishes to students taking AP exams over the next two weeks.

Council Member Bateman wished everyone a Happy Mother's Day.

Mayor Pro Tem Wolosin noted that he had not mentioned earlier in the meeting that Mayor Ritchie was absent due to attending his daughter's athletic awards ceremony. He commended the Mayor for his involvement and concluded with, "Go Spurs!"

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE:

Mayor Pro Tem Wolosin convened the City Council into Executive Session at 7:09 p.m.

- A. SECTION 551.072 - DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY: DELIBERATE THE PURCHASE, EXCHANGE, LEASE OR VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY. (A10166 - Survey 174 N Flores 21.171 acres, Sunrise Addition Blk 2 Lot 7 & 9, 0.7022 acres, and Wendlers Addition Lot 8, 0.375 acres)**

No action was taken.

10. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION AND TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION RELATING TO THE EXECUTIVE SESSION AS DESCRIBED ABOVE.

Mayor Pro Tem Wolosin reconvened the City Council into Open Session at 7:35 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Wolosin adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Approved:

Mayor

Attest:

City Secretary