MINUTES

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

RONALD C. BOWMAN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

447 North Main Street

Boerne, TX 78006

MARCH 10, 2026 – 6:00 PM

Minutes of the Regular Called City Council Meeting of March 10, 2026.

Present: **6 -** Mayor Frank Ritchie, Mayor Pro Tem Ty Wolosin, Council Member Joe Bateman, Council Member Kyle Mickelsen, Council Member Bret A. Bunker, and Council Member Joseph Macaluso

Staff Present: Ben Thatcher, Sarah Buckelew, Jeff Carroll, Lori Carroll, Mike Brinkmann, Lissette Jimenez, Danielle Montes, Mike Raute, Kristy Stark, and Chastity Valdes.

Recognized / Registered Guests: Heather Bateman, Dawniele Metsker-Galarza, Brian Nichols, Jason Granado, and Matthew Elizondo.

1. CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 PM

Mayor Ritchie called the City Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Ritchie asked Pastor Mitch Rose with City Hills Church to provide the Invocation.

Mayor Ritchie 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 MAYOR PRO TEM WOLOSIN, 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 THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 24, 2026.

THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED.

REGULAR AGENDA:

5. PRESENTATIONS, PUBLIC HEARINGS, AND ORDINANCES:

A. RECEIVE THE ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT (ACFR) FROM WHITLEY PENN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025. (Report from the auditors)

Mayor Ritchie called on Sarah Buckelew, Finance Director. Director Buckelew introduced Patrick Simmons, Engagement Partner with Whitley Penn, who reviewed the audit process and the internal controls over critical areas. The audit of the financial statements resulted in an unmodified opinion, with no significant deficiencies or material weaknesses identified in internal controls and no instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements. He also provided financial highlights for the City's various funds noting that the city maintains a financial position with adequate resources to meet its ongoing obligations to its citizens and creditors.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR PRO TEM WOLOSIN, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MICKELSEN, TO RECEIVE THE ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT (ACFR) FROM WHITLEY PENN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025. (REPORT FROM THE AUDITORS). 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

B. RECEIVE THE POPULAR ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT (PAFR) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.

Director Buckelew continued with a presentation on the Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR). She recognized city employee Danielle Montes, ACFR professional in the audience and expressed appreciation to her and the finance staff for the year-long work that has contributed to the report. She explained that the purpose of the report is to provide an easy-to-read summary of the City’s current financial and economic status, offering a more transparent, high-level overview of the City’s finances. The report is available on the City’s website. She also noted that the City was recently notified that it received the Outstanding Achievement Award for its PAFR. Discussion followed regarding property tax increases are primarily due to rising property values and the addition of new properties to the tax roll, while the City’s tax rate has remained essentially the same for several years. She also clarified that a portion of the City’s debt service relates to utility debt, noting that the City manages two different services, general city operations and utilities which can sometimes be confusing for residents to distinguish.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER MACALUSO, SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM WOLOSIN, RECEIVE THE POPULAR ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT (PAFR) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025. 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

C. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING THE DRAFT SAFETY ACTION PLAN AS PREPARED WITH THE SAFE STREETS FOR ALL (SS4A) PLANNING GRANT.

Mayor Ritchie called on Jeff Carroll, Engineer and Mobility Director. Director Carroll explained that, as discussed during the Winter Workshop, the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) grant is a federal program for which many entities apply. He noted that the process includes public engagement and that the grant being pursued is a planning grant. He provided an update on where the City is in the process to date. Director Carroll reviewed vehicle crash overviews and statistics, as well as targeted intersection and corridor recommendations. He also discussed systemic recommendations that could be implemented in-house. He noted that the City currently has only two traffic signals within the city limits, with the remaining signals operated by TxDOT. TxDOT is updating its signals to include flashing yellow arrows, and the City plans to follow suit with its signals. He also discussed non-infrastructure recommendations, including potential policy and procedure changes. The City plans to work with the County and the school district, and continue coordination with the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) as the plan moves forward. A suggestion was made to make the plan public-facing rather than keeping it internal. Director Carroll also noted the possibility of bundling the City's ADA Transition Plan with the SS4A planning effort. Director Carroll concluded by outlining the next steps in the process. During Council discussion, it was noted that downtown retailers have expressed concerns about the potential loss of parking, and whether the ideas presented had been budgeted. Director Carroll responded that cost estimates have been developed and noted that most projects would be funded through an 80/20 grant structure, meaning the City must initially spend 100 percent of the cost and then be reimbursed for 80 percent. It was suggested that it would be beneficial to piggyback safety improvements on other projects, such as the Waterworks Terrace project.

6. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

A. CITY PARTICIPATION IN AMERICA 250.

City Manager Thatcher asked Assistant City Manager Kristy Stark to provide a high-level overview of plans in and around Boerne for the America 250 celebration on July 4. ACM Stark reviewed planned decorations, park events, and library programs associated with the celebration. She noted that Visit Boerne will assist with advertising and communications. Discussion followed regarding opportunities to collaborate with local businesses, including veteran organizations, on related events and activities. It was also noted that the Mayor plans to present a proclamation recognizing the America 250 celebration at a City Council meeting in June.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Wolosin provided highlights from the recent AAMPO meeting that he attended with Director Carroll. He noted that County Commissioner Andra Wisian and County Judge Stolarczyk were also in attendance, and the group had the opportunity to meet the new AAMPO Director. The primary discussion focused on Herff Road and Highway 46, which remain a key priority for the County. Mayor Pro Tem Wolosin and Judge Stolarczyk will serve on the AAMPO Policy Board, while Commissioner Wisian and Director Carroll will serve on the Technical Advisory Committee.

Council Member Bateman reminded the public that students are out of school for spring break and encouraged motorists to be mindful of children in neighborhoods and those riding motorized bicycles.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ritchie adjourned the City Council Meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Approved:

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Secretary