City of Killeen, TX
City Council Meeting Minutes
City Council Chamber, City Hall
Tuesday, September 1, 2026, at 5:00 PM

Mayor Solomon called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Presiding: Mayor Joseph Solomon

Attending: Mayor ProTem Jessica Gonzalez, Councilmembers Beverly Ann Williams, Anthony Kendrick, Mellisa Brown, Charles Kimble, Debbie Nash-King, and David Bass

Also attending were Interim City Manager Kent Cagle, City Attorney Holli Clements, City Secretary Elaine Simpson, and Deputy City Secretary Megan Magallon

Mayor Solomon gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Brown to approve the agenda and second by Councilmember Williams, motion carried by a unanimous 7-0 vote.

Presentations

1. PR-26-018 Present Proclamation for National Preparedness Month
STAFF: MAYOR SOLOMON

Mayor Solomon presented this Proclamation to Sara Williams, Director of OHSEM

Work Session

Discuss agenda items 7-10 for September 1, 2026, Regular Session

Resolutions

7. RS-26-132 Consider a memorandum/resolution appointing Commissioners to the Youth Advisory Commission (YAC) for FY27.
STAFF MEMBER: KAITLYN ROBERTS PARKS AND RECREATION DEPT RECREATION MANAGER

Ms. Roberts introduced the item, provided a brief presentation and fielded questions from City Council.

8. RS-26-133 Consider a memorandum/resolution approving an amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with the Schlueter Group for State Legislative Representation.
STAFF: CITY ATTORNEY HOLLI CLEMENTS

Ms. Clements introduced the item and provided a brief presentation to explain the amendment that reduces the cost of this contract agreement to one dollar ($1) this year as discussed in previous meeting. There were no questions.

Ordinances

9. OR-26-015 Consider a City-initiated **ordinance** (Case# Z26-11) to rezone approximately 0.16 of an acre, being part of Lots 1 & 5, Block 6, North Side Addition from "B-3" (Local Business District) to "R-1" (Single-Family Residential District). The subject property is locally addressed as 312 East Texas Avenue, Killeen, Texas.

STAFF MEMBER: WALLIS MESHINER, EXEC. DIR. OF DEVELOPMENT SRVS.

Ms. Meshiner introduced the item, provided a presentation and explained that the recommendation is now that this be approved, as the property owner has agreed to this rezoning with the letter being received after tonight's agenda was posted.

10. PH-26-027 Consider a City-initiated **ordinance** (Case # Z26-12) to rezone approximately 0.144 of an acre out of the H. O'Neal Survey, Abstract 645 from "B-3" (Local Business District) to "R-2" (Two-Family Residential District); and Lot 1, Block 1, Mulford Addition from "B-3" (Local Business District) to "R-1" (Single-Family Residential District). The subject properties are locally addressed as 1401 and 1411 Mulford Street, Killeen, Texas.

STAFF MEMBER: WALLIS MESHINER, EXEC. DIR. OF DEVELOPMENT SRVS

Ms. Meshiner introduced the item, provided a presentation and fielded questions from City Council. The consent form/letter has been received back from the property owner of 1411 Mulford Street, but not from the owner of 1401 Mulford Street.

Citizens Comments on Items listed on the Agenda.

1.) Naseerah Zachary - Budget item #14

2.) Michael Fornino - OR # 26-016

3.) Dr. Sue Neesy Croft - RS# 26-135

4.) Christian Bishop DS# -26-079

5.) Jamie Carroll – DS#26-079

6.) Leo Gunkeisen – DS#-26-079

7.) Anca Neagu – Item # 14 and Item #16

Regular Session
Consent Agenda

2. MN-26-024 Consider Minutes of Special City Council Meeting of June 16, 2026.

3. MN-26-025 Consider Minutes of Special City Council Meeting of June 22, 2026.

4. MN-26-026 Consider Special Open House Meeting Minutes from June 23, 2026

5. RS-26-130 Consider a resolution entering a memorandum of agreement with Fort Hood Garrison Command to provide mutual aid for police services and information sharing.

6. RS-26-131 Consider a memorandum/resolution authorizing the rejection of all received submissions for Bid No. 27-02, FY27 Annual Street Construction Materials.

Motion on the Consent Agenda: Motion by Councilmember Nash-King, seconded by Councilmember Brown, to approve items as listed on the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

Resolutions

7. RS-26-132 Consider a memorandum/resolution appointing Commissioners to the Youth Advisory Commission for FY27.
STAFF MEMBER: KAITLYN ROBERTS PARKS AND RECREATION DEPT RECREATION MANAGER

Motion by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Kimble, to approve the Resolution, as presented, with congratulations to appointees both new and returning to YAC. Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0. (Councilmember Nash-King was out of the meeting).

8. RS-26-133 Consider a memorandum/resolution approving an amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with the Schlueter Group for State Legislative Representation.
STAFF MEMBER: CITY ATTORNEY HOLLI CLEMENTS

Motion by Mayor Protem Gonzalez, seconded by Councilmember Kendrick, to approve the Resolution, as presented. Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0. (Councilmember Nash-King was out of the meeting).

Ordinances

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THE CITY SECRETARY READ THE ORDINANCE CAPTION INTO THE RECORD:
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF KILLEEN ZONING ORDINANCE BY CHANGING THE ZONING OF APPROXIMATELY 0.16 OF AN ACRE, BEING PART OF LOTS 1 & 5, BLOCK 6, NORTH SIDE ADDITION FROM "B-3" (LOCAL BUSINESS DISTRICT) TO "R-1" (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT); PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

STAFF MEMBER: WALLIS MESHINER, EXEC. DIR. OF DEVELOPMENT SRVS

Motion: Motion by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Mayor Protem Gonzalez, to approve the Ordinance, as presented. Vote on the motion: carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0. (Councilmember Nash-King was out of the meeting).

10. PH-26-027 Consider a City-initiated **ordinance** (Case # Z26-12) to rezone approximately 0.144 of an acre out of the H. O'Neal Survey, Abstract 645 from "B-3" (Local Business District) to "R-2" (Two-Family Residential District); and Lot 1, Block 1, Mulford Addition from "B-3" (Local Business District) to "R-1" (Single-Family Residential District). The subject properties are locally addressed as 1401 and 1411 Mulford Street, Killeen, Texas.

THE CITY SECRETARY WILL READ THE ORDINANCE CAPTION INTO THE RECORD:
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF KILLEEN ZONING ORDINANCE BY CHANGING THE ZONING OF APPROXIMATELY 0.144 OF AN ACRE, OUT OF H O'NEAL SURVEY, ABSTRACT 645, FROM "B-3" (LOCAL BUSINESS DISTRICT) TO "R-2" (TWO-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT); AND LOT 1, BLOCK 1, MULFORD ADDITION, FROM "B-3" (LOCAL BUSINESS DISTRICT) TO "R-1" (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT); PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

STAFF MEMBER: WALLIS MESHINER, EXEC. DIR. OF DEVELOPMENT SRVS

*Motion: Motion by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Williams, to approve the Ordinance with modification that the zoning change **is approved** for the property at 1411 Mulford Street, but **not** approved for 1401 Mulford Street. Vote on the motion: carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0. (Councilmember Nash-King was out of the meeting).*

Public Hearings

11. PH-26-028 Hold a Public Hearing and consider an **ordinance** amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 24, Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Services.

THE CITY SECRETARY READ THE ORDINANCE CAPTION INTO THE RECORD.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-XXX

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 24, SOLID WASTE, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF KILLEEN, TEXAS BY ESTABLISHING A FEE FOR CURBSIDE BRUSH COLLECTION SERVICES AND ADOPTING DISPOSAL REGULATIONS FOR NON-COLLECTIBLE ITEMS PLACED CURBSIDE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

STAFF COMMENTS: JOSEPH DUDLEY, DIRECTOR OF SOLID WASTE

Mr. Dudley introduced the item, gave a brief presentation of these brush fees, and fielded questions from City Council. There was a discussion of the fees being instituted to recover the cost of providing the service. There was a brief discussion that there will be a 30-day grace period/education period for the residents/customers.

Mayor Solomon opened the PUBLIC HEARING at 6:24 PM.

There were no speakers.

Mayor Solomon closed the PUBLIC HEARING at 6:24 PM.

Motion: Motion by Mayor Protem Gonzalez, seconded by Councilmember Bass, to approve the Ordinance, as presented. Vote on the motion: carried unanimously by a vote of 5-1. (Nay: Brown, Absent: Nash-King).

12. PH-26-029 Hold a public hearing and consider an **ordinance** amending the Code of Ordinances Chapter 30, Water, Sewers and Sewage Disposal, to amend residential and commercial water rates and residential sewer rates.

THE CITY SECRETARY READ THE ORDINANCE CAPTION INTO THE RECORD.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 30, ARTICLE IV, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF KILLEEN, TEXAS, BY AMENDING COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL WATER RATES AND RESIDENTIAL SEWER RATES; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

STAFF COMMENTS: JUDITH TANGALIN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE
Ms. Tangalin introduced the item, provided a short Powerpoint presentation regarding the proposed rates, and fielded questions from City Council.

Mayor opened a Public Hearing at 6:42 PM.

- Virtual comment by speaker Heather McMillan

Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 6:47 PM.

MOTION: Motion by Councilmember Bass, seconded by Councilmember Williams, to approve the Ordinance, as presented. Vote on the motion: Motion passed by a vote of 5-1. (Nay: Brown, Absent: Nash-King).

Mayor Solomon called for a ten-minute break in the meeting. Council Member Nash-King returned to the Council Chamber.

Budget

13. PH-26-030 Hold a public hearing on the proposed tax rate for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2026, and ending September 30, 2027.

Interim City Manager Kent Cagle introduced the item and explained that this item is for holding a public hearing about the tax rate. The actual vote on the tax rate (Ordinance) will be held under agenda item #15.

Mayor Solomon opened the public hearing at 7:11 PM.

There were two speakers signed in to speak on item #13.

- Michael Fornino
- Dr. Sue Neesy Croft

Mayor Solomon closed the public hearing at 7:34 PM.

There was no formal action taken on this item.

14. OR-26-016 Consider an **ordinance** adopting the Annual Budget for the City of Killeen for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2026, and ending September 30, 2027.

THE CITY SECRETARY READ THE ORDINANCE CAPTION INTO THE RECORD

ORDINANCE 26-XX

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR OPERATING THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF KILLEEN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 1, 2026 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2027; APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR THE VARIOUS FUNDS AND PURPOSES OF SUCH BUDGET INCLUDING APPROPRIATIONS OF MONEY TO PAY INTEREST AND PRINCIPAL SINKING FUND REQUIREMENTS ON ALL INDEBTEDNESS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND APPROPRIATIONS IN CONFLICT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

STAFF COMMENTS: JUDITH TANGALIN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE -Ms. Tangalin introduced the item, presented a brief presentation, and then fielded questions from the City Council members.

Motion: Councilmember Nash-King made a motion to approve Ordinance to adopt the budget, as presented, this was seconded by Councilmember Kendrick. Vote on the motion: Motion passed by a vote of 6-1. Ayes: Nash-King, Williams, Bass, Kendrick, Kimble and Gonzalez (Nay: Brown)
The City Secretary read the Roll-Call vote results into the record.

15. RS-26-134 Consider a memorandum/resolution ratifying the property tax revenue increase reflected in the Annual Budget for the fiscal year October 1, 2026, and ending September 30, 2027.

VOTE TO RATIFY A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

PER LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE 102.007(C), A SEPARATE VOTE IS REQUIRED TO RATIFY ANY PROPERTY TAX REVENUE INCREASE OVER THE PRIOR YEAR.

TOTAL TAX REVENUE INCREASE IS $1,742,497 (2.28%), M&O $2,291,233 and I&S is NEGATIVE ($548,736)

STAFF COMMENTS: JUDITH TANGALIN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE: Ms. Tangalin introduced the item, continued her PowerPoint presentation, and fielded questions from City Council.

Motion to approve the property tax rate be increased as reflected in the budget: Motion by Councilmember Kendrick to approve the increase as required in Local Government Code 102.007(c) by moving that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of $0.7301/$100 valuation which is effectively a 3.59% increase in the tax rate, this motion was seconded by Councilmember Williams and passed by a vote of 5-2. (Ayes: Nash-King, Gonzalez, Kimble, Kendrick and Williams) (Nays: Brown, Bass)

The City Secretary conducted a Roll Call vote for the record.

16. OR-26-017 Consider an **ordinance** setting a tax rate of $0.7301 per $100 valuation, comprised of $0.5562 for maintenance and operations and $0.1739 for debt service, for Fiscal Year 2027 (Tax Year 2026).

ORDINANCE #26--

AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE TAX RATE AND LEVYING A TAX UPON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KILLEEN, TEXAS, FOR THE 2026 TAX YEAR AND FOR THE USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF KILLEEN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2026, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2027; APPORTIONING SAID LEVY AMONG THE VARIOUS FUNDS AND ITEMS FOR WHICH REVENUE MUST BE RAISED INCLUDING PROVIDING A SINKING FUND FOR THE RETIREMENT OF THE BONDED DEBT OF THE CITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

STAFF COMMENTS: JUDITH TANGALIN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE: Ms. Tangalin introduced the item, continued her PowerPoint presentation, and fielded questions from City Council. She noted that:
PER TAX CODE 26.05(B), IF THE TAX RATE EXCEEDS THE NO-NEW-REVENUE RATE:
A RECORD VOTE IS REQUIRED

- APPROVAL BY AT LEAST 60% OF COUNCIL (5 MEMBERS)
- MOTION MUST STATE (REQUIRED WORDING)
- I MOVE THAT THE PROPERTY TAX RATE BE INCREASED BY THE ADOPTION OF A TAX RATE OF $0.7301, WHICH IS EFFECTIVELY A 3.59% INCREASE IN THE TAX RATE.'

Motion by Mayor Protem Gonzalez, and seconded by Councilmember Williams, that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of $0.7301/$100 valuation which is effectively a 3.59% increase. Vote on the motion: Motion passed by a vote of 5 – 2. (Ayes: Nash-King, Kimble, Kendrick, Williams and Gonzalez) (Nays: Brown, Bass).

The City Secretary read the votes into the record by a Roll Call vote.

17. RS-26-135 Consider a memorandum/resolution to adopt the Five-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for Fiscal Year 2027 - 2031.

STAFF COMMENTS: JUDITH TANGALIN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE: Ms. Tangalin introduced the item, continued her PowerPoint presentation, and fielded questions from City Council. She noted that this was the last budget-related item for the night. She provided a list of the categories of the projects and discussed the funding sources for the CIP. The city staff recommends approval of the CIP plan, as presented.

Motion: Motion by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Nash-King, to approve the Resolution, as presented, to adopt the Five-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for Fiscal Year 2027-2031. Vote on the motion, motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

Discussion Items

18. DS-26-079 Discuss and consider scheduling a City Council Retreat and Team Building Workshop

Staff Comments: Interim City Manager Kent Cagle. Mr. Cagle explained that this was a simple request by Mayor Solomon for a Team Building event to be held in the City. Nothing was planned, or decided, a similar session was held a few years ago. There was no action taken.

Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items

The following citizens made comments regarding items that were not listed as/related to items on the agenda tonight:

- Michael Fornino
- Dr. Sue Neesy Croft
- Anca Neagu
- Heather McMillian (virtually)
- Leo Gukeisen

Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Nash-King to adjourn at 8:34 PM, seconded by Mayor Protem Gonzalez, and passed without objection.

Joseph Solomon, Mayor

Megan Magallon, Deputy City Secretary