

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSAL CITY, TEXAS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, April 21, 2026 @ 6:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Maxwell at 6:30 p.m.

2. QUORUM CHECK AND VOTE TO CONSIDER THE EXCUSE OF ABSENT MEMBERS (IF APPLICABLE):

Maribel Garcia-Uribe, City Clerk

Present:

Mayor Tom Maxwell

Mayor Pro Tem Christina Fitzpatrick

Councilmember Lori Putt

Councilmember Bernard Rubal

Councilmember William Shelby (Virtual)

Councilmember Phil Vaughan

Absent:

Councilmember Bear Goolsby

Staff Present:

Kim Turner, City Manager

Michael Cassata, Assistant City Manager

Christine Green, Finance Director

Randy Luensmann, Public Works Director

Brandon Peterson, Assistant Public Works Director

Todd Perna, Fire Chief

Kathy Williams, Communications Director

Maribel Garcia-Uribe, City Clerk

Mrs. Garcia-Uribe noted a quorum was present.

3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mike Saenz was invited by Mayor Maxwell to give the invocation. Mayor Maxwell led everyone in the pledges to the United States and Texas flags.

4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Billy Hill, 9023 Phoenix Ave, gave kudos to the City. He thanked Councilmember Vaughan for his service in light of the upcoming election and Councilmember Vaughan not running. He looked forward to future City events at the Olympia Hills Golf Course.

Veronica Goldhorn, a volunteer representing Students First at SCUC ISD organization, wished to speak on the upcoming SCUC ISD bond election. She shared her history of living in the area. She asked everyone to vote to pass both Propositions A and B as the district needed renovations and upgrades to support students. She reviewed the specifics of Prop A and B. She explained and emphasized the need for repairs at district establishments.

Mike Saenz, 13607 Oak Meadows, commended Universal City Staff for their dedication in assisting residents, especially with the heavy rain and flood mitigation for residents that were not City issues. Nevertheless, Staff assisted with the issues.

5. STAFF REPORTS AND OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS:

a. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

i. Jeremy Riney, Chief Executive Officer, University Health – Retama Hospital Update

Mr. Riney reviewed University Health's upcoming projects, focusing on the opening of Retama Hospital. He noted that University Health is the only locally owned and run hospital in the area. They focus on serving the community. University Health currently has two locations, which would increase to five in the next year. He displayed a map of University Health locations in and around the City. He shared details of the new Retama Hospital including the number of operating rooms and inpatient beds. The infrastructure was made to be able to expand with the population. The hospital would create about 450-475 jobs in the area; it is projected to grow to 1,000 over 3-5 years. While University Health hospital is a teaching hospital, community hospitals like Retama would focus more on local providers than teaching. He reviewed services to be provided at Retama. He displayed several photos showing the layout and design of the hospital. He clarified that all rooms are private rooms.

ii. Opticom Traffic Pre-Emption System

Mrs. Turner reminded Council of the history of consideration of the Opticom system. She shared

updates with Council regarding Opticom pricing, which had decreased to about \$370,000 from over approximately \$600,000. Furthermore, instead of having to pay for everything at one time, the payments are now allowed over 10 years. The first year would be about \$47,000 and following years would be about \$37,000. She reported that the Fire Department's budget would support expenditure now, if Council supported that action.

Councilmember Rubal moved to authorize the City Manager to take the action necessary to move forward with this project. Councilmember Shelby seconded the motion.

Vote: Yeas: Rubal, Shelby, Fitzpatrick, Putt, Vaughan

Nays: None

Motion to approve carried.

b. STAFF REPORT:

i. CPS Energy/UC Public Works Alley Clean Up Report

Mr. Peterson reminded Council of the history of the partnership between CPS and the City to clean up alleys for power lines. So far, 22 alleys have been cleaned in the first phase. Another phase would begin at the beginning of the following year. In the first phase, the southeast of town, Park View and Coronado areas were addressed. Approximately 10 residents filed complaints during this process due to their trees being trimmed. Overall, he reported that most residents were happy with the clean-up. However, it was emphasized to residents that this project was a one-time cleanup of the alley, and it is residents' responsibility to maintain the alley per City ordinances.

Councilmember Rubal received clarification that trees around powerlines should be kept at a height that can be maintained without the hazard of going into the powerlines.

ii. FY 2026 2nd Quarter Financial Report

Ms. Green gave the 2nd Quarter Financial Report where she explained variances and reminding Council of budget amendments.

iii. Snowfest Recap

Ms. Williams presented a video regarding marketing efforts and outcomes for the 2026 Snowfest. Marketing included partnerships with JBSA, Do210, Fun4Kids and local newspapers. Her team shared how Placer.ai helped with guiding the team to more focused marketing efforts for future Snowfests.

Mrs. Turner shared that the Snowfest bear received a small makeover and was now called Flurry. A photo of the new bear was displayed.

Ms. Green reported total revenues as \$141,858. Attendee revenue was \$95,833, donations and sponsor revenue were \$40,700, and vendor revenue \$5,325. Total expenditure was \$160,822, resulting in a difference of about \$18,000. However, it brought together residents and families for a shared seasonal experience, strengthened community connections and local pride, and created a high-quality event that enhances quality of life in the city.

Mr. Luensmann emphasized the amount of people who have dedicated their time and work to this event. All City departments assist with the event along with many volunteers. There were approximately 5,800 guests in attendance, 54 sponsors, 32 vendor merchants, 16 food booths and 10 food trucks. He reported that the event was a success and encouraged everyone to come out to the next Snowfest.

Mayor Maxwell reminded everyone that the event is only designed to break even. It is meant to provide affordable entertainment for families during the rodeo.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- a. **Request for a Specific Use Permit for an Accessory Residential Unit Use at 208 E. Lindbergh Blvd.**
Mr. Cassata clarified the location in the Aviation District. The request is from the resident property owner. It was for an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) which requires a specific use permit in the Old Town Residential district. He noted that there are three zoning lots on this property that have not been consolidated with a Unity of Title Agreement, which would be required if this SUP were to pass to stay in compliance with the City Code. Furthermore, there are three active permits for construction projects on the property as well as active code compliance cases that are unresolved. Mr. Cassata reported that the Planning & Zoning Commission unanimously voted against the approval of this SUP. Legal notices were sent out with no returned opinions. He noted that it was Staff's opinion that this proposal did not meet the vision of the Aviation District Masterplan and showed photos. The connex storage container proposed as the subject dwelling unit was already on the property being used as storage, which is not allowed in a residential area. Furthermore, the property has multiple sheds, which is also not allowed.

Mayor Maxwell opened the Public Hearing at 7:24 p.m. There being no public comments, Mayor Maxwell closed the Public Hearing at 7:24:30 p.m.

- b. **Request for a Specific Use Permit for an Automotive Rentals Use at 942 Kitty Hawk Road**
Mr. Cassata clarified the location on the corner of Kitty Hawk and N. Loop 1604. The proposed U-Haul rental required a SUP per the City's Zoning Code. While the property owner states their intent for no more than 4-5 U-Haul units at a time on the property, there is no way to guarantee this. He noted that approving this request may result in an aesthetic issue for a prominent corner in the City. There may be a creep effect with the U-Haul location given that customers may drop off their rentals at any time without owner consent and Texas is an inbound State. Mr. Cassata gave examples of other U-Haul locations in the City. He noted that the Fire Marshal also had concerns about U-Haul vehicles blocking emergency apparatus. Legal notices were sent out, and one objection was returned from a residential property across the street. The Planning & Zoning Commission unanimously voted against approval of this proposal.

Mayor Maxwell opened the Public Hearing at 7:31 pm. There being no public comment, he closed the Public Hearing at 7:31:30 p.m.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

a. **CITY MANAGER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mrs. Turner reviewed upcoming events and meetings. She asked Council and residents to look out for notices of town hall meetings discussing upcoming streets improvements. Election canvassing will be held on May 12th. She reported that the City is doing well in water usage during the drought.

b. **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

ii. **SCUC ISD Bond Proposal Presentation**

Superintendent Paige Meloni gave a presentation reviewing the upcoming bond election. She explained that the bond election would be held because the State does not provide funds for large facility projects and these projects cannot typically be paid for from the general fund. She reviewed the Board of Trustees' decision to hold a bond election, noting their review of facility of an average age of 27 years old. The \$295 million bond proposal includes upgrades and renovations to general facilities across the district as well as improvements to stadium facilities and the purchase of new technology. Proposition (Prop) A is for \$230.7 million for general facilities. Prop B is for stadium facilities and is \$55.3 million and Prop C is \$9.1 million for technology. She reviewed how these bonds would affect the tax rate, reviewing the effect on the Interest and Sinking (I&S) part of the tax rate; it would increase this part though an increase is not expected for the 2026-2027 tax rate. However, over time there would be an increase in the tax rate to support the debt. She noted the decrease in school taxes over the past few years.

i. **Proclamation: Month of the Military Child**

Councilmember Putt was asked to read the proclamation. Mayor Maxwell reported it would be mailed to a military family at a later date as one could not attend.

Mayor Maxwell encouraged everyone to vote during the May election. He reported that he and Mayor Pro Tem Fitzpatrick attended a policy summit of Texas leaders, many of whom are in the State legislature. He noted their intent to do away with local property taxes, though this would result in an approximately 20% sales tax rate, none of which would go to cities for city services. On this note, he promised residents that the City would do their best to produce the smallest budget while maintaining City services. Moving on, he noted that there was now a UC coloring book produced by the Communications Department.

c. **COUNCILMEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Rubal asked for Staff input on thru-traffic control in residential neighborhoods. He inquired regarding the repurpose of the closed Coronado Elementary as a public space and playground, possibly using EDC funds.

Councilmember Putt commented on the sense of community and help neighbors give each other in light of the heavy rains and flooding in recent days.

Councilmember Vaughan thanked the anonymous donors who put money toward the Opticom system, making it even more affordable for the City. He also commended the City for their work on getting the price of the system down.

Mayor Pro Tem Fitzpatrick commented that the Texas Policy Summit attended by her and Mayor Maxwell was a great way to keep updated on the policy intentions of the State legislature, noting that it helps to both prepare for actions and reach out to committee chairs earlier. She reported on the upcoming First Responder Cadet Academy, formerly known as Heroes Camp. She encouraged teens to sign up as it gives them first aid and Stop The Bleed training. Furthermore, it helps youth see first responders such as police in a different light.

8. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

a. **Minutes of the 07 April 2026 Regular Meeting.**

Councilmember Vaughan moved to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Rubal seconded the motion.

Vote: Yeas: Vaughan, Rubal, Fitzpatrick, Putt, Shelby

Nays: None

Motion to approve carried.

9. **ACTION ITEMS:**

a. **2023 Bond Streets Repackaging Funding Scenarios**

Mrs. Turner reminded Council that, in light of the original \$6 million street bonds streets package coming in very under-budget, Staff and engineers reviewed some options to expend the remaining balance of the \$6 million bond.

Mr. Luensmann recapped the actions that led to this item; the street bond package bid award was given at \$2.79 million, leaving about \$2.23 million of the \$6 million bond to be expended. He reviewed the Staff recommendation of reallocating these funds toward additional engineering, design and street construction projects. He provided funding scenarios.

Scenario 1:

- Add a street (Bowie) to the current contract from the bid award with contingency funding
- Fund engineering for bond packages 2 and 3

Scenario 2:

- Fund engineering for packages 2, 3, and 4
- Remaining funds would roll over to package 2

Staff favored Scenario 2 while still doing a change order to the current contract to add a street and take advantage of the pricing offered by Brooke Paving & Construction, the company awarded the bid. Mr. Luensmann noted that oil prices are high now and it would be an inopportune time to go out to bid for

another streets package. Completing the design and engineering now will ensure the City is prepared when oil prices decrease.

Councilmember Vaughan was unsure that Bowie should be the street added given some potential projects that may need street design accommodations. He supported the idea of adding a street to the current contract.

Mr. Luensmann reported that some of the delays with street construction and improvements is getting utility companies to relocate or adjust. They will not consider doing this until the design work is about 60% done. By doing the design work now, utility companies can be notified to move their equipment far in advance of the street work beginning. He confirmed that a portion of Bowie would have sidewalk work done.

Mayor Pro Tem Fitzpatrick supporting using the remaining bond money to get all engineering studies done. She found that the most frustrating part of the bond process was how long engineering took before street improvement work would begin. This would help projects be executed more quickly once bond money becomes available in future packages.

Councilmember Rubal expressed concern regarding changes to the streets in the bond package. It was clarified that streets in the package were adjusted due to price decreases.

Councilmember Shelby moved to approve Scenario 2, including the engineering for Packages 2, 3, and 4 at approximately \$2.1 million and rolling over the remaining bond balance to Package 2. Mayor Pro Tem Fitzpatrick seconded the motion.

Vote: Yeas: Shelby, Fitzpatrick, Putt, Rubal, Vaughan

Nays: None

Motion to approve carried.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:

- a. **Pursuant to Texas Gov't Code Sec. 551.072 regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in open session would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third party; regarding water rights.**

Mayor Maxwell convened into Executive Session at 8:08 p.m. with the following people:

All present Councilmembers, City Manager Kim Turner, Public Works Director Randy Luensmann, Asst. Public Works Director Brandon Peterson, and Development Services and EDC Director Michael Cassata.

- b. **Reconvene in Open Session and take action, if needed, on any item pertaining to or listed in the Executive Session section of this Agenda.**

Mayor Maxwell reconvened into Open Session at 8:52 p.m. No action was taken during the Executive Session.

9. ACTION ITEMS:

- b. **General Obligation Bonds (Streets) and Revenue Bonds (Water/Sewer) FY 2026 Financing Plan**

Mrs. Turner gave an outline of what Victor Quiroga, the City's Financial Advisor, would review. This included a second \$6 million street bond, utility revenue bonds of about \$6.5 million for the Public Works expansion Mr. Luensmann presented in a prior meeting and approximately \$13.5 million for the purchase of water rights. The latter could be combined into a \$20 million revenue bond.

Mr. Quiroga clarified that tonight he would need direction from Council to begin to put together a bond bid. The City has an AA+ S&P bond rating, one rating below a perfect rating. Both the City General Obligation bonds paid by property taxes and the Utility Systems bonds are ranked at the same credit rating, which is rare for cities. He reviewed the current General Obligation (GO) debt profile, which included outstanding debt of \$22.79 million across 7 bond issuances. These fund capital projects and refinancings.

GO bonds are typically within a 20-year repayment schedule. He showed a graph of how debt would decrease and bond debt rolls off due to repayment. Finance proposal #1 is to issue the second series of GO street bonds. November 2022 marked the election in which voters approved \$30 million for streets projects. One series of \$6 million bonds was issued in September 2023. The proposal is to issue another set in summer 2026. The estimated tax impact is approximately 2.5 cents to the I&S tax rate. At the time the bond election passed, the I&S tax rate was about 11.5 cents and voters were told it the bonds would not take the rate above 12.34 cents. Given the current I&S tax rate of 8.8 cents, it would remain below 12.34 cents as promised to voters. He presented preliminary numbers showing a conservative projection of the proposed bond amortization.

Mr. Quiroga moved on to present the proposed revenue bonds funded by the Water/Sewer funds. He reviewed the debt profile for the utilities system, which included an outstanding \$8.675 million in debt across 5 bond issuances. He showed a graph of how this debt would decrease and bond debt rolls off due to repayment. While current bonds will be repaid within 20 years, it is possible for future bond issuances to have longer terms to soften the repayment amount. However, this would lead to more interest. He reviewed financing proposal #2 for utility system bonds. While GO bonds are funded by property tax, utility system revenue bonds are funded from the revenue of the utility system. This requires promises to future bond investors including minimum debt service coverage which is a ratio requiring a net revenue amount to pay the annual debt service created by the bond. The City would promise a 1.25 minimum debt coverage and would ensure customer rates supported having 25% more net revenue to cover debt service. The City's current debt coverage ratio is well above the 1.25 minimum rate. He reviewed different bond scenarios including a \$6.5 million bond on its own, a \$13.5 million bond on its own, or combining the two for a \$20 million bond. Additionally, he modeled amortization terms of 20, 25 and 30 years. All scenarios maintain above the required 1.24 minimum debt service coverage requirement. He clarified for Councilmember Vaughan that his projections did not assume any growth or rate increases.

Mr. Quiroga explained the timeline. Today he presented financing options and Council would give direction so that he could move forward with creating a financing plan. On May 19th, he would present a financing plan for Council to approve a preferred financing scenario. On August 18th, this approved financing scenario would be sent out to the bond market in the morning, the bids would be presented to Council in the evening with interest rates locked in. Council would award the bid that evening and the City would have money available from the bond on September 17th.

Following Councilmember Vaughan's inquiry regarding whether the City had reviewed State subsidized debt options for water purchases, Mrs. Turner confirmed Staff had reviewed them but warned that these options come with a lot of government red tape and require more Staff time.

Councilmember Vaughan confirmed that the City has the option to reimburse itself for the purchase of water rights following the issuance of a bond so long as it does so through a reimbursement resolution before it issues the debt. He opined that with the GO bonds for streets; it could be good to soften the first three-four years of payments to avoid an increase in taxes.

Mrs. Turner said this is possible but that results in balloon payments toward the end of the term. Given the City does not know the future state of the economy, they preferred the conservative route with level payments. She and Councilmember Vaughan discussed when package three of GO bonds would be issued.

Mr. Quiroga noted that the growth rate estimated in these projections for GO bonds was conservative and any growth past 2% would assist in softening tax rate increases.

Council came to a consensus to go forward with next \$6 million of GO bonds for streets.

Regarding utility revenue bonds, Councilmember Vaughan felt the \$20 million would cause too large an increase in debt service under the utilities funds, regardless of meeting debt service coverage

requirements. He felt that the Public Works facility included in the \$20 million was not a need at this point. He supported issuing bonds for water rights, especially if reimbursement was an option. He was interested to see the result of the Capital Improvement Plan with the Impact Fee Study to know infrastructure needs. Furthermore, he wanted to wait for the space needs assessment to know where more space is needed before deciding whether the Public Works facility should be funded first.

Mr. Luensmann explained that he was trying to prevent the Public Works facility project from becoming more expensive due to the increase in cost over time.

Councilmember Rubal said that debt roll-offs were only about \$1.2 million by 2031, which did not compare to the added debt proposed. While he acknowledged the need for the Public Works facility, he felt the more pressing need was \$13.5 million for water rights.

Councilmember Shelby expressed concern for postponing the Public Works facility any longer. He noted that a large portion of Staff and City services operate out of this building, which has been stretched to its limits. He felt certain prices would increase so he supported funding both.

Mayor Pro Tem Fitzpatrick noted she was an advocate for the space needs assessment but was aware Public Works had outgrown its space. She confirmed that this project would not affect the tax rate, only utility rates as the funding comes from special revenue funds. Other buildings would be funded out of the General Fund, funded by property tax. She noted a new facility was needed to ensure space to store expensive equipment and prevent rapid deterioration. She shared concerns from Councilmember Shelby.

Councilmember Putt agreed with Councilmember Shelby and Mayor Pro Tem Fitzpatrick.

Councilmember Rubal felt the consideration of what utility rates would look like with the additional debt was missing.

Mr. Luensmann stated that the Public Works facility was already included in the FY 2026 budget and rates. The only difference with a \$20 million bond issuance would be the difference for water rights.

Councilmember Rubal asserted and confirmed that, alternatively, that inclusion could be half the rate increase for a \$13.5 million issuance.

Mayor Pro Tem Fitzpatrick asked whether the current climate favored one choice over another. She shared Councilmember Vaughan's concern regarding debt structuring.

Mr. Quiroga confirmed that there were options to soften debt payments over time or at the beginning. A longer term or making balloon payments were options.

Mayor Pro Tem Fitzpatrick confirmed that the water rights bonds would be issued all at once.

Mrs. Turner noted that any form of softening repayment requires paying more interest.

Councilmember Shelby moved to move forward with financing plans for \$20 million in utilities revenue bonds. Mayor Pro Tem Fitzpatrick seconded the motion.

Councilmember Rubal moved to divide the motion to consider the following bonds separately: \$13.5 million water rights bond and \$6.5 million Public Works facility bond. Councilmember Vaughan seconded the motion.

Vote: Yeas: Rubal, Vaughan

Nays: Fitzpatrick, Putt, Shelby

Motion to divide failed.

In consideration of Councilmember Shelby's original motion to move forward with financing plans for \$20 million in utilities revenue bonds. Mayor Pro Tem Fitzpatrick seconded the motion.

Vote: Yeas: Fitzpatrick, Putt, Shelby

Nays: Rubal, Vaughan

Motion to approve carried.

c. Resolution 909-G-2-2026: FY 2026 Budget Amendments

Ms. Green reminded Council of their approval and award of a contract for Olympia Hills Golf Course construction. To properly allocate expenses and costs, and to accurately reflect financial activities, a budget amendment is necessary.

Councilmember Vaughan clarified that while he was not a fan of financing the project through the Venue Tax, that action was already approved by Council and the budget amendment needed to be made to reflect the action.

Mayor Pro Tem Fitzpatrick moved to approve Resolution 909-G-2-2026. Councilmember Putt seconded the motion.

Vote: Yeas: Fitzpatrick, Putt, Rubal, Shelby, Vaughan

Nays: None

Motion to approve carried.

d. Ordinance No. 655-B-2026: Approve a SUP for an ARU at 208 E. Lindbergh Blvd.

Councilmember Shelby confirmed that the motion needed to be made in the affirmative to avoid confusion.

Councilmember Shelby moved to approve Ordinance 655-B-2026. Mayor Pro Tem Fitzpatrick seconded the motion.

Vote: Yeas: None

Nays: Shelby, Fitzpatrick, Putt, Rubal, Vaughan

Motion to approve failed.

e. Ordinance No. 655-C-2026: Approve a SUP for an Automotive Rentals Use at 942 Kitty Hawk Road

Councilmember Shelby moved to approve Ordinance 655-C-2026. Councilmember Putt seconded the motion.

Vote: Yeas: None

Nays: Shelby, Putt, Rubal, Vaughan, Fitzpatrick

Motion to approve failed.

f. Resolution 990-2026: Adopting a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP), affirming support for the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program, and establishing a goal of zero transportation related fatalities and serious injuries on city-maintained streets by 2050.

Dawniele Metsker-Galarza with Kimley-Horn gave an overview of the presentation she gave in March regarding the CSAP in line with the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) grant program. She identified grant funding opportunities following the passage of the CSAP. She reviewed steps to create the CSAP including engagement activities, a Safety Task Force, and community meetings. The goal is zero fatalities on City streets. She reviewed the results of the safety analysis. She reviewed targeted recommendations for intersections and corridors, systemic safety countermeasures, and policy actions. One systemic measure which made progress at this meeting was the passage of the Opticom system. Following the March 3rd meeting, the draft CSAP was open for public comment for a month. The action requested at this meeting is to pass a final draft of the CSAP to be able to move forward with other funding and grant opportunities. Following adoption, the final CSAP would be available to the public on April 30th. She reported that Universal City had already been awarded two projects that would fall within the scope of SS4A; both

funded by the TXDOT Highway Safety Improvement Program with 80% funding, projects included pedestrian crossing improvements at Old Cimarron Trail and upgraded school zone flashers at the Kitty Hawk school zone.

Councilmember Vaughan moved to Resolution 990-2026. Councilmember Rubal seconded the motion.

Vote: Yeas: Vaughan, Rubal, Fitzpatrick, Putt, Shelby

Nays: None

Motion to approve carried.

g. Consider Bid Acceptance of the Westway Drive Waterline Replacement Project

Mrs. Turner clarified the location of Westway behind the Library. She reported the successful bid process with Staff recommendation of awarding the bid to All Pro Paving and approving the base bid and add alternative for a total bid of \$281,499.24.

Councilmember Rubal asked about having an asphalt company do sewer and utility work.

Mr. Luensmann reported that the company has a utility division. They were vetted; the superintendent worked with EZ Bel at one point.

Councilmember Vaughan moved to approve Staff recommendation. Councilmember Rubal seconded the motion.

Vote: Yeas: Vaughan, Rubal, Fitzpatrick, Putt, Shelby

Nays: None

Motion to approve carried.

h. Resolution 972-B-2026: WaterSMART Grant Application

Councilmember Putt moved to approve Resolution 972-B-2026. Councilmember Vaughan seconded the motion.

Vote: Yeas: Putt, Vaughan, Fitzpatrick, Rubal, Shelby

Nays: None

Motion to approve carried.

i. Flintstone Ln.CDBG Pay App #4

Councilmember Putt moved to approve the pay application for the Flintstone CDBG project. Councilmember Shelby seconded the motion.

Vote: Yeas: Putt, Shelby, Fitzpatrick, Rubal, Vaughan

Nays: None

Motion to approve carried.

j. Resolution 943-I-2026: 2027 MVCPA Catalytic Converter Theft Grant

Councilmember Rubal asked about budgetary impacts of the FLOCK cameras.

Mrs. Turner clarified the annual contract for FLOCK is \$45,300, the Axon contract is \$9,500 annually with mandatory training of \$1,500. The prior year's grant covered 80% of all costs. This application is for the same grant to cover this upcoming year's costs at 80% again.

Councilmember Rubal confirmed that the determination by the Police Department for more or less cameras would be discussed during the FY 2027 budget process.

Councilmember Putt moved to approve Resolution 943-I-2026. Councilmember Shelby seconded the motion.

Vote: Yeas: Putt, Shelby, Fitzpatrick, Rubal, Vaughan

Nays: None

Motion to approve carried.

k. **Xenforo Council Message Board Renewal**

Mayor Pro Tem Fitzpatrick opined that it had never been utilized effectively, and she would rather have dialogue on the dais than read the message board with lengthy posts.

Councilmembers Shelby and Putt agreed with Mayor Pro Tem Fitzpatrick.

Councilmember Vaughan felt the board was an opportunity for councilmembers to have a voice. He noted the intention to shorten meetings and put limits on speaking times; the board would provide a way to speak without having to do so at a meeting. He felt it was a nominal cost of about \$650 annually and would provide another tool for councilmembers.

Mayor Maxwell mentioned that the mayor has the option to extend discussion times. Sometimes conversations get repetitious. However, he noted he does not get a vote on this item.

Councilmember Rubal emphasized there were 16,000 views on the message board. He felt if the Council was not reading it then residents were.

Councilmember Shelby noted the views could be bots as well.

Councilmember Vaughan moved to approve the renewal of the Council Message Board. Councilmember Rubal seconded the motion.

Vote: Yeas: Vaughan, Rubal
Nays: Fitzpatrick, Putt, Shelby
Motion to approve failed.

11. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Maxwell at 9:55 p.m.



ATTEST:


Maribel Garcia-Urbe, City Clerk

APPROVED:


Tom Maxwell, Mayor