

**MINUTES FOR THE
JUNE 08, 2026
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

1. Call to Order and Recording of Quorum.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. and a quorum was established; Ms. Ballantyne was absent.

City Council Members Present

Mayor John Low
Bill Mitchell
Peter Mako
Kate Lanfear

City Staff Present

City Manager, William Foley
Executive Secretary, Kristyn Schones
Asst. Fire Chief, Justin Seibert
Police Chief, Gail Baham
Asst. Police Chief, Gabriel Ortiz
Director, Rick Baldarrama
Attorney, Frank Garza

Others Present

Collier Bashara
Allison Hayne

2. Review/Action of minutes from:

a. May 11th Regular Meeting

Mayor Low asked if all had read the minutes and asked if anyone had any corrections or amendments, there were none. Mayor Low asked for a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, Mako motioned, Lanfear seconded, all voted in favor, and the motion passed.

3. Comments by Citizens.

There were none. At 4:16 p.m., Mayor Low reopened the comments by citizens due to Ms. Hayne arriving late allowing her to speak. Ms. Hayne apologized for being late and advised she would be on the agenda in August. Ms. Hayne spoke about the pollinator garden stating she has raised \$2,000.00 and has installed a walking path, invited all to go and take a look and advised asking to expand and make a community garden.

4. Executive Session: Council will convene into executive session to discuss the terms and conditions of the City Managers Contract per Texas Government Code § 551.074 (Personnel Matters).

Executive session began at 4:01 p.m. and ended at 4:09 p.m.

5. Discussion/Action from matters discussed in executive session.

Mayor Low asked for a motion to approve discussion regarding the amendment of the City Manager's contract as discussed in executive session. Mitchell motioned and advised he would like to authorize the mayor to negotiate and execute such contract. Mako seconded, all voted in favor and the motion passed.

6. Discussion: Monthly reports as submitted in the council packets.

Mayor Low asked Baldarrama if everything was going good in his department. Baldarrama replied, "Yes, everything is good." Mayor Low asked Baham if her department was keeping busy. Baham replied, "Yes, Sir. Mayor Low asked Seibert, and Seibert replied everything was going well, the department is getting a new fire fighter starting Monday. Mayor Low asked Schones How's things are at city hall?" Schones replied, "Things are good." Mayor Low asked Foley if he had anything to discuss. Foley advised there is a large oak tree dying on the western edge of the Esplanade. Per the Arbor's opinion it needs to come down. Foley stated the estimates provided for trimming the trees on the Esplanade were \$15,000 and \$6,000 to take the tree down and grind out the stub. Foley stated we would then need to find a replacement for the tree. Council asked if it was known if this is an oak wilt situation, Foley stated he tasked Baldarrama with reaching out to the arborists to find out, it is believed to be drought related. Discussion continued regarding pruning times and trimming. Foley advised we will be emailing the arborist today questions regarding wilt and pruning. Mayor Low stated he would see if he can get a tree donated or help with funding one and requested the city to assist as well. Staff will get the tree removed, ASAP.

7. Adjournment

Mayor Low advised no further business and adjourned the meeting at 4:22 p.m., adding that there will be no July meeting unless deemed necessary.

ATTEST:

MAYOR

SECRETARY-MANAGER