

Duncanville City Council Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Duncanville City Council was called to order on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Briefing Room at City Hall with a quorum to wit:

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Councilmember At-Large DeMonica Gooden
Councilmember Joe Veracruz
Councilmember Don McBurnett
Mayor Pro Tem Jeremy Koontz
Councilmember Karen Cherry-Brown
Mayor Greg Contreras
Councilmember Kyle Pennebaker

COUNCIL ARRIVING AT:

COUNCIL ABSENT:

WORK SESSION / BRIEFING

1. DISCUSS AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Contreras read the item into the record, and City Manager Finch reviewed each item.

2. CITY COUNCIL CALENDAR

3. BRIEFINGS / PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Contreras recessed the Briefing Session at 6:35 p.m. for City Council to convene into Executive Session.

A. *Briefing presentation on the need to appoint new board members to fill vacancies on the Duncanville Community and Economic Development Corporation board, the TIF board, Bond Committee, and various boards and commissions.*

City Manager Finch stated Patrick Harvey was elected president of DCEDC with the resignation of Marlon Goff. Since Mr. Harvey is also Mayor Contreras' appointment to the Bond Committee, Mr. Finch asked if the mayor would like to make another appointment as Mr. Harvey would now be the representative of the DCEDC on the Bond Committee. Mayor Contreras added that there has not been much direction for the boards and encouraged the council to attend the meetings. Councilmember Gooden suggested updates from the Chair or liaison of the boards be presented before the council. Councilmember Veracruz suggested using the Multicultural Commission as a steppingstone for the Arts Commission. He also asked about deferring some of the events to the Multicultural Commission. Councilmember McBurnett suggested that if they do not want to present to the council that they can add updates to the staff reports. Mr. Finch added that typically, a member of DCEDC is also a member of the TIF Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Executive Session was called into session at 6:35 p.m. and Mayor Contreras read the item into record.

The Council closed the Executive Session at 7:07 p.m.

- City Council shall convene in Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code, to deliberate the sale, exchange, lease, purchase, or value of certain real property located east of Main St, south of Camp Wisdom***

Rd, west of Cockrell Hill Rd, and north of Danieldale Rd, and pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, to seek legal advice from the City Attorney regarding the same.

REGULAR SESSION - CONVENE INTO THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS (7:00 P.M. or immediately following the 6:00 pm Work Session/Briefing)

The City Council convened into Regular Session in the Council Chambers at 7:14 p.m. with Mayor Contreras presiding.

Police Chaplin Moises Ruiz delivered the Invocation.

Mayor Contreras led the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge.

1. REPORTS

A. *Mayor's Report.*

Mayor Contreras commended the staff on the success of the Easter Eggstravaganza.

B. *Councilmembers' Reports*

Councilmember Gooden commended staff on the Eggstravaganza and the expansion of the event. She added the Duncanville Police had an event yesterday and how much she enjoyed it. Councilmember McBurnett mentioned the Eggstravaganza and the upcoming events in the city. He wished everyone a Happy Easter. Mayor Pro Tem Koontz requested extra time.

Councilmember Don McBurnett made a motion to approve extra time for Mayor Pro Tem Koontz, Councilmember Kyle Pennebaker seconded the motion. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against.

Mayor Pro Tem Koontz then reviewed some of the offense statistics for the Police department and commended the Police Department and the first responders in the city. He then mentioned the trash cart pilot program and asked citizens to provide feedback even if they are not part of the pilot program.

C. *City Manager's Report.*

City Manager Finch reported we have just completed the first week of the pilot program with the issuance of carts for trash pickup. The current contract with Republic Services expires in September 2026. He then reported that yesterday he was in Austin in reference to Senate Bill 4 in regard hotel occupancy taxes being used for sporting events. He reported this is the final city council meeting for Interim Assistant City Manager Kevin Hugman and thanked him for his service to the city.

2. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. *Mayor to present a letter of recognition for Betty Dunn, thanking her for her contributions to the City of Duncanville.*

Mayor Contreras read the Letter of Recognition and presented it to Ms. Dunn.

3. CITIZENS' INPUT

“Pursuant to Section 551.007 of the Texas Gov’t Code, any member of the public has the opportunity to address the City Council concerning any matter of public business or any posted agenda item; however, the Act prohibits the City Council from deliberating any issues not on the public agenda and such non-agenda issues may be referred to City staff for research and any future action; all persons addressing are subject to council adopted rules and limitations permitted by law”

At this time, two-minute comments will be taken from the audience on any topic. To address the Council, please submit a fully completed request card to the City Secretary prior to the beginning of the Citizens' Input portion of the Council meeting. In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, the City Council cannot discuss issues raised or make any decisions at this time. Issues may be referred to City Staff for research and possible future action.

To view the live meeting or previous meetings click on the link below.

<https://duncanvilletx.new.swagit.com/views/454/>

To submit a comment via email the following information is required:

- Submit a comment by 4:00 p.m. on _
- Email citysecretary@duncanvilletx.gov
- Email title: Public Comment – _
- First Name, Last Name, and Address

Mayor Contreras read the item into the record. The following spoke during the Citizens Input Period:

Rebecca Crawford
526 E. Magnolia Lane
Presidential Estates Green space

Savanna Crawford
526 E. Magnolia Lane
Green space

Hannah Crawford
526 E. Magnolia Lane
Green Space

Karen Crawford
526 E. Magnolia Lane
Green Space

Linda Young
919 Eisenhower
Undeveloped Green Space

Willow Young
919 Eisenhower
Green Space

Corey Bugay
626 Crestside Dr.
SUP - item 4E

Wesley Jamison
1214 Lady Lane
Carts for trash pickup

Dennis Sherman
103 Timothy Trail
Adopt a Bridge - Code violation

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Consider the Minutes for the April 1, 2025, City Council Regular Meeting.**
- B. Consider a resolution authorizing an agreement between Xplor Technologies, LLC (Perfectmind Inc.) to provide recreation management software and support to the Parks and Recreation Department and The Duncanville Fieldhouse for a five-year period in an amount not to exceed \$84,180.00, including a 15% contingency.**

RES 2025-448

- C. Consider a Resolution approving an Interlocal Agreement, effective April 15, 2025, and expiring December 31, 2028, between the City of Duncanville and the Dallas County District Attorney's (DA) Office; to obtain asset seizure funds created in compliance with Art. 59.08 of the**

Texas Code of Criminal Procedure for services as contained in the agreement for property awarded.

RES 2025-450

- D. ***Consider a Resolution authorizing the renewal of telephone and communications data systems and solutions services from RingCentral through The Interlocal Purchasing Systems (TIPS) contract in the estimated expenditure amount of \$413,999 for five (5) years, paid annually at \$82,799.80 per year.***

RES 2025-433

- E. ***City Council to consider Resolution 2025-453 which would request the P&Z to hold a public hearing for 626 Crestside Dr, Duncanville, TX 75137 to address concerns of residents relating to specific use permit.***

MPT Koontz clarified that there is not a violation of the SUP. This is related to the residential property owners affected in the area.

RES 2025-453

Councilmember Don McBurnett made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Councilmember Karen Cherry-Brown seconded the motion. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against.

5. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- A. ***Take any necessary action as a result of the Executive Session.***

No action taken.

- B. ***Approval of the release of a privileged mowing lien (Reso. No. 2025-454) and a release of demolition lien (Reso. No. 2025-455) for 727 S. Cockrell Hill Road, Duncanville, TX 75137***

Presented by Economic Development Director Victor Barrera.

RES 2025-454

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Councilmember Don McBurnett made a motion to approve the item as stated, Mayor Pro Tem Jeremy Koontz seconded the motion. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against.

- C. ***Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance to grant a Planned Development for 914 and 918 East Highway 67, Duncanville, TX 75137.***

Presented by Victor Barrera.

Mayor Contreras opened the public hearing at 8:04 p.m.

Spoke in support:

Frank Michalopoulos

4645 No Central Expressway

Dallas

Spoke in Opposition:

Bobby Roddy

878 Starry Ave.

Councilmember Don McBurnett made a motion to close the public hearing, Councilmember At-Large DeMonica Gooden seconded the motion. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against.

Mayor Contreras closed the public hearing at 8:11 p.m.

Councilmember Gooden asked about letters sent and the number of returns. Mr. Barrera stated we did not receive any letters returned. Councilmember Gooden stated she could see to concern for the increased traffic in the area

but noted the easement would alleviate the traffic concerns. Mayor Contreras cautioned the city not to use the Planned Development to circumvent the development process.

ORD 2537

Councilmember Don McBurnett made a motion to approve the item as stated, Councilmember Kyle Pennebaker seconded the motion. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against.

6. STAFF AND BOARD REPORTS

- A. *Present the Police Department's Quarterly Report***
Presented by Assistant Police Chief Adrian Tijerina.
- B. *Fire Department Quarterly Report***
Presented by Fire Chief Chris Connealy.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

ATTEST:

CITY SECRETARY