

Duncanville Special Called Meetings Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
Thursday, August 28, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Duncanville City Council was called to order on Thursday, August 28, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Briefing Room at City Hall with a quorum to wit:

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tem DeMonica Gooden
Councilmember Joe Veracruz
Councilmember Don McBurnett
Councilmember Jeremy Koontz
Councilmember Karen Cherry-Brown
Mayor Greg Contreras

COUNCIL ARRIVING AT:

COUNCIL ABSENT: Councilmember Kyle Pennebaker

CALL TO ORDER

RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Contreras recessed the regular meeting to convene into the Executive Session at 4:01 p.m. and read the item into the record.

The Council closed the Executive Session at 5:15 p.m.

1. ***City Council shall convene into closed executive session pursuant to Section 551.074, of the Texas Government Code, Personnel, to deliberate the duties of the City Manager under the Home Rule Charter and, pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, to seek legal advice from the City Attorney on the same topic.***
2. ***City Council shall convene into closed executive session pursuant to Section 551.071, of the Texas Government Code, to consult with legal counsel concerning pending litigation Life School v. City of Duncanville.***

Mayor Contreras reconvened the regular meeting at 5:16 p.m.

1. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

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

Item 1.

Councilmember Don McBurnett made a motion to accept the resignation of Douglas Finch as City Manager of Duncanville dated August 26, 2025, effective September 1, 2025, Mayor Pro Tem DeMonica Gooden seconded the motion. The vote was cast 6 for, 0 against, with Councilmember Kyle Pennebaker absent.

Councilmember Don McBurnett made a motion to continue the appointment of Interim City Manager Richard Abernethy until further decision by the council, Mayor Pro Tem DeMonica Gooden seconded the motion. The vote was cast 6 for, 0 against, with Councilmember Kyle Pennebaker absent.

Item 2. No action taken.

[Resignation - Finch](#)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

ATTEST:

CITY SECRETARY

August 26, 2025

Mayor and Council,

I respectfully submit my resignation as City Manager, effective September 1, 2025. Due to personal matters, my family and I will be relocating away from the area.

It has been a pleasure to serve the Duncanville community, and work with you on many different initiatives since joining you on this journey. Together through a lot of long hours, I believe we have achieved sound planning success to help move Duncanville forward for decades to come. The work the team has done to catch up on audits, fix information technology systems challenges, rethink operations, improve customer service, and enhance public safety has been nothing short of impressive.

You have heard me say it often, I want to acknowledge the hard work and the time that you, as Council volunteers to the City, contribute to make it better. While I regret our time was not longer, I sincerely want to thank you for the support and the opportunity to get to know each of you.

Sincerely,

Doug Finch

Douglas Finch


MAYOR CITY OF DUNCANVILLE
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5:19PM