

CITY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS
MINUTES FOR CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
January 12, 2026 - 10:00 AM



The City Council convened in **special** session at the Bush Convention Center, 105 N. Main Street, Midland, Texas, at 10:00 AM, January 12, 2026.

Council Members present: Amy Stretcher Burkes, Lori Blong, Brian Stubbs, Jack Ladd

Council Members absent: John Burkholder, Robin Poole, John Norman

Staff members present: City Manager Tommy Gonzalez, City Governance Officer/City Secretary Marcia Bentley-German, Deputy City Manager Morris Williams Jr., Deputy City Manager Jose Ortiz

Mayor Blong called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

SPECIAL SESSION

1. Conduct a Swearing-In Ceremony and all ancillary matters related thereto for the newly-elected Mayor and City Council Members.

Members of the City Council, City Staff and Citizens of Midland gathered to witness the swearing in ceremony of the newly elected City Council Members: Mayor Lori Blong, Council Member Jack Ladd for District 3 and Council Member Amy Stretcher Burkes for District 4.

Mayor Blong welcomed everyone in attendance.

Pastor Jason Hatch of Redeemer Church gave the invocation, followed by the presentation of Colors and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Retired Judge Mitzi Purvis performed the Oath of Office for Mayor Lori Blong.

Presiding Judge Jeff Robnett performed the Oath of Office for Council Member Jack Ladd.

Retired Justice Keith Stretcher performed the Oath of Office for Council Member Amy Stretcher Burkes.

Council Member Jack Ladd and Council Member Amy Stretcher Burkes provided remarks and Mayor Blong provided closing remarks.

All the business at hand having been completed, the meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED January 27, 2026.

Lori Blong, Mayor

ATTEST:

Marcia Bentley-German
City Governance Officer/City Secretary

