

**CITY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS
MINUTES FOR CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
August 25, 2026 - 10:00 AM**



The City Council convened in regular session in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Midland, Texas, at 10:00 AM, August 25, 2026.

Council Members present: John Burkholder, Amy Stretcher Burkes, Robin Poole, Lori Blong, Brian Stubbs, Jack Ladd, John Norman

Council Members absent: None

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

OPENING ITEMS

Mayor Lori Blong called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

1. Invocation - Father Bala Anthony Govindu, St. Stephen's Catholic Church
2. Pledge of Allegiance

CONSENT AGENDA

John Burkholder moved to Approve Consent Agenda items 3 - 11, excluding items 3, 4, 8, 10 & 11; seconded by John Norman.

The motion Passed by the following vote:

AYE: John Burkholder, Amy Stretcher Burkes, Robin Poole, Lori Blong, Brian Stubbs, Jack Ladd, John Norman

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

3. MOTION APPROVING THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:

Robin Campbell (Citizen) provided comments relative to minutes.

Jack Ladd moved to Approve; seconded by Robin Poole.

The motion Passed by the following vote:

AYE: John Burkholder, Amy Stretcher Burkes, Robin Poole, Lori Blong, Brian Stubbs, Jack Ladd, John Norman

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

3.a REGULAR SESSION OF AUGUST 11, 2026.

3.b REGULAR SESSION OF AUGUST 12, 2026.

4. 069-2026 - MOTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH FORVIS MAZARS, LLP, FOR PROFESSIONAL AUDIT SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026 **(DISTRICT: NONE) (FINANCE) (PROVIDE SOUND GOVERNANCE & FISCAL MANAGEMENT)**

Chief Financial Officer Christy Weakland provided Council with a brief overview of the item.

Lance Winkler (Citizen) provided comments relative to the audit.

Brian Stubbs moved to Approve; seconded by John Burkholder.

The motion Passed by the following vote:

AYE: John Burkholder, Amy Stretcher Burkes, Robin Poole, Lori Blong, Brian Stubbs, Jack Ladd, John Norman

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

5. 2026-110 - RESOLUTION AMENDING THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, REGARDING INVESTMENTS OF PUBLIC FUNDS; ADDING PAULINA FUENTES, INTERIM TREASURY MANAGER, AS AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CITY OF MIDLAND ON THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT POOL, TEXPOOL/TEXPOOL PRIME; AND CHRISTY WEAKLAND, PAULINA FUENTES, AND GERRY ADKINS SHALL BE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY OF MIDLAND **(DISTRICT: NONE) (FINANCE) (PROVIDE SOUND GOVERNANCE & FISCAL MANAGEMENT)**
6. 2026-111 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF VARIOUS VEHICLES FOR THE GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$196,979.40; AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT **(DISTRICT: NONE) (GENERAL SERVICES) (PROVIDE SOUND GOVERNANCE & FISCAL MANAGEMENT)**
7. 2026-112 - RESOLUTION RATIFYING AND APPROVING EMERGENCY REPAIR AND RECONDITIONING SERVICES PERFORMED BY ADVANCED WATER WELL TECHNOLOGIES, LLC AT THE T-BAR PUMP STATION FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$136,579.27; AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT **(DISTRICT: NONE) (GENERAL SERVICES) (PROVIDE SOUND GOVERNANCE & FISCAL MANAGEMENT)**
8. 070-2026 - MOTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH COMMEMORATIVE AIR FORCE, INC., TO PROVIDE FOR THE 2026 AIRSHO AT MIDLAND INTERNATIONAL AIR & SPACE PORT **(DISTRICT: 4) (AIRPORTS) (TRANSPARENT & CONSISTENT COMMUNICATION)**

Council Member Robin Poole encouraged citizens to attend the Airsho.

Robin Poole moved to Approve; seconded by Brian Stubbs.

The motion Passed by the following vote:

AYE: John Burkholder, Amy Stretcher Burkes, Robin Poole, Lori Blong, Brian Stubbs, Jack Ladd, John Norman

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

9. 2026-113 - RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT FOR THE MAF RUNWAY 16R/34L REHABILITATION PROJECT TO THE SOLE BIDDER, JONES BROS. DIRT & PAVING CONTRACTORS, INC. AT A TOTAL COST OF \$11,431,442.64; APPROVING \$2,286,288.36 FOR CONTINGENCIES; APPROPRIATING FUNDS; AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT **(DISTRICT: 4) (AIRPORTS) (STRENGTHEN AND SUSTAIN OUR INFRASTRUCTURE)**
10. 2026-114 - RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF MIDLAND'S 2026 VISION ZERO COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY ACTION PLAN ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS REPORT **(DISTRICT: ALL) (STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS OFFICE) (SET THE STANDARD FOR A SAFE AND SECURE CITY)**

Strategic Initiatives Manager Michele Hagemann and Engineering Services Director Gabriel McClelland provided Council with a presentation of the item.

Council comments ensued.

Jack Ladd moved to Approve; seconded by John Norman.

The motion Passed by the following vote:

AYE: John Burkholder, Amy Stretcher Burkes, Robin Poole, Lori Blong, Brian Stubbs, Jack Ladd, John Norman

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

11. 071-2026 - MOTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TEXAS SPACE COMMISSION AND THE CITY OF MIDLAND FOR THE SPACE EXPLORATION AND AERONAUTICS RESEARCH FUND GRANT NO. SEARF 25-0227-G; AND AUTHORIZING THE NEGOTIATION AND EXECUTION OF ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS AND LEGAL INSTRUMENTS NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE TO ENSURE THE CITY OF MIDLAND'S COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SAID GRANT AGREEMENT **(DISTRICT: ALL) (STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS OFFICE) (STRENGTHEN AND SUSTAIN OUR INFRASTRUCTURE)**

Strategic Partnerships Officer Dr. Lindsey Adams provided Council with a brief presentation of the item.

Council discussion ensued.

Robin Campbell (Citizen) provided comments relative to funding.

Dr. Lindsey Adams provided clarification to comments.

Council discussion and comments continued.

Mayor Blong reported on coordination efforts with the State to secure an appropriate location.

Jack Ladd moved to Approve; seconded by Brian Stubbs.

The motion Passed by the following vote:

AYE: John Burkholder, Amy Stretcher Burkes, Robin Poole, Lori Blong, Brian Stubbs, Jack Ladd, John Norman

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

SECOND READINGS

12. 10773 - AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, BY ADDING THERETO A CERTAIN AREA ADJOINING THE PRESENT CITY LIMITS, BEING A 4.09-ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF SECTION 35, BLOCK 40, T-1-S, T&P RR CO. SURVEY, MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS (GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF WEST STATE HIGHWAY 158, APPROXIMATELY 220 FEET EAST OF BEAR DRIVE); ORDERING PUBLICATION; AND ORDERING RECORDATION BY THE CITY SECRETARY (FIRST READING HELD JULY 21, 2026) **(EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION) (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES) (QUALITY OF LIFE AND PLACE)**

Deputy City Secretary Kathy Rauda read the caption of Ordinance No. 10773.

At the request of Mayor Pro Tem Amy Stretcher Burkes, Chief Planning & Development Officer Elizabeth Triggs provided Council with a brief overview of the item.

Amy Stretcher Burkes moved to Approve; seconded by John Burkholder.

The motion Passed by the following vote:

AYE: John Burkholder, Amy Stretcher Burkes, Robin Poole, Lori Blong, Brian Stubbs, Jack Ladd, John Norman

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

13. 10774 - AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE INITIAL ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF THE AREA INDICATED AS BEING A 4.09-ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF SECTION 35, BLOCK 40, T-1-S, T&P RR CO. SURVEY, MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS, AS AN LR, LOCAL RETAIL DISTRICT, IN PART, AND AN RR, REGIONAL RETAIL DISTRICT, IN PART; SAID TRACT BEING GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF WEST STATE HIGHWAY 158, APPROXIMATELY 220 FEET EAST OF BEAR DRIVE; CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00); AND ORDERING PUBLICATION (FIRST READING HELD JULY 21, 2026) **(EXTRATERRITORIAL**

JURISDICTION) (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES) (QUALITY OF LIFE AND PLACE)

Deputy City Secretary Kathy Rauda read the caption of Ordinance No. 10774.

Robin Poole moved to Approve; seconded by Amy Stretcher Burkes.

The motion Passed by the following vote:

AYE: John Burkholder, Amy Stretcher Burkes, Robin Poole, Lori Blong, Brian Stubbs, Jack Ladd, John Norman

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

14. 10784 - AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION FOR LOT 1, BLOCK 3, BERKSHIRE PLACE, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS (GENERALLY LOCATED AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF SINCLAIR AVENUE AND NORTH N STREET), BY PERMITTING (1) A REDUCED MINIMUM SIDE YARD SETBACK ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE PROPERTY AND (2) A REDUCED MINIMUM REAR YARD SETBACK; CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00); ORDERING RECORDATION BY THE CITY SECRETARY IN THE DEED RECORDS OF MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS; AND ORDERING PUBLICATION (FIRST READING HELD AUGUST 11, 2026) **(DISTRICT: 3) (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES) (QUALITY OF LIFE AND PLACE)**

Deputy City Secretary Kathy Rauda read the caption of Ordinance No. 10784.

Robin Poole moved to Approve; seconded by Amy Stretcher Burkes.

The motion Passed by the following vote:

AYE: John Burkholder, Amy Stretcher Burkes, Robin Poole, Lori Blong, Brian Stubbs, Jack Ladd, John Norman

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

15. 10785 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING DISTRICT MAP OF THE CITY OF MIDLAND TO REZONE TRACT 16 AND THE EAST 95 FEET OF TRACT 17, NORTH ESTATES, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, FROM AE, AGRICULTURAL ESTATE DISTRICT TO SF-1, SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT (GENERALLY LOCATED AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF SOLOMON LANE AND ACORN LANE); CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00); AND ORDERING PUBLICATION (FIRST READING HELD AUGUST 11, 2026) **(DISTRICT: 1) (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES) (QUALITY OF LIFE AND PLACE)**

Deputy City Secretary Kathy Rauda read the caption of Ordinance No. 10785.

Duryn Henington (Representative) was in attendance to speak if needed.

Brian Stubbs moved to Approve; seconded by John Burkholder.

The motion Passed by the following vote:

AYE: John Burkholder, Amy Stretcher Burkes, Robin Poole, Lori Blong, Brian Stubbs, Jack Ladd, John Norman

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The City Council will hold public hearings on the following items:

16. 10786 - AN ORDINANCE VACATING AND ABANDONING AN APPROXIMATE 0.055-ACRE PORTION OF ALLEY RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED ADJACENT TO LOTS 21 AND 22, BLOCK 2, REPLAT OF ALL GLEN ARDEN, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS (GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF WEST WADLEY AVENUE, APPROXIMATELY 150 FEET EAST OF RACQUET CLUB DRIVE) ON REQUEST OF ONE OR MORE ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNERS IN EXCHANGE FOR PAYMENT TO THE CITY OF THE SUM OF \$9,600.00; RETAINING A NONEXCLUSIVE UTILITY EASEMENT; AND ORDERING RECORDATION BY THE CITY SECRETARY **(DISTRICT: 3) (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES) (QUALITY OF LIFE AND PLACE)**

Deputy City Secretary Kathy Rauda read the caption of Ordinance No. 10786.

Chief Planning & Development Officer Elizabeth Triggs provided Council with a brief overview of the item.

Council discussion ensued.

Mayor Blong opened the public hearing at 10:52 a.m.

Richard Tompkins (Representative) was in attendance to speak if needed.

There being no one present wishing to speak, the public hearing was immediately closed.

Robin Poole moved to Approve; seconded by John Burkholder.

The motion Passed by the following vote:

AYE: John Burkholder, Amy Stretcher Burkes, Robin Poole, Lori Blong, Brian Stubbs, Jack Ladd, John Norman

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MISCELLANEOUS

17. 10787 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, APPROVING A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF CITIES SERVED BY ATMOS WEST TEXAS ("CITIES") AND ATMOS ENERGY CORP., WEST TEXAS DIVISION (THE "COMPANY") REGARDING THE COMPANY'S 2026 RATE REVIEW MECHANISM FILING; DECLARING EXISTING RATES TO BE UNREASONABLE; ADOPTING TARIFFS THAT REFLECT RATE ADJUSTMENTS CONSISTENT WITH THE NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT; FINDING THE RATES TO BE SET BY THE SETTLEMENT TARIFFS TO BE JUST AND REASONABLE AND IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST; APPROVING AN ATTACHMENT ESTABLISHING A BENCHMARK FOR PENSIONS AND RETIREE MEDICAL BENEFITS; REQUIRING THE COMPANY TO REIMBURSE CITIES' REASONABLE RATEMAKING EXPENSES; DETERMINING THAT THIS ORDINANCE WAS PASSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY SECRETARY TO DELIVER THIS ORDINANCE TO THE COMPANY AND CITIES' LEGAL COUNSEL; AND ORDERING PUBLICATION **(DISTRICT: ALL) (STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS OFFICE) (PROVIDE SOUND GOVERNANCE & FISCAL MANAGEMENT)**

Deputy City Secretary Kathy Rauda read the caption of Ordinance No. 10787.

Strategic Partnerships Officer Dr. Lindsey Adams provided Council with a brief overview of the item.

Jack Ladd moved to Approve; seconded by John Norman.

The motion Passed by the following vote:

AYE: John Burkholder, Amy Stretcher Burkes, Robin Poole, Lori Blong, Brian Stubbs, Jack Ladd, John Norman

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

18. 072-2026 - RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM DR. ERIC J. FRITSCH OF JUSTICE RESEARCH CONSULTANTS, LLC REGARDING THE 2025 RACIAL PROFILING ANALYSIS **(DISTRICT: ALL) (POLICE DEPARTMENT) (SET THE STANDARD FOR A SAFE AND SECURE CITY)**

Dr. Eric J. Fritsch of Justice Research Consultants, LLC, provided Council with a presentation of the 2025 Racial Profiling Analysis report.

No action taken by Council

PUBLIC COMMENT

19. Receive public comments where individuals may address the City Council on City related issues and projects not on the present agenda. Any deliberation of or decision by the City Council regarding the item being discussed shall be limited to a motion to place the item on the agenda for a subsequent meeting. (Please limit comments to three minutes or less.)

Robin Campbell (Citizen) provided comments relative to procurement laws and other items of general concern.

Lance Winkler (Citizen) provided comments relative to facial expressions and questions.

This entire meeting may be heard and viewed online, along with the transcript at <https://midlandtx.new.swagit.com/videos/399002>.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Blong recessed the City Council meeting to go into Executive Session at 11:12 a.m.

20. Pursuant to Texas Government Code § 551.101, the City Council will hold an executive session, which is closed to the public, to discuss the following matters as permitted under the following sections of the Texas Government Code:

20.a Section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney

Discuss matters in which the duty of the attorney(s) to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

Discuss pending or contemplated litigation.

20.b Section 551.072, Deliberation Regarding Real Property

Discuss the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.

20.c Section 551.074, Personnel Matters

Deliberate the employment, evaluation, and duties of the City Manager, City Attorney, City Secretary, Municipal Court Presiding Judge, and Municipal Court Associate Judge.

20.d Section 551.087, Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations

Discuss business prospects that the City seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the City of Midland, Texas, and discuss possible incentives.

All the business at hand having been completed, the meeting adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED September 8, 2026.

Lori Blong, Mayor

ATTEST:

Marcia Bentley-German
City Governance Officer/City Secretary