

## **CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

**FEBRUARY 17, 2026**

The City Council of the City of McKinney, Texas met in work session in the City Hall Council Chambers, 401 E. Virginia Street, McKinney, Texas on Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.

The work session was streamed online at <https://mckinneytx.new.swagit.com/views/130>. A video recording of the meeting is available to members of the public through the City of McKinney meeting archive.

Mayor Bill Cox called the work session to order at 3:00 p.m. upon determining a quorum consisting of himself and the following City Council members were present: Mayor Pro Tem Geré Feltus and Council members Patrick Cloutier, Michael Jones, Justin Beller, and Ernest Lynch.

Councilmember Rick Franklin arrived at 3:05 p.m.

These City staff were present: City Manager Paul Grimes, Assistant City Manager Barry Shelton, Assistant City Manager Steve Tilton, Assistant City Manager Trevor Minyard, Assistant City Manager Jennifer Arnold, First City Attorney Benjamin Samples, Assistant City Attorney Alan Lathrom, Director of Data & Analytics Brandon Opielo, City Secretary Empress Drane, Executive Director of Development Services Michael Quint, Director of Housing and Community Development Margaret Li, Director of Engineering Gary Graham, Director of Code Services Phillip Hubbard, Chief of Police Joe Ellenburg, Director of Public Works Ryan Gillingham, Deputy City Secretary Tenitrus Parchman, Assistant Director of Engineering Tracy Lund, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation Erica Lyght, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation Robert Gaylor, Assistant Director of Public Works Katie McKenzie, Assistant Director of Engineering Matt Richardson, Assistant Police Chief Ana Navarro, CIP Manager Blake Sills, Transportation Engineering Manager Thuan Huynh, Development Engineering Manager Taylor Schauwecker, Senior Environmental Services Manager Eric Hopes, Community Services Administrator Shirletta Best, Procurement Services Supervisor Tonya Hall, Data Analytics Supervisor Todd Hesson, Civil Engineer II Pam Alummoottil, Civil Engineer II Robyn Root, Civil Engineer II Brook Retta, Senior Engineer I Daniel Still, Civil Engineer II Josh McNeil, Senior Engineer II Rhett Dollins, Civil Engineer II

John Ryan, Civil Engineer II Ryan Hunter, Civil Engineer II Swapna Konda, Civil Engineer I Jennifer Jackson, Business Intelligence Analyst Luke Kubehl, Business Intelligence Analyst Swiler Boyd, Graduate Engineer Drew Benson, Graduate Engineer I Alexandra Wright, Graduate Engineer I Alvin Maliakal, CIP Contract Specialist Tricia Watson, Animal Services Officer Kimberly Franke, Animal Services Officer Samantha Finney, Animal Services Officer Misaki Hicks, Application System Specialist Eric Shirley, Administrative Assistant Sheridan Burns, Executive Assistant Malissa Foster, Audio Visual Technician Joshua Arias and Police Officer Kendall Sam.

Mayor Cox called for Information Sharing items.

**26-0107** Engineers Week Proclamation

**26-0108** Discuss Recognition of Animal Services Volunteer Assistance

*The presentation, not posted on the meeting agenda, is included in these minutes as Appendix A: Animal Services.*

Mayor Cox called for Public Comments on Agenda Items.

Paul Ballesteros, 6508 Marvin Gardens, McKinney, Texas 75070 spoke in support of agenda item 26-0110, Affordable Housing Needs Assessment and Recommendations.

Mayor Cox called for discussion on agenda items for the City Council Regular Meeting to be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.; at which time there was none.

Mayor Cox called for Work Session Agenda Items.

**26-0109** Informational Update on the City's Data Program

**26-0110** Consider/Discuss the McKinney Affordable Housing Needs Assessment and Recommendations

Mayor Cox called for Council Liaison Updates regarding City Boards & Commissions; at which time there were none.

Mayor Cox called for Executive Session at 4:00 p.m. in accordance with the Texas Government Code:

A. Section 551.071(2) Consultations with Attorney on any Work Session, Special Session, or Regular Session agenda item requiring confidential attorney/client advice necessitated by the deliberation or discussion of said items (as needed)

- City of McKinney Code of Ordinances- Chapter 90, "Streets and Sidewalks"

Article I

B. Section 551.071 (A) Pending or Contemplated Litigation

- Application under Section 13.255(b) Texas Water Code concerning approximately 40.782 acres in R.H. Locke Survey Number 517 and the Calvin Boles Survey, Abstract Number 28, Collin County, Texas

C. Section 551.072. Deliberations about Real Property

- Municipal Facilities

D. Section 551.087. Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Matters

- Project Hemispheres
- Venu Holding Corporation, Successor-by-Name Change to Notes Live, Inc., Chapter 380, Grant, and Development Agreement, as amended

The Council returned to work session at 5:01 p.m. All members except Mayor Pro Tem Feltus and Councilmember Jones. NO action was taken on items discussed in closed session.

Council unanimously approved the motion by Councilmember Cloutier, seconded by Councilmember Lynch, to adjourn the work session at 5:01 p.m.

These minutes were approved by the City Council on March 3, 2026.

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BILL COX, Mayor  
GERÉ FELTUS, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

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EMPRESS DRANE, City Secretary  
TENITRUS PARCHMAN, Deputy City Secretary

City of McKinney, Texas

*Appendix A: Animal Services*

# Recognition of Animal Services Volunteer Assistance

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