



**CITY OF GAINESVILLE**

**NOTICE OF REGULAR CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

December 02, 2025

06:30 PM

MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 200 SOUTH RUSK, GAINESVILLE, TEXAS

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. INVOCATION**

**3. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

**4. RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

**5. REPORTS**

**6. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

**7. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approve Minutes of the November 18, 2025 City Council Workshop.
- b. Approve Minutes of the November 18, 2025 City Council Meeting.

**8. ACTION ITEMS**

- a. Discussion on amendments to the City's Charter to be submitted to voters at the May 2026 Election.
- b. Consideration of and action on adding amendments to the slate of proposed amendments to the City's Charter to be submitted to voters at the May 2026 Election.
- c. Consideration of and action on a Resolution authorizing the purchase of three (3) police patrol vehicles from Dodge City of McKinney through a BuyBoard purchasing contract.
- d. Consideration of and action on a resolution of the City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas, directing publication of Notice of Intention to issue up to \$2,270,000 in Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation to fund street and utility system improvements; and resolving other matters relating to the subject.
- e. Consideration of and action on a resolution making appointments to the Gainesville Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors of the City of Gainesville, Texas.
- f. Consideration of and action on a resolution of the City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas, authorizing the placement of a Historical Marker at Georgia Bass Park regarding Civil War Dissent in North Texas.

**9. ADJOURN**

*At any time during the meeting and in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes, Annotated, the City Council may meet in executive session on any of the above agenda items for consultation concerning attorney-client matters (§551.071); deliberation*

regarding real property (§551.072); deliberation regarding prospective gift (§551.073); personnel matters (§551.074); deliberation regarding security devices (§551.076); and deliberation regarding economic development negotiations (§551.087). Any subject discussed in executive session may be subject to action during the open meeting.

i. Citizen comments will be limited to persons who have registered with the City Secretary in advance, except by majority vote of the City Council. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, the Council will hear comments of public interest, but any discussion shall be limited to placing the item on a future agenda for consideration.

ii. Items on the Consent Agenda will be voted on in one motion unless request is made for separate discussion and approved by the City Council.

iii. In order to be fair to all persons who have items on the agenda or interest in one or more of the items, the Council may impose time limitations on speakers in Public Hearings. Applicants must limit presentations to 5 minutes. The Mayor may impose other time constraints at his discretion, depending on other prevailing factors. Speakers will be notified by the Mayor Pro Tem when their time has expired.

iv. The Council reserves the right to retire into executive session concerning any of the items listed on this Agenda, whenever it is considered necessary and legally justified under the Open Meetings Act.

v. The Council reserves the right to suspend the Charter and adopt any ordinance without three readings.

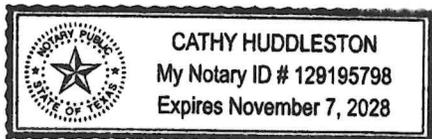
vi. Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need assistance should contact the City Secretary at (940) 668-4500 two working days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

I, Karley Simmons, Administrative Assistant, posted this Agenda on the official City of Gainesville bulletin board in the Municipal Building, 200 S. Rusk Street, Gainesville, Texas 76240, which is accessible to the public twenty-four hours each day at 2:55 a.m./p.m. on November 24, 2025.

  
Karley Simmons

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the 24 day of November, 2025.

  
Notary Public, State of Texas



**COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

**CAPTION/SUBJECT:**

**DISCUSSION ON AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY'S CHARTER TO BE SUBMITTED TO VOTERS AT THE MAY 2026 ELECTION.**

**DISCUSSION:**

This discussion allows the City Council to review the updated proposed slate of Charter amendments for the May 2026 Election.

City Attorney Susan Thomas provided updated attachments and will present a pros and cons summary at the meeting.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Proposed amendments for Discussion – includes amendments tabled at last meeting and newly proposed amendments received since last meeting.
2. Comprehensive request for amendments from Councilman Nichols. Drafting these amendments will require significant legal research and drafting time, so I asked Mr. Nichols if he would be willing to present his ideas to council and allow the full council to provide direction on which amendments they would like for me to research and draft. He agreed to do that.

**Originating Department Head:**

Diana Loch, City Secretary

**City Council Meeting Date:**

December 2, 2025

**COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

**CAPTION/SUBJECT:**

**ACTION ON ADDING AMENDMENTS TO THE SLATE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY'S CHARTER TO BE SUBMITTED TO VOTERS AT THE MAY 2026 ELECTION.**

**DISCUSSION:**

This action will add to the proposed slate of Charter amendments for the May 2026 Election. Since the November 4 meeting, Council and staff have been encouraged to submit any revisions they would like to see in the Charter.

City Attorney Susan Thomas stated at the November 18 meeting that she will provide the updated proposed amendments. Once we receive them, this packet will be updated.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Proposed Charter Revisions – November 4 Meeting  
Proposed Charter Revisions – November 18 Meeting  
Charter Review Calendar.

**Originating Department Head:**

Diana Loch, City Secretary

**City Council Meeting Date:**

December 2, 2025

## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

### CAPTION/SUBJECT:

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THREE (3) POLICE PATROL VEHICLES FROM DODGE CITY OF MCKINNEY THROUGH A BUYBOARD PURCHASING CONTRACT.**

### DISCUSSION:

This resolution authorizes the purchase of three (3) Dodge Durango Pursuit police patrol vehicles from Dodge City of McKinney. The Department has been making the transition to the Dodge Durango Pursuit vehicles from the Ford Interceptor Utility vehicles due to cost savings and increased availability. The Dodge vehicles are being purchased through BuyBoard Contract 724-23. The cost of each vehicle through the contract is \$43,688.00 along with a single fee of \$400.00 for the use of BuyBoard for a total of \$131,464.00. It should be noted that there will be additional costs for the emergency equipment and upfitting after the vehicles are delivered to the Department.

Purchases through the BuyBoard purchasing contract eliminate the need for the sealed bid process because the contract meets state legal obligations and are awarded in accordance with state purchasing statutes and competitive bidding requirements.

These vehicles will replace Unit 1341, which is 4 years old, Unit 1345, which is 4 years old, and Unit 1350, which is 3 years old. The standard four-year vehicle replacement plan has been altered due to delivery delays attributed to the COVID pandemic and unanticipated vehicle losses from crashes and weather events. Dodge City of McKinney currently has the vehicles in stock for delivery after which they will be scheduled for the upfitting process.

The FY 25-26 budget allocated \$204,332.00 from the Assigned Fund – Account 402-19-11-66505 for the purchase of the police patrol vehicles, emergency equipment, and upfitting. After the purchase of the vehicles, \$72,868.34 will be available for emergency equipment and upfitting.

Staff recommends awarding the bid to Dodge City of McKinney.

### ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution

Dodge City of McKinney Quote  
Capital Outlay Form

### Originating Department Head:

Kevin Phillips, Police Chief

### City Council Meeting Date:

December 2, 2025

**COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

**CAPTION/SUBJECT:**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS, DIRECTING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE UP TO \$2,270,000 IN COMBINATION TAX AND REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION TO FUND STREET AND UTILITY SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS; AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT.**

**DISCUSSION:**

This resolution orders staff to place a notice in the paper to sell up to \$2.27 million of Certificates of Obligations (COs) for street and utility projects. Taxes and water/sewer revenues are the repayment sources. This issuance is what Gainesville needs to complete planned projects.

The COs should provide approximately \$2.27 million for projects after issuance costs. The City should receive the funds in March.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Resolution  
Exhibit A – Notice of Intention  
Sources and Uses of Funds  
CO Timetable

**Originating Department Head:**

Barry Sullivan, City Manager

**City Council Meeting Date:**

December 2, 2025

## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

**CAPTION/SUBJECT:**

**A RESOLUTION MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THE GAINESVILLE  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS.**

**DISCUSSION:**

This Resolution will authorize the City Council to appoint and/or reappoint 1 Director and 2 Ex Officio Members to the GEDC Board of Directors.

**TERMS EXPIRING:**

Director: Vacant

Ex Officio: Dr. Brent Wallace and Judge John Roane

Both Ex Officio members are still willing to serve and be considered for reappointment.

Two new applications were received by Matthew Dickson and Shelley Barthold before the public application period closed on November 18, 2025. The previously submitted applications are also included for consideration. Please also note that applicants may have indicated interest in serving on other City boards in addition to the GEDC. Because the application is unified across all boards, Council may wish to consider these individuals for future appointments or other vacancies.

**SAMPLE MOTION:**

"I move to appoint the following individuals to the Gainesville Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors:

**As Directors** – [Full Name], [Full Name], [Full Name], and [Full Name];

**As Ex Officio Members** – [Full Name], [Full Name], and [Full Name];

Each to serve a term as outlined in the bylaws or until their successors are appointed."

You may also individually nominate a member and do individual votes.

**OPTIONAL NOTE:**

If you're reappointing current members, you may say: "reappoint [Name]" instead of "appoint [Name]."

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Table of board appointments

Applications Received

**Originating Department Head:**

Gainesville Economic Development Corporation

**City Council Meeting Date:**

December 2, 2025

**COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

**CAPTION/SUBJECT:**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF A HISTORICAL MARKER AT GEORGIA BASS PARK REGARDING CIVIL WAR DISSENT IN NORTH TEXAS.**

**DISCUSSION:**

This resolution authorizes the placement of a historical marker at Georgia Bass Park. The final installation location has not yet been selected, but the marker will be placed in the general vicinity of the small United States flag currently located in the park.

A group of community members has raised the necessary funds and has worked on this project since 2021. The marker has been approved and measures approximately 27 inches by 42 inches; it is currently in transit. There is no cost to the City associated with this request. The group is only seeking formal authorization from the City Council to install the marker.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Resolution

Request for Approval

Language on the Historical Marker

**Originating Department Head:**

Barry Sullivan, City Manager

**City Council Meeting Date:**

December 2, 2025