



## City of Santa Clara, Texas, Public Hearing & Special City Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 18, 2025

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The City Council called the meeting to order on September 18, 2025, at 6:30 PM at City Hall located at 1653 N Santa Clara Road with Mayor Chase Grier.

### A. PLEDGE

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands: one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### B. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

1. **Roll Call:** Marian Carty, Ernest Schoenefeldt, Amanda Desormeaux, Dwane Atkins and Darin Henningsen
2. **Declaration of Quorum:** Quorum was present for the September 18, 2025, Public Hearing and Special City Council Meeting

### C. PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

*Public comments on agenda items will be taken after the topic is introduced and after any scheduled presentation and staff recommendation is provided.*

At this time, public comments will be taken from the audience on any topic NOT listed on the agenda. **No discussion or formal action will be taken at this meeting on topics not on the agenda.** Inquiries about matters not listed on the agenda shall be directed to City Staff following the meeting.

### D. PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearings are for public information and input ONLY. No formal action will be taken at this meeting on the items discussed under this heading unless such action is otherwise listed on this agenda as an action item. The hearing(s) will be opened to receive an introduction / report / information from City Staff, then the applicant (if applicable) will be given an opportunity to speak, and then any other interested person(s) will be given an opportunity to provide comment on the hearing topic.

#### 1. Public Hearing – FY 2025-2026 Budget

The Public Hearing was opened at 6:31 PM. There were no public comments. Councilmember Atkins reported that comments were provided by Steve Beisser. The first question was regarding the revenue from fines and fees from the court. Mayor Grier stated that the amount was looked at seven months into the twelve months and they calculated it to be \$115,000. He reported that they looked at it again one month ago and it was pretty close to being accurate. Mayor Grier explained that it was within a couple thousand dollars and he doesn't think that is an issue. He reported that Mr. Beisser's second remark was regarding \$120,000 in the budget for traffic and drainage studies. The Mayor read the following from Mr. Beisser aloud: "Is there an estimate of the return on the \$120,000? Will it bring into the city \$20,000 or \$50,000? Don't we need an estimate on the return on our investment before spending that amount. And before these studies, don't we need a "Capital Improvement Plan"? How much will that cost? And what can 'impact fees' be used for according to Title 12 Chapter 395, etc.? I don't think impact fees

can be used on roads. Don't we need more information before we spend \$120,000 on something that may not benefit the city?" Councilmember Atkins advised that he explained to Mr. Beisser that impact fees can be used on roads but you can't do a development on Weil and turn around and use it on Youngsford. He reported that the impact fees would have to be used on Weil or a road that gets to Weil, such as Santa Clara or Old Marion Road. Councilmember Atkins said that Council has been saying that all along and reported that they do need an Impact Committee or CIP but they need to find the right people to be on it. Mayor Grier reported that once the houses come in the return should be significant and Councilmember Desormeaux agreed. Councilmember Atkins stated that he did not know if a committee was a requirement or a nicety and Councilmember Desormeaux stated that they found out it was not a requirement at the meeting before last per the City Attorney. Councilmember Desormeaux reported that she reviewed the budget thoroughly and found it to be exactly what was determined to be wanted in the workshops. She stated that all citizen questions that she has had during the process have been asked and answered. The public hearing was closed at 6:37 PM.

#### **E. CONSENT AGENDA**

The following routine, clerical, and administrative items require no public hearing and are anticipated to require little or no individualized discussion by the City Council. It is intended that these items will be acted upon with a single motion as a collective, singular item. A City Council Member may request separate deliberation for a specific item or items at which time that item or items will be removed from the consent agenda for discussion as a regular agenda item. Prior to a vote, the City Council may add to the consent agenda an item or items listed elsewhere on the regular agenda.

#### **F. DISCUSSION ONLY**

**NONE**

#### **G. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS**

Items listed under this heading are for discussion and possible action.

#### **J. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Announcements include items of community interest, including expressions of thanks, congratulations, or condolence; information regarding holiday schedules; honorary or salutary recognitions of public officials, public employees, or other citizens; reminders on upcoming events organized or sponsored by the City; information regarding social, ceremonial, or community events organized or sponsored by a non-City entity that is scheduled to be attended by City officials or employees; and announcements involving imminent threats to the public's health and safety which have arisen after the posting of the agenda. No action will be taken, or in-depth discussion will occur on any announcement.

#### **K. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The City Council may retire to executive session any time between the meeting's opening and adjournment for the purpose of consultation with legal counsel pursuant to Chapter 551.071 of the Texas Government Code; discussion of personnel matters pursuant to Chapter 551.074 of the Texas Government Code; deliberation regarding real property pursuant to Chapter 551.072 of the Texas Government Code; deliberation regarding economic development negotiations pursuant to Chapter 551.087 of the Texas Government Code; and/or deliberation regarding the deployment, or specific

occasions for implementation of security personnel or devices pursuant to Chapter 551.076 of the Texas Government Code. Action, if any, will be taken in open session.

**L. ATTENDANCE BY OTHER ELECTED OR APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

It is anticipated that members of other city boards, commissions and/or committees may attend the meeting in numbers that may constitute a quorum of the other city boards, commissions, and/or committees. Notice is hereby given that the meeting, to the extent required by law, is also noticed as a meeting of the other boards, commissions and/or committees of the City, whose members may be in attendance. The members of the boards, commissions and/or committees may participate in discussions on the same items listed on the agenda, which occur at the meeting, but no action will be taken by such in attendance unless such item and action is specifically provided for on an agenda for that board, commission, and/or committee subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act.

**M. ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Marian Carty made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 PM.  
Councilmember Dwane Atkins seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Mayor:** Chase Grier



**City Secretary:** Michelle Pack