

AGENDA
NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
CUMBY, TEXAS
April 8th, 2025 | 6:00PM

This notice is posted pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act. Notice hereby given that the City Council of the City of Cumby, Texas will conduct a Regular Meeting on April 8th, 2025 | 6:00PM | 100 E Main St, Cumby, TX. 75433.

If the public desires to speak during a specific agenda item, they must email secretary@cityofcumby.com by 4:00 pm on the day of the meeting. The email must contain the person's name, address, phone number, and the agenda item(s) for which comments will be made. You may also communicate and send your comments to the City Councilmembers directly by emailing; alderman1@cityofcumby.com, alderman2@cityofcumby.com, alderman3@cityofcumby.com, & alderman4@cityofcumby.com.

The meeting agenda is posted online at www.cumbytx.com. Upon completion and distribution to Council, the packets will also be posted at www.cumbytx.com.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION
3. ROLL CALL & QUORUM REPORT
4. PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS

The City Council welcomes "Presentation by Citizens." If you wish to speak, you must follow these guidelines
Presentation by Citizens Guidelines:

- The Mayor will recognize those citizens who have signed up prior to the start of the meeting.
- Pursuant to Resolution No. 2020-12 Citizens are given three minutes (3:00) to speak during "Presentation by Citizens."
- Members of the public may only speak once and cannot pass the individual's time allotment to someone else.
- Direct your comments to the entire Council, not to an individual member.
- Show the Council members the same respect and courtesy that you expect to be shown to you.
- The Mayor will rule any disruptive behavior, including shouting or derogatory statements or comments, out of order. Continuation of this type of behavior could result in a request by the Mayor that the individual leave the meeting, and if refused, an order of removal. In compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, no member of City Council may deliberate on citizen comments for items not on the agenda. (Attorney General Opinion – JC 0169)

5. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Pursuant to TEX. GOV'T CODE 551.0415, the Mayor, a City Council member and Staff may report on the following items of community interest:(1) expression of thanks, congratulations or condolences (2) information about holiday schedules (3) recognition of individuals (4) reminders about upcoming events organized or sponsored by the City Council (5) Information about community events and (6) announcements involving imminent threat to public health and safety. Additionally, pursuant to TEX. GOV'T CODE 551.042, the Mayor or Council members may request that items be placed on future City Council agendas.

6. CONSENT AGENDA & DEPARTMENT REPORTS

All matters listed under this item are considered routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired by any Alderman on any item, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered separately.

- 6.1. Approval – City Council Minutes March 11th, 2025, Regular Council Meeting
- 6.2. Approval – 2025 March Financials (P&L)
- 6.3. Approval – Fiscal Year-to-Date 2024-2025 P&L
- 6.4. Approval - Municipal Court Monthly Collection Report
- 6.5. Approval - Police Department Activity Report
- 6.6. Approval - Public Works Department Activity Report
- 6.7. Approval - Fire Department Activity Report
- 6.8. Approval – Building Permit Report

7. NEW BUSINESS

- 7.1. **Discussion/Action:** The Cumby Police Department is considering the purchase of a 2025 Dodge Durango from Sulphur Springs Dodge, at a purchase price of \$39,388.00. The proposed financing includes a 13.10% interest rate over a 60-month term with no down payment, resulting in a monthly payment of \$884.83. To offset the cost, the Police Department plans to sell seized assets which include a Chrysler 300 and a motorcycle, as well as Unit 1020. The estimated proceeds from these sales are expected to total \$15,000, which will be applied directly to the principal. (Chief Hackney)
- 7.2. **Discussion/Action: Codification of City of Cumby Ordinances & Resolutions** - The City of Cumby is considering an agreement with American Legal Publishing to codify its ordinances and resolutions. The total cost for this project is \$6,999.00, with payment structured as 50% due at the acceptance of the agreement and the remaining 50% due upon delivery. As part of the agreement, the city will receive six printed copies of the final codified code, along with a digital version. The package also includes a five-year maintenance plan that will incorporate any new ordinances adopted during that period. The project is expected to take approximately nine to fourteen months from start to completion. *Council discussion and possible approval of the agreement with American Legal Publishing is requested.* (Alderman 5, Rosina Duckworth & Mayor, Amber Hardy)

8. OLD BUSINESS

- 8.1. **Discussion/Action:** Update on possible purchase of Cumby United Methodist Church. *The City offered \$150,000 for the church and they counter offered at \$175,000* (Mayor Pro-Tem, Alderman 1, Brandon Phipps)
- 8.2. **Discussion/Action: Resolution 2025-3-1, Order of Special Election.** Consider and take possible action on a stated resolution ordering a special election on May 3, 2025, for the City of Cumby, Texas, to submit to voters a proposition to adopt a local sales and use tax rate of 1.5% making the total tax rate for the City 8.25%. *This will be a .25% increase in the local sales tax.* The current state sales tax rate is 6.25%, the current city sales tax rate is 1.25%, and Hopkins County has a .5% sales tax making the current total local sales and use tax 8.0%. The revenue from the increase will be used for infrastructure improvements, essential city services, and economic development. (Mayor Hardy, City Secretary)
- 8.3. **Discussion/Action: UPDATE on Amending Ordinance O-2023-003 Water Schedule of Services and Rates** including adding rate for 2" & 4" water meters. The Public Utility Commission of Texas is conducting a rate study. (Miranda Randle, City Secretary)
- 8.4. **Discussion/Action:** Update on various grants and other potential funding requests by City of Cumby (Alderman 5, Rosina Duckworth, and Miranda Randle, City Secretary)

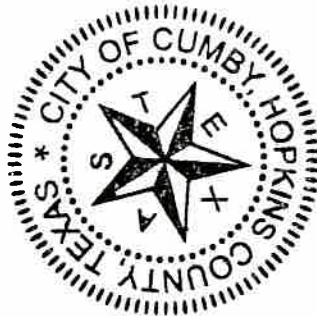
9. ADJOURNMENT

Executive Sessions Authorized – The City Council for the City of Cumby reserves right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any matter authorized by Texas Government Code; 551.072 (Deliberations related to Real Property); 551.073 (Deliberations related to prospective gifts or donations); Section 551.074 (Personnel Matter); 551.076 (Deliberations regarding the deployment of security devices or the implementation of security policy); and 551.087 (Deliberations regarding Economic Development negotiations).

Attendance by Other Elected or Appointed Officials – NOTICE OF POTENTIAL QUORUM: It is anticipated that members of City Council or other city board, commissions and/or committees may attend the meeting in numbers that may constitute a quorum of the other city boards, commission 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, or committee subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act.

CERTIFICATE:

I hereby certify that the above Notice of Meeting was posted on the City Hall bulletin board; website; and City Facebook page on April 4, 2025, at a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times, and to the city's website, <https://www.cumbytx.com>, in compliance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.




Miranda Randle, City Secretary