



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, December 18, 2025

Council Meeting - 6:30 PM
City Hall Council Chambers

MINUTES

A. Call to Order

President Williams called the meeting to order.

B. Invocation

Councilman Whitaker led the invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

President Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

D. Roll Call

Councilman Whitaker, Councilwoman Hogan, Councilman Stokes, and President Williams

E. Approval of Agenda

President Williams presented the agenda for consideration. Councilman Whitaker made a motion to adopt the agenda. Councilman Stokes seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote, the agenda was adopted unanimously.

F. Public Hearing

President Williams opened the Public Hearing and stated that the discussion would be limited to the list of properties slated for abatement. He read each property address aloud and inquired if anyone was present to speak for or against the actions. There being no one present to speak, the hearing closed.

F.1. A Public Hearing to receive comments for or against ordering an abatement of the properties listed in Exhibit A

President Williams opened the Public Hearing and informed attendees that the council would receive comments for or against ordering an abatement of the properties listed in Exhibit A. President Williams read the addresses. No one was present to speak for or against ordering the abatement of the nuisance properties. President Williams adjourned the Public Hearing.

All items designated as "Consent" are routine and non-controversial and will be approved by one motion. NO separate discussion of these items will be permitted unless a Councilmember, the Mayor, or citizen interested in further discussion or hearing so requests, if so, such item (s) will revert to its normal place on the Agenda Order of Business.

G. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Councilman Whitaker made a motion to adopt both sets of meeting minutes. Councilman Stokes seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

- G.1.** October 16, 2025, Meeting Minutes
December 4, 2025 Meeting Minutes

H. Presentation

- H.1.** Presentation to DM. Collins

President Williams presented a plaque to Ms. DM Collins to recognize her service as the previous Council President.

I. Discussion/Action

- I.1.** Resolution No. 2025-91 Authorizing contract services for resurfacing parking area at Reed Harvey Park (Whitaker)

Councilman Whitaker made a motion to consider Resolution No. 2025-91. Councilman Stokes seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. President Williams opened the floor for discussion. Councilman Whitaker stated that the parking lot at Reed Harvey needs to be resurfaced and noted that one quote has been submitted for the record. Public Works Director Mark Self is currently in the process of obtaining additional quotes for comparison. The item will be tabled for a subsequent meeting.

- I.2.** Resolution No. 2025-92 Amends the Social Media Policy (Whitaker)

Councilman Whitaker made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-92. Councilman Stokes seconded the motion. President Williams opened the floor for discussion. Councilman Whitaker noted that the existing Social Media Policy prohibits the promotion of businesses within city limits. Speaking as the Economic Development Committee Chair, he emphasized his goal of fostering local business growth. Upon a voice, the motion passed unanimously.

- I.3.** Resolution No. 2025-93 Ordering an Abatement of Public Nuisances (Williams)

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Councilman Whitaker made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-93. Councilwoman Hogan seconded the motion. President Williams called for a roll call vote:

Yes: Whitaker, Hogan, Stokes, Williams

No: None

The motion passed unanimously.

I.4. Amend the Holiday Schedule to add New Year's Eve (Hogan)

Councilman Whitaker made a motion to consider amending the Holiday Schedule to add New Year's Eve as a paid holiday. Councilman Stokes seconded the motion. President Williams opened the floor for discussion. Councilwoman Hogan acknowledged the hard work of the employees and stated they typically work a half day on New Year's Eve. In the spirit of the holidays, it would be good to allow them to have the entire day off. Councilmen Stokes and President Williams stated that city employees currently receive a sufficient amount of paid time off. Councilman Whitaker stated it would be beneficial to the residents if the city stayed open on New Year's Eve. Also, the city should stick to the recently adopted holiday schedule. Upon a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Whitaker made a motion to amend the holiday schedule to add New Year's Eve as a paid holiday. Councilman Stokes seconded the motion. President Williams called for a roll call vote:

Yes: Councilwoman Hogan, Councilman Whitaker

No: Councilman Stokes, President Williams

The motion failed for lack of a majority.

I.5. Resolution No. 2025-94 Establish Longevity Plan for the city employees (Hogan)

Councilman Whitaker made a motion to consider Resolution No. 2025-94. Councilman Stokes seconded the motion. President Williams opened the floor for discussion. Councilwoman Hogan proposed that the city council adopt a longevity plan. In 2025, city employees did not receive a cost-of-living increase. These individuals are exceptionally hardworking, and we should demonstrate our appreciation for their years of dedication and service to the city. Councilman Whitaker acknowledged that the employees are hardworking. He thanked them for their years of service. He requested that the Council review the budget for the upcoming fiscal year to evaluate the feasibility of incorporating a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for employees. Upon voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

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a Longevity Plan for the city employees. Councilman Stokes seconded the motion. President Williams called for a roll call vote:

Yes: Councilman Whitaker, Councilwoman Hogan, Councilman Stokes, President Williams

No: None

The motion passed unanimously.

I.6. Rescind the approval of the Alcohol License for Da Cigar Lounge, 1671 Center Point Parkway, Suite 101

Councilman Whitaker made a motion to rescind the approval of the alcohol license for Da Cigar Lounge located at 1671 Center Point Parkway, Suite 101. Councilman Stokes seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

J. Reports- Mayor & Committee Chairs

Mayor Scott spoke in support of city employees, highlighting their willingness to take on additional responsibilities beyond their formal duties. He expressed a strong personal commitment to his staff, whom he views as family, and noted that he takes offense to any negative rhetoric directed toward them, as he values their contributions to the city's success.

J.1. Economic Development- Moses Whitaker

Councilman Whitaker addressed concerns regarding negative public discourse about the city. He clarified that the city does not have a homelessness issue and highlighted the community's thriving business sector. He noted that while the city is well-positioned for expansion, a persistent negative narrative could potentially hinder future community and economic development

J.2. Horticulture/ Public Works- President Glenn Williams, Sr.

He thanked the employees for their hard work.

J.3. Public Safety- President Pro Tem Jasmine DeLoach

J.4. Finance/Education & Library- Councilwoman Tasha Hogan

The library has a lot of activities planned for the community. You can visit their Facebook page for current events.

The finance report will be emailed next week.

J.5. Park & Recreation Report-Councilman Keffer Stokes, Chair

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The gym is open from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm. Public Wi-Fi was installed at the Sports Complex for guests.

K. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting stood adjourned.



Tameeka Vann, City Clerk

Approved:



Glenn Williams, Sr., President

Date: 1/15/26