

**UnOfficial Minutes
City Of Lorenzo, TX
April 13, 2026**

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL ROOM - LORENZO, TX 7:00 P.M.**

Call to Order

Mayor **Lori Landin** called the Regular Meeting to order at **7:00 p.m.** with the following Council Members present:

- **Earlene Rampy**
- **Cheryl Birdwell**, Mayor Pro-Tem
- **Janet Peterson-Gonzales**
- **Rhonda Cypert**
- **Steven Longoria**

Also present were **City Manager Michael Chambers**, **City Secretary Lisa Hernandez**, **Public Works Director Chad Mobbs**, **City Utility/Court Clerk Isabel Salazar**, **Fire Chief Joe Caballero**, **County Sheriff Corey Nunley**, and guests. Council Member **Earlene Rampy** gave the **Invocation**, followed by the **Pledge of Allegiance**, led by Mayor **Lori Landin**.

Public Comment:

Tammy Wilking stated her name and address. We recently started a group called Heart of Lorenzo I know it's really kinda has died because we don't feel like we are getting a lot of response from the community about what is going on and anybody who wants to pitch in. I was today I actually came early and made it to the Chamber of Commerce meeting and I was very impressed by what's going on. I would also like to hopefully get more people involved to our group Heart of Lorenzo and maybe we all work together. I love the fact that we are getting a new restaurant community going on here and everything else, so I really think we need to get more involved in every way we can. I know our group feels like we are not getting any response so I would like to invite more people involved with the Heart of Lorenzo and maybe we could get more going on cause like I said I was real excited with the Chamber of Commerce meeting and what the school has going on and different things like that. So on another note, I still want to address the city on my own personal thing it's been almost a year now May 7th will be exactly a year and we still have a building crumbling to the ground and I still have my customers for my business are really scared to park because more bricks are falling down. I know originally when that happened there was an engineer report that said that it had to be supported and that it had to be blocked off from people. I know the city did do that and then they quit doing it because maybe y'all are still in some battle with the owners I have no idea and I guess that is a concern of mine because it's almost a year and I see nothing going on and I see more bricks falling down and kids walking up and down and I am really still concerned about that so I just want to you to know that I am upset about that. Thank you.

Mayor **Lori Landin** thanked Tammy for her contribution.

Regular Agenda

Items 1-6 are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and vote.

1. Approval of Budget Workshop Minutes for March 2, 2026

Council Member **Cheryl Birdwell** made a motion to approve the **March 2, 2026 Budget Workshop Minutes**.

Council Member **Rhonda Cypert** seconded the motion.

Vote: Five (5) in favor, **Motion carried.**

2. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for March 9, 2026

Council Member **Steven Longoria** made a motion to approve the **March 9, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes**.

Council Member **Janet Peterson-Gonzales** seconded the motion.

Vote: Five (5) in favor, **Motion carried.**

3. Approval of Budget Workshop Minutes for March 16, 2026

Council Member **Janet Peterson-Gonzales** made a motion to approve the **March 16, 2026 Budget Workshop Minutes**.

Council Member **Cheryl Birdwell** seconded the motion.

Vote: Five (5) in favor, **Motion carried.**

4. Approval of Public Hearing and Special Meeting Minutes for March 23, 2026

Council Member **Rhonda Cypert** made a motion to approve the **March 23, 2026 Public Hearing and Special Meeting Minutes**.

Council Member **Steven Longoria** seconded the motion.

Vote: Five (5) in favor, **Motion carried.**

5. Approval of Financial Statements/Accounts Payable for March 2026.

Council Member **Earlene Rampy** made a motion to approve the **Financial Statements/Accounts Payable for March 2026**.

Council Member **Rhonda Cypert** seconded the motion.

Vote: Five (5) in favor, **Motion carried.**

6. Staff Reports

Staff reports are for discussion only. No action was taken.

- a. **City Administrator Report** – Michael Chambers
- b. **Crosby County Sheriff Report** – Corey Nunley
- c. **Fire Department Report** – Joe Caballero

Discuss and Take Action Regarding

7. Consider and approve the contract with Rene Bates Auctioneers for city equipment surplus sales.

Council Member **Steven Longoria** made a motion to approve the **City of Lorenzo to contract with Rene Bates Auctioneers for the City's Equipment Surplus Sales**.

Council Member **Cheryl Birdwell** seconded the motion.

Vote: Five (5) in favor, **Motion carried.**

8. Consider and approve designating City Manager to be the contact person for Rene Bates Auctioneers.

Council Member **Cheryl Birdwell** made a motion to approve the **City Manager as the designated person to be the contact for Rene Bates Auctioneers**.

Council Member **Rhonda Cypert** seconded the motion.

Vote: Five (5) in favor, **Motion carried.**

9. Consider and approve the Sheriff's Contract for the fiscal year.

Council Member **Janet Peterson-Gonzales** made a motion to approve the **Sheriff's Contract for the fiscal year**.

Council Member **Rhonda Cypert** seconded the motion.

Vote: Five (5) in favor, **Motion carried.**

10. Consider and approve Ordinance 041326 Regulation of Game Rooms and Amusement Redemption Machines.

Council Member **Steven Longoria** made a motion to approve the **Ordinance 041326 for Games Rooms and the permit cost to be \$25,000**.

Council Member **Rhonda Cypert** seconded the motion.

Vote: Five (5) in favor, **Motion carried.**

11. Executive Session:

The Council convened into **Executive Session** in accordance with **Texas Government Code §551.074** for Personnel Matters **regarding City Manager Resignation Letter.**

Time into Executive Session: 7:26 p.m.

Time out of Executive Session: 8:32 p.m.

12. Reconvene into Open Session

Council Member **Rhonda Cypert** made a motion to approve **Michael Chambers resignation letter for City Administrator.**

Council Member **Steven Longoria** seconded the motion.

Vote: Five (5) in favor, **Motion carried.**

Council Member **Steven Longoria** made a motion to approve the **6-month rental lease between Michael Chambers and the City of Lorenzo where the first month will be \$1,376.00 and for the next 5 months it will be \$1,000.00.**

Council Member **Earlene Rampy** seconded the motion.

Vote: Five (5) in favor, **Motion carried.**

Council Member **Steven Longoria** made a motion to approve the **Lisa Hernandez the Interim City Administrator/Manager with a 10% raise increase.**

Council Member **Cheryl Birdwell** seconded the motion.

Vote: Five (5) in favor, **Motion carried.**

Adjournment

Council Member **Rhonda Cypert** made a motion to adjourn the meeting at **8:34 p.m.**

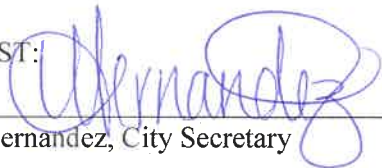
Council Member **Steven Longoria** seconded the motion.

Vote: Five (5) in favor, **Motion carried.**



Gilbert Carrizales, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lisa Hernandez, City Secretary