

**UnOfficial Minutes
City Of Lorenzo, TX
May 11, 2026**

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

Call to Order

Mayor Pro-Tem **Cheryl Birdwell** 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 Interim Manager/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 **Rhonda Cypert** gave the **Invocation**, followed by the **Pledge of Allegiance**, led by Mayor Pro-Tem **Cheryl Birdwell**.

Council Member and Mayor Pro-Tem **Cheryl Birdwell** and Council Member **Janet Peterson-Gonzales** gave the **Invocation**, followed by the **Pledge of Allegiance**, also led by Council Member and Mayor Pro-Tem **Cheryl Birdwell**.

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.**

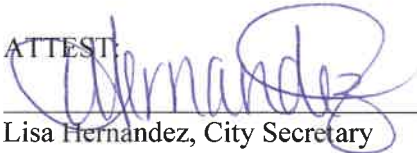
Council Member **Steven Longoria** seconded the motion.

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



Gilbert Carrizales, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lisa Hernandez, City Secretary

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