

CITY OF COPPERAS COVE
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 7, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.

A **CALL TO ORDER** - Mayor Yancey called the City Council Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

B **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Ryan Haverlah, City Manager, gave the Invocation and Mayor Yancey led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

C **ROLL CALL**

Present: Dan D. Yancey, Mayor
 Christina Strohfus, Position 1
 Rita Hogan, Position 2
 Howard Hawk, Position 3
 John Hale, Position 4
 Dale Treadway, Position 5
 Jack Smith, Position 7

Absent: Vonya Hart, Position 6

Staff Present: Ryan Haverlah, City Manager
 Lisa Wilson, City Secretary
 Stanley Springerley , City Attorney

D **ANNOUNCEMENTS** - Ryan Haverlah, City Manager, stated the City is accepting applications for the 3rd class of the Citizens Leadership Academy, which will begin on August 6th. There are 3 seats left and applications are available on the City's website. The Notice of Deadline to File for Place on the Ballot has been posted. Candidates may file beginning July 18th through August 17th. Candidate packets are currently not available, but will be soon. The Negrete Firefighter Foundation will be holding an all-day fundraiser on July 11th at Bubba's 33. Mr. Haverlah also stated that Keep Copperas Cove Beautiful will hold a Painting for a Cause scholarship fundraiser on July 11th, at Herb and Ernie's from 1-3 pm. The cost is \$25 and 10 seats are still available. He also mentioned that TIP Strategies will hold a Town Hall meeting on July 14th at the Civic Center to discuss marketing and communication for the City. From 1:00-2:30 pm they will address the business and development community; 3:00-4:30 pm will be for civic groups and 5:00-7:30 pm will be for residents. The Governor's Small Business Summit will be held on July 23rd at the Civic Center, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Registration is required; Keep Copperas Cove Beautiful will host the End of Summer Trash Bash on July 25th, from 8:00-10:00 am; The 3rd Annual Regional Hiring Event hosted by the EDC will be held on July 29th at the Civic Center. Lastly, Mr. Haverlah announced Parks & Recreation will host a Family Day at Ogletree Gap on August 1st, from 11:30-2:30 pm.

- E **CITIZENS FORUM** – At this time, citizens will be allowed to speak for a length of time not to exceed five minutes per person on any item which is listed on the agenda and items not listed on the agenda. Thirty minutes total has been allotted for this section. Pursuant to §551.042 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, any deliberation or decision about the subject of inquiry which is not listed on the agenda shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the agenda for a subsequent meeting.

Sheena Tanner, 2405 Merle Drive, Copperas Cove TX - Ms. Tanner spoke regarding Agenda Item H-5.

Sara Schultz, 3004 Oak Hill Drive, Copperas Cove TX - Ms. Schultz spoke regarding Agenda Item H-5.

Fred Chavez, 1705 Joan Drive, Copperas Cove TX - Mr. Chavez spoke regarding Agenda Item H-5.

Heather Barrington, 713 N. 3rd Street, Copperas Cove TX - Ms. Barrington spoke regarding Agenda Item H-5.

Shannon Dodd, 405 W Aveune E, Copperas Cove TX - Ms. Dodd spoke regarding Agenda Item H-5.

Stephanie Perdue, 806 Hobby Road, Copperas Cove TX- Ms. Perdue spoke regarding Agenda Item H-5.

Ray Payne, 604 N. 17th Street, Copperas Cove TX - Mr. Payne spoke regarding Agenda Item H-5.

Kirby Lack, 4318 FM 113, Copperas Cove TX - Mr. Lack spoke regarding Agenda Item H-5.

Kevin Howell, 503 Veterans Avenue, Copperas Cove TX - Mr. Howell spoke regarding a drainage issue.

Madison Howell, 503 Veterans Avenue, Copperas Cove TX - Ms. Howell spoke regarding a drainage issue.

Dave Chaquette, 314 Skyline Drive, Copperas Cove TX - Mr. Chaquette spoke regarding Agenda Item H-5.

Andy Remedies, 2402 Griffin, Copperas Cove TX - Mr. Remedis spoke regarding Agenda Item H-5 and the Fee Schedule.

Christine Littlefield, 850 Littlefield Rd, Copperas Cove TX - ms. Littlefield spoke regarding Agenda Item H-5.

Martha Tipton, 2405 Merle Drive, Copperas Cove TX - Ms. Tipton spoke regarding Agenda Item H-5.

Jonathan Owens, 1303 Elke Circle, Copperas Cove TX- Mr. Owens spoke regarding Agenda Item H-5.

Justin Early, 805 S. Pine, Georgetown TX - Mr. Early spoke regarding Agenda Item H-5

- F **CONSENT AGENDA** – All matters listed under this item are considered to be 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, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately.

- 1 Consideration and action on approval of City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes for June 16, 2026. **Lisa Wilson, City Secretary**
- 2 Consideration and action on approval of City Council Regular Meeting Minutes for June 16, 2026. **Lisa Wilson, City Secretary**
- 3 Consideration and action on approval of City Council Special Workshop Meeting Minutes for June 23, 2026. **Lisa Wilson, City Secretary**

- 4 Consideration and action on approval of City Council Special Workshop Meeting Minutes for June 25, 2026. **Lisa Wilson, City Secretary**
- 5 Consideration and action on authorizing the City Manager to execute a ground lease agreement with Hill Country Community Action Association and the City of Copperas Cove for operation of the federally funded Head Start Program. **Jeff Stoddard, Director of Parks and Recreation**
- 6 Consideration and action on authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease agreement with Hill Country Community Action Association for 1008 North Drive and 1202 West Avenue B, Copperas Cove, TX. **Jeff Stoddard, Director of Parks and Recreation**
- 7 Consideration and action on Resolution No. 2026-19, authorizing and supporting the City Manager in the submission of a grant application and required documents to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), for the FY26 Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) Program. **Gabriel Cardona, Police Captain**
- 8 Consideration and action on granting Mayor Dan D. Yancey an excused absence. **Dan D. Yancey, Mayor**
- 9 Consideration and action on granting Council Member Christina Strohfus an excused absence. **Christina Strohfus, Place 1**
- 10 Consideration and action on granting Council Member Jack Smith an excused absence. **Jack Smith, Place 7**

Council Member Hawk made a motion to approve Agenda Items F-1 through F-10. Council Member Hogan seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

After the Consent Agenda, Mayor Yancey announced that Agenda Item H-5 would be discussed first.

Council Member Hawk read a prepared statement regarding Agenda item H-5.

Mayor Yancey read a prepared statement regarding Agenda item H-5. No proclamation will be issued.

Council Member Treadway requested City Council create a policy regarding the issuing of proclamations; however, there was not a consensus of the Council for such a policy.

- G PUBLIC HEARINGS/ACTION** - A governmental body shall allow each member of the public who desires to address the body regarding an item on an agenda for an open meeting of the body to address the body regarding the item at the meeting before or during the body's consideration of the item.

- 1 Public Hearing and action on Ordinance No. 2026-17, designating a geographic area within the City Of Copperas Cove as a Reinvestment Zone for Tax Increment Financing Purposes pursuant to Chapter 311 of the Texas Tax Code to be known as Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number Two, City Of Copperas Cove, describing the boundaries of the Zone, creating a Board of Directors for the Zone, and establishing a Tax Increment Fund for the Zone. **Ryan Haverlah, City Manager**

Mayor Yancey opened the Public Hearing at 7:06 pm.

Ryan Haverlah, City Manager, gave an overview of Agenda Item G-1.

He introduced Bill Calderon with Calderon Economic Development Strategies LLC. Mr. Calderon was available to answer questions City Council had regarding the TIRZ.

Speaking for: None

Speaking against: None

Mayor Yancey closed the Public Hearing at 7:19 pm.

Council Member Strohfus made a motion to approve Agenda Item G-1. Council Member Hawk seconded the motion, but without a unanimous vote, a roll call vote was taken.

Christina Strohfus - Aye

Rita Hogan - Aye

Howard Hawk - Aye

John Hale - Nay

Dale Treadway - Aye

Jack Smith - Nay

Motion passed 4-2.

H **ACTION ITEMS**

- 1 Consideration and action on the appointment of members to the Keep Copperas Cove Beautiful Commission. **Anna Rodriguez, Executive Director of Keep Copperas Cove Beautiful**

Anna Rodriguez, Executive Director of Keep Copperas Cove Beautiful, gave an overview of Agenda Item H-1.

Council Member Hale made a motion to appoint all four applicants - V'Jae Brown, Linda Lapierre, Crystal Wellborn and Dana Anderson, to the Keep Copperas Cove Beautiful Commission. Council Member Hogan seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

- 2 Consideration and action on appointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission to fill Position 7. **Bobby Lewis, Development Services Director**

Bobby Lewis, Development Services Director, gave an overview of Agenda Item H-2.

Council Member Treadway made a motion to postpone Agenda Item H-2 until the first meeting in August, to allow time to receive additional applications. Council Member Hogan seconded this motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

- 3 Consideration and action to authorize the City Manager to execute a Standard Purchasing Agreement with KYA Services LLC. **James Nealy, Parks Superintendent**

James Nealy, Parks Superintendent, gave an overview of Agenda Item H-3.

Council Member Strohfus made a motion to approve Agenda Item H-3. Council Member Hogan seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

- 4 Consideration and action on authorizing the City Manager to execute a new Lease Agreement for 202 South 4th Street, between the City of Copperas Cove and Star Group - Veterans Helping Veterans. **Ryan Haverlah, City Manager**

Ryan Haverlah, City Manager, gave an overview of Agenda Item H-4.

Council Member Hawk made a motion to approve Agenda Item H-4. Council Member Treadway seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

- 5 Discussion and direction on a proclamation related to LGBTQ. **Howard Hawk, Place 3**

This item was discussed right after the Consent Agenda.

I REPORTS FROM STAFF, OUTSIDE ENTITIES, ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

- 1 Update and report on the activities of the Copperas Cove Economic Development Corporation. **Fred Welch, Executive Director of the Copperas Cove Economic Development Corporation**

Fred Welch, Executive Director of the Copperas Cove Economic Development Corporation, gave an update to City Council on the EDC's current and future activities.

J ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS - None

K EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

L RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION RESULTING FROM ANY ITEMS POSTED AND LEGALLY DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

M ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Yancey adjourned the meeting at 7:46 pm.

Dan D. Yancey, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Wilson, City Secretary

