

# MINUTES

## CITY OF PINEY POINT VILLAGE

### REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

January 26, 2026 | 6:00 P.M.

City Hall – 7660 Woodway Drive, Suite 460, Houston, Texas

#### **Councilmembers Present:**

Mayor Aliza Dutt; Michael Herminghaus (Position 1); Henry Kollenberg (Position 2); Joel Bender (Position 3 / Mayor Pro Tem); Margaret Rohde (Position 4); Jonathan C. Curth (Position 5).

#### **City Representatives Present:**

Robert Pennington, City Administrator; David Olson, City Attorney; Jim Huguenard, MVPD Police Commissioner; Ray Schultz, MVPD Police Chief; Brian Baker, MVPD Patrol Commander; Blair Cerny, MVPD Police Detective; Dan Ramey, VFD Commissioner; Brian Croft, VFD Fire Chief; Gracie Moylan and John Peterson, City Engineering.

#### **Call to Order**

Mayor Dutt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., noting a quorum was present.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Council.

#### **Citizens Wishing to Address Council**

- Brian Thompson spoke to the Council about the potential modifications to the Temporary Certificate of Occupancy (TCO) that the Planning and Zoning Commission is currently evaluating.
- No other public comments were received.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Consideration and possible action on approval of the Council Meeting Minutes held on December 15, 2025.**
  - Motion: Bender moved to approve the minutes as presented. Rohde seconded.
  - Vote: AYES: Herminghaus, Kollenberg, Bender, Rohde, and Curth | NAYS: None.
  - Action: Motion approved.
2. **Consideration and possible action regarding the Memorial Villages Police Department.**
  - Chief Schultz presented the December 2025 activity report.
  - The Council sought clarification on a recent incident at Kinkaid, particularly focusing on the primary emergency notification procedures for schools in the area. Additionally, further discussions took place regarding security measures along the bayou.
  - No formal action taken.

**3. Consideration and possible action regarding the Village Fire Department.**

- Chief Croft provided the December 2025 activity update.
- Croft answered questions about ambulance service fees and response times. Ramey updated the audit process and explained how private equity costs and the budget impact fire equipment. They also discussed returning surplus funds from last year's budget to the cities.
- No formal action taken.

➔ **At 6:47 p.m., Council adjusted the order of business to consider Item #5 prior to Item #4.**

**5. Consideration and possible action on authorizing a rolling street closure for the Memorial High School Rodeo Run.**

- Jenna Rosen from SBISD presented the concept and request for The Rodeo Run. The run is scheduled to begin at 8:00 AM to minimize traffic issues. Participants who cannot adhere to the rolling closure timetable may be directed to the sidewalk for their safety. The administration will inform residents in advance about the run closure.
  - **Motion:** Herminghaus moved to approve the rolling street closure for the Memorial High School Rodeo Run. Bender seconded.
  - **Vote:** AYES: Herminghaus, Kollenberg, Bender, Rohde, and Curth | NAYS: None.
  - **Action:** Motion approved.

**4. Consideration and possible action on City Engineering.**

- HDR Engineering presented an update on active City infrastructure projects, including coordination to finalize temporary construction easements for the Windermere Outfall Repair and closeout activities for the Chuckanut and Chapelwood drainage projects. HDR also summarized ongoing coordination with Kinkaid School and its traffic consultant on alternative intersection concepts that emphasize safety and community impacts. Additional updates included signal improvements on Harris County Memorial Drive, vehicle-detection options, potential future smart-signal enhancements, and the Memorial Drive asphalt reclamation project.
- The city will explore various third-party options to enhance the capabilities of smart traffic signals.
- HDR and staff discussed HCFCD's long-term planning considerations related to potential routing options for Soldiers Creek flood relief.
- Council requested that we inform residents in advance on behalf of MVWA regarding scheduled utility improvements.
- The Council discussed prior efforts and ongoing considerations related to landscape improvements, including earlier Council acknowledgement of the potential need for professional landscape design assistance and past direction to explore qualified

services and funding options for a landscape standards manual and conceptual design work. It was noted that staff evaluated the feasibility of engaging landscape services through the City's existing engineering consultant and that preliminary rendering costs were higher than anticipated. The Council generally agreed that landscaping efforts should be considered separately from roadway and bridge improvements. The Beautification Committee was recognized as a resource for advancing planting concepts. Potential gateway enhancements, including tree and shrub plantings, were also discussed, with the understanding that any broader infrastructure elements would require future public review and Council consideration. HDR will prepare a general conceptual plan and associated cost information for phased landscaping improvements for discussion at the February Engineering Committee meeting.

- No further actions were taken.

**6. Consideration and possible action to approve an Order of Election Resolution (RES 2026.01) and authorize a joint election with Spring Branch Independent School District for the General Municipal Election on May 2, 2026.**

- Motion: Kollenberg moved to approve the Order of Election Resolution (RES 2026.01) and authorize a joint election with Spring Branch Independent School District for the General Municipal Election on May 2, 2026. Bender seconded.
- Vote: AYES: Herminghaus, Kollenberg, Bender, Rohde, and Curth | NAYS: None.
- Action: Resolution adopted and authorization for a joint election granted.

**7. Consideration and possible action on a resolution (RES 2026.01-A) designating the official newspaper of the City of Piney Point Village for 2026.**

- Motion: Kollenberg moved to approve the resolution (RES 2026.01-A) designating the official newspaper of the City of Piney Point Village for 2026. Bender seconded.
- Vote: AYES: Herminghaus, Kollenberg, Bender, Rohde, and Curth | NAYS: None.
- Action: Resolution adopted designating the Examiner as the official newspaper.

**8. Consideration and possible action on annual financial-related policies, including a) Resolution (RES 2026.01-B1) adopting the 2026 Financial Investment Policy and Investment Strategy. b) Resolution (RES 2026.01-B2) adopting the 2026 City Accounts Payable Policy. c) Resolution (RES 2026.01-B3) adopting the 2026 City Credit Card Policy. d) Resolution (RES 2026.01-B4) adopting the 2026 City Financial Fraud Policy.**

- Motion: Bender moved to approve Resolutions RES 2026.01-B1 through B4, adopting the City's annual related financial policies. Herminghaus seconded.
- Vote: AYES: Herminghaus, Kollenberg, Bender, Rohde, and Curth | NAYS: None.
- Action: Resolutions RES 2026.01-B1 through B4 on the financial policies are adopted.

**9. Consideration and possible action regarding the Mayor's Monthly Report.**

- Mayor Dutt announced that the city was under heightened alert during the forecasted weather event. However, the expected icy conditions did not materialize.
- No action taken.

**10. Consideration and possible action regarding the City Administrator's Monthly Report, including the Financial Report – December 2025, Property Tax Report, Investment Report (12/2025), Disbursements greater than \$10,000; in addition to an update on temporary certificate of occupancy review, Update on mosquito spray services, update on Kinkaid / San Felipe Intersection Improvements, and update on Harris County Memorial Drive Intersection Improvements.**

- The City Administrator presented various items in the City Administrator Report.
- Council discussed options for reducing mosquito spray service costs, including the potential for negotiating revised pricing or exploring alternative payment structures prior to initiating a formal request for proposals. During the discussion, Mosquito Hunters was identified as a potential service provider for informational outreach.
- A review update was provided by the Administrator regarding the temporary certificate of occupancy, along with details on the Kinkaid/San Felipe Intersection Improvements and the Harris County Memorial Drive Intersection Improvements. Staff is to send the Planning and Zoning (P&Z) recommendation to the Council as soon as it becomes available, so that the Council has time to review.
  - Motion: Bender moved to approve Investment Report (12/2025). Kollenberg seconded.
  - Vote: AYES: Herminghaus, Kollenberg, Bender, Rohde, and Curth | NAYS: None.
  - Action (1): 2025 Q4 Investment report approved.
  - Motion: Bender moved to approve the disbursement of \$64,696.15. Herminghaus seconded.
  - Vote: AYES: Herminghaus, Kollenberg, Bender, Rohde, and Curth | NAYS: None.
  - Action (2): On Par Pay Estimate #6 for Chuckanut Drainage approved as presented.
- No further action was taken.

**11. Executive Session – Legal Consultation**

- The Council determined that an Executive Session was not necessary and did not convene into Executive Session.

**12. Reconvene into Regular Session**

- Council did not convene into Executive Session.

**13. Discuss and consider possible action on future agenda items, meeting dates, and similar matters.**

- Council reviewed upcoming meetings and dates, including the Beautification Committee meeting scheduled for February 9, the Engineering Committee meeting

scheduled for February 11, the Presidents' Day holiday on February 16, and the Regular Council Meeting scheduled for February 23.

- No formal action taken.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

- Councilmember Bender moved to adjourn; Councilmember Herminghaus seconded.
- Mayor Dutt adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.