

MINUTES

CITY OF PINEY POINT VILLAGE

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

May 11, 2026 | 6:00 P.M.

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

Councilmembers' Present:

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

City Representatives Present:

Robert Pennington, City Administrator; John J. Klevenhagen, Municipal Judge; Eric Jones, MVPD Commander; Blair Cerny, MVPD Detective; Brian Croft, VFD Chief; Gracie Mulloy 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 recited.

Citizens Wishing to Address Council:

- Resident Donna Freeman addressed the Council about concerns regarding unpermitted construction at a neighboring property, stating her intention to keep raising the issue if needed. Mayor Dutt reminded her of her speaking time, and City Administrator Robert Pennington confirmed that legal counsel would follow up with her. She concluded by congratulating incoming officials and thanking City staff and emergency responders for their support after a recent injury.

New Business:

1. Consideration and possible action regarding formal recognition of service for outgoing City officials.

- City Administrator presented formal remarks recognizing the service of Mayor Aliza Dutt and highlighted her leadership during severe weather events, hurricane recovery, emergency preparedness initiatives, beautification efforts, infrastructure projects, public safety coordination, and community engagement activities. A commemorative plaque was presented in appreciation of her service to the city.
- Mayor Dutt thanked Council, staff, public safety personnel, and residents for their support and reflected on her experience serving the community. She stated it had been an honor to represent the residents of Piney Point Village and noted the accomplishments achieved during her term alongside the City Council and staff.

2. Recognition of duly elected unopposed candidates and administration of the oath of office for the Mayor and City Council Positions 3 and 4.

- City Administrator introduced Agenda Item No. 2 and noted that the municipal election had previously been canceled following certification of unopposed candidates pursuant to Ordinance No. 2026.03.
- Judge Klevenhagen administered the Oath of Office to the following elected officials:
 - Jonathan C. Curth, Mayor
 - Joel A. Bender, Councilmember Position 3
 - Margaret Rohde, Councilmember Position 4
- Certificates of Election were presented following the administration of the oaths. Family photographs and commemorative photographs were taken.

✧ **Special Recognition – SBMSA Girls Storm Basketball Team (as an extension of Citizens Wishing to Address Council).**

- Mayor Curth recognized the third-grade SBMSA Girls Storm Basketball Team for winning back-to-back Gold Bracket Championships during the undefeated 2025 and 2026 seasons. Mayor Curth noted that the team had advanced to the finals for three consecutive years and had completed the three-year period with a combined 39-1 record. Certificates of Recognition and commemorative City challenge coins were presented to the players. Parents and family members participated in commemorative photographs following the presentation.
- Mayor Curth also recognized Thomas Oliver, League Commissioner of SBMSA, and thanked the organization for more than sixty-five years of service supporting youth athletics throughout the Memorial Villages and Spring Branch area.

3. Consideration and possible action regarding Resolution No. 2026.05, the selection of Mayor Pro Tempore.

- Mayor Curth introduced Agenda Item No. 3 regarding the appointment of Mayor Pro Tempore for the 2026–2027 term.
- Councilmember Herminghaus made a motion to nominate and appoint Councilmember Joel Bender to continue serving as Mayor Pro Tempore. The motion was seconded by Rohde.
 - Vote: AYES: Unanimous | NAYS: None.
 - Action: Resolution No. 2026.05 appointing Joel A. Bender as Mayor Pro Tempore for the 2026–2027 term was approved.

4. Consideration and possible action regarding authorized signatories for City accounts and documents.

- City Administrator presented Agenda Item No. 4 and explained that financial institutions and investment pools require updated signatory authorizations following municipal elections and leadership changes. The proposed resolutions updated authorized signatories for Amegy Bank, TexPool, and Texas CLASS accounts.
- Councilmember Kollenberg moved to approve Resolution Nos. 2026.06-A, 2026.06-B, and 2026.06-C. The motion received a second from Rohde.
 - Vote: AYES: Unanimous | NAYS: None.
 - Action: Resolution Nos. 2026.06-A, 2026.06-B, and 2026.06-C were approved, authorizing updated signatories for City depository and investment accounts.

5. Consideration and possible action to perform a Metes and Bounds Survey of the Temporary Construction Easements at 14, 15, and 16 Windermere Lane by Landtech, Inc. for a not-to-exceed amount of \$10,800.00.

- HDR presented the proposal from Landtech, Inc. regarding the preparation of metes and bounds descriptions and survey exhibits associated with proposed temporary construction easements for the Windermere Outfall Project. Staff explained that the work would clarify easement boundaries and support ongoing discussions with affected residents.
- Council discussed the proposal amount and anticipated timeline for completion. Staff indicated the surveyor was aware of the City's desire to expedite the work.
- Councilmember Bender moved to approve the proposal from Landtech, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$10,800.00. The motion received a second from Councilmember Herminghaus.
 - Vote: AYES: Unanimous | NAYS: None.
 - Action: The proposal from Landtech, Inc. for metes and bounds survey services related to temporary construction easements at 14, 15, and 16 Windermere Lane was approved in an amount not to exceed \$10,800.00.

6. Executive Session.

- City Administrator Robert Pennington advised Council that an Executive Session was not necessary.

7. Discussion and possible action on items discussed in executive session.

- No Executive Session was held.

ADJOURNMENT

- Councilmember Bender moved to adjourn; Councilmember Rohde seconded.
- Mayor Curth adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:29 p.m.