

## **City Commission**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**January 6, 2026**

**(APPROVED)**

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1. INVOCATION

Rev Tim Nunez gave the invocation.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hilligoss called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. after the pledge of allegiance and invocation.

4. ROLL CALL

**Commission Members Present:** Mayor Jack Hilligoss, Robin Gibson, Daniel Williams, Keith Thompson, Carol Gillespie.

**Staff Members Present:** James Slaton, City Manager; Jennifer Nanek, City Clerk; Albert C. Galloway ,Jr., City Attorney

5. PROCLAMATIONS AND AWARDS

6. COMMENTS AND PETITIONS

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Gillespie made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion.

by voice vote:

Commissioner Gillespie "YES"

Commissioner Williams "YES"

Commissioner Thompson "YES"

Deputy Mayor Gibson "YES"

Mayor Hilligoss "YES"

Motion passed 5-0.

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8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

10. CITY ATTORNEY

11. CITY MANAGER

James Slaton, City Manager, announced the Ridge Scenic HWY Trail open house tomorrow January 7 from 4pm -6pm at the Woman's Club.

11.I. Commission Meeting Calendar

12. CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Gillespie advocated for a more inclusive invocation policy that reflects the city's diverse, multi-faith identity. Drawing on a recently shared humanist invocation centered on nature and civic guidance, she emphasized that while traditional pastoral invocations remain an option, the city should be more open to secular and alternative perspectives to ensure all community members feel represented at the start of public meetings.

13. MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Hilligoss said a Resolution about the Invocation Policy was adopted in 2020 but could be reviewed at a future workshop.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk