

MINUTES OF SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Call to Order

The City Council of the City of Katy, Texas, convened in special session Monday, December 15, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at Katy City Hall, 901 Avenue C, Katy, Texas the following City Officials were present:

William H. Thiele, Mayor
Chris Harris, Mayor Pro Tem
Janet Corte, Councilmember
Gina Hicks, Councilmember
Rory A. Robertson, Councilmember
Dan Smith, Councilmember
David Kasper, City Engineer
Bridgette Begle, City Attorney
Andrew Vasquez, City Finance Director
Byron J. Hebert, City Administrator
Becky L. McGrew, City Secretary

Invocation, Pledge to the U.S. Flag and to the Texas Flag

Mayor Pro Tem Chris Harris gave the invocation for Katy City Council, staff, and all in attendance. Councilmember Rory Robertson led everyone in reciting the Pledge to the U.S. Flag and to the Texas Flag.

Public Comments

All were given the opportunity to be heard and the following spoke:
Michael Payne – 5823 Green Meadows Lane: expressed his unfavorable opinion about Councilmember Dan Smith’s tenure referencing several incidents during his time on Council. He concluded by congratulating Councilmember Smith on his four and a half years of service while expressing that the community was ready for change. Sean Dolan – 6303 Alicia Way: acknowledged Councilmember Dan Smith, disagreeing with the previous speaker's assessment. He stated that Smith's reputation in the community was positive and that he respected him for standing on his beliefs. Dolan sought clarity on the process for meeting with the City Administrator, explaining that he had attempted twice to use the kiosk system in the lobby but was told the Administrator was unavailable. He requested clarification on how this public access system is intended to function. Justin Graham – 1323 Windy Thicket Lane: spoke in support of Councilmember Dan Smith. He shared that his experience with Smith had been positive, noting that his common question was "What can I do for you? How can I help you?" While acknowledging they hadn't always agreed, he expressed confidence in Smith's representation of the City and his intentions to act in the best interest of Katy. All were given the opportunity to be heard and there were no additional public comments.

Consider an Ordinance (No. 3184) Calling a Special Election to Fill a Vacancy for the Unexpired Term of Office of Councilmember Ward A (May 2024 – May 2027) on January 31, 2026; and Other Matters Related to the Election (Pursuant to Katy Home Rule Charter Art. IV §4 Vacancy; Article XI, Section 11 of the Texas Constitution; and Texas Election Code Section 41.001(c))

Considerar una ordenanza que convoque a elecciones especiales para llenar una vacante por el período restante del mandato del concejal del Distrito A (mayo de 2024 a mayo de 2027) el 31 de enero de 2026; y otros asuntos relacionados con la elección (de conformidad con el Art. IV §4 Vacante de la Carta de Autonomía de Katy; el Artículo XI, Sección 11 de la Constitución de Texas; y el Código Electoral de Texas, Sección 41.001(c)).

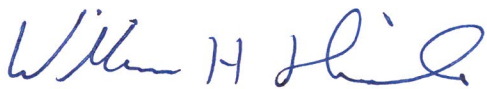
Xem xét Sắc lệnh Triệu tập Bầu cử Đặc biệt để Bổ nhiệm Chức vụ còn Trống cho Nhiệm kỳ Chưa hết hạn của Ủy viên Hội đồng Phường A (Tháng 5 năm 2024 – Tháng 5 năm 2027) vào ngày 31 tháng 1 năm 2026; và Các Vấn đề Khác Liên quan đến Cuộc Bầu cử (Theo Hiến chương Tư quản Katy Điều IV §4 Chức vụ còn Trống; Điều XI, Mục 11 của Hiến pháp Texas; và Bộ luật Bầu cử Texas Mục 41.001(c))

考虑一项法令，该法令要求于 2026 年 1 月 31 日举行特别选举，以填补 A 区市议员剩余任期 (2024 年 5 月至 2027 年 5 月) 的空缺；以及其他与选举相关的事项 (依据凯蒂自治宪章第四条第 4 款空缺规定；德克萨斯州宪法第十一条第 11 款；以及德克萨斯州选举法第 41.001(c) 条)

Motion was made by Councilmember Corte, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Harris, approving as printed and read (*caption*) an Ordinance (No.3184) An Ordinance Calling a Special Election in the City of Katy, Texas, for the 31st Day of January, 2026, for the Purpose of Filling the Unexpired Term (May 2024 – May 2027) of Councilmember Ward A; and Other Matters Relating to Said Election. All voted Aye, and the motion carried.

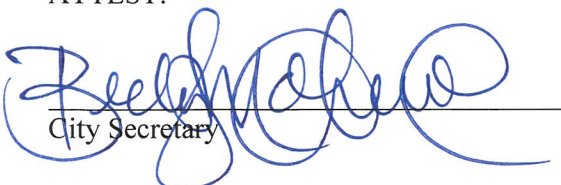
Adjourn

Motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Robertson, to adjourn. All voted Aye, and the Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:39 p.m.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Secretary