

City Council

AGENDA ITEM REPORT



MEETING: City Council - 06 Jul 2026

CONTACT: Jasmin Wise, Council Member
Place 3

DEPARTMENT: Elected Official

SUBJECT: Discuss, consider, and act on Resolution xxx-2026 of Censure concerning the Mayor's repeated failure to follow direction provided by the City Council and any related actions deemed appropriate by the City Council.

ATTACHMENTS: [Resolution xxx-2026 Censure](#)
[Supporting Documentation](#)

RESOLUTION NO. xxx-2026

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HASLET, TEXAS, REGARDING THE CONDUCT OF MAYOR GARY HULSEY DUE TO REPEATEDLY FAILING TO FOLLOW LAWFUL DIRECTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND ACTING CONTRARY TO THE COLLABORATIVE GOVERNANCE EXPECTED OF HIS OFFICE, EXPRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL'S CENSURE OF SAID CONDUCT.

- WHEREAS,** it is a core value of the City Council of the City of Haslet ("City Council") that all citizens, including its elected officials, treat one another with the utmost respect and integrity; and
- WHEREAS,** the elected officials of the City must set the example and tone for demonstrating respect and integrity; and
- WHEREAS,** it is the City Council's expectation that all elected officials consistently behave in a professional manner, and adhere to the City's Code of Ethics and Conduct at all times; and
- WHEREAS,** on multiple occasions during 2026, Mayor Gary Hulsey improperly failed to follow lawful direction of the City Council, acted without prior authorization of the governing body when such authorization was required, failed to recognize or carry out direction regarding the role of the City Administrator, and otherwise acted in a manner inconsistent with the collaborative governance expected of the office of Mayor, including but not limited to:
- appointing himself as the City's voting representative to the North Central Texas Council of Governments without authorization by resolution or other official action of the City Council;
 - submitting correspondence on behalf of the City without prior authorization of the City Council, requiring subsequent Council action to rescind that correspondence;
 - conducting Foreign Trade Zone communications without including the City Administrator after being directed to do so by the City Council;
 - failing to include or recognize the role of the City Administrator as directed by the City Council; and
- WHEREAS,** the City Council deems Mayor Gary Hulsey's actions a serious or repeated violation of the City's Code of Ethics and Conduct and is found to have been committed knowingly or intentionally; and

WHEREAS, by this resolution the City Council desires to address Mayor Gary Hulse's actions and reinforce our commitment to respect and integrity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HASLET, TEXAS, THAT:

Section 1. The above stated recitals are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. The City Council goes on record to state clearly that the foregoing actions of Mayor Gary Hulse are hereby repudiated and that he is officially censured.

Section 3. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately after its passage and approval.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HASLET, TEXAS ON THE 6th DAY OF JULY, 2026.

CITY OF HASLET, TEXAS

Gary Hulse
Mayor

ATTEST:

Crystal Babcock
Interim City Secretary

CITY OF HASLET, TEXAS

Supporting Documentation

Proposed Resolution No. __-2026
Resolution Censuring Mayor Gary Hulsey

Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide factual information supporting Proposed Resolution No. __-2026. The information contained herein is based upon the official record and other supporting documentation available at the time this document was prepared.

This document is provided as supporting material for the City Council's consideration of the proposed resolution and is intended to summarize the events that form the basis of the proposal.

Finding I

Failure to Follow City Council Direction Regarding Foreign-Trade Zone Communications

Background

On June 1, 2026, the City Council considered Agenda Item 8F regarding a proposed Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) designation. Following discussion, the City Council unanimously voted to table the proposed resolution until June 15, 2026, to allow additional review and obtain further information before taking action.

As part of that action, the City Council unanimously directed the Mayor to include the City Administrator in all future meetings and communications with Hillwood regarding the proposed Foreign-Trade Zone.

Source: Official City of Haslet YouTube recording, Regular City Council Meeting – June 1, 2026, Timestamp: 1:34:31–1:56:22.

Subsequent Conduct

During the June 15, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting, a council member asked the Mayor whether he had engaged in conversations with Hillwood regarding the proposed Foreign-Trade Zone without including the City Administrator. The Mayor acknowledged that he had.

When asked why the City Administrator had not been included, the Mayor responded:

"I don't recognize his position. It's unstatutory "

Source: Official City of Haslet YouTube recording, Regular City Council Meeting – June 15, 2026, Timestamp: 4:46:55–4:46:57.

Summary

The Mayor did not follow the City Council's unanimous direction to include the City Administrator in future meetings and communications regarding the proposed Foreign-Trade Zone.

Finding II

Submission of a Letter of No Objection Prior to City Council Authorization

Background

On June 1, 2026, the City Council considered a proposed resolution expressing no objection to the Foreign-Trade Zone designation. Rather than taking action, the City Council unanimously voted to table the item until June 15, 2026, to allow additional review before determining the City's official position.

Source: Official City of Haslet YouTube recording, Regular City Council Meeting – June 1, 2026, Timestamp: 1:34:31–1:56:22.

Subsequent Conduct

Prior to the City Council taking formal action on the proposed resolution, the Mayor signed and submitted a Letter of No Objection on behalf of the City.

During the June 15, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting, a council member asked the Mayor whether he had signed and submitted the letter without full City Council approval. The Mayor responded:

"Yes, I did."

Source: Official City of Haslet YouTube recording, Regular City Council Meeting – June 15, 2026, Timestamp: 4:46:30–4:46:34.

Council Action

Following discussion, the City Council directed the City Administrator to notify Hillwood that the previously submitted Letter of No Objection was rescinded until the City had an opportunity to properly review the proposed Foreign-Trade Zone designation. The City Council also directed that the item be placed on the July 6, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting agenda for further consideration.

Source: Official City of Haslet YouTube recording, Regular City Council Meeting – June 15, 2026, Timestamp: 4:48:50–4:49:08.

Summary

The Mayor submitted a Letter of No Objection before the City Council determined the City's official position. Following discussion on June 15, 2026, the City Council directed the City Administrator to notify Hillwood that the letter was rescinded pending further review and scheduled the matter for reconsideration on July 6, 2026.

Finding III

Designation as the City's Voting Representative to the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG)

Background

The City of Haslet participates in the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG), which periodically requires member cities to designate a voting representative for official business conducted by the organization.

At an NCTCOG meeting attended by members of the City Council, Mayor Gary Hulsey was listed as the City's designated voting representative. A voting credential form identifying Mayor Hulsey as the City's voting representative had been completed prior to the meeting.

Source: NCTCOG emails referencing completing the designated voter form

Subsequent Conduct

At the beginning of the NCTCOG meeting, members of the City Council learned that Mayor Gary Hulsey had designated himself as the City's voting representative and that a voting credential form had already been submitted identifying him in that capacity.

No formal City Council action had been taken authorizing Mayor Hulsey to serve as the City's designated voting representative.

As allowed by NCTCOG procedures, Mayor Pro Tem Morrow was subsequently registered as a voting representative. However, because more than one individual had been identified as a potential voting representative and no formal City Council action had established the City's designated representative, the City's vote became void until an agreement regarding the voting representative could be reached.

During discussions at the meeting, Councilwoman Wise and Mayor Pro Tem Morrow requested that Mayor Hulsey allow the Mayor Pro Tem to serve as the City's voting representative for the meeting. Mayor Hulsey declined and stated that members of the City Council were not privy to executive session information and therefore would not be as informed regarding matters affecting the City.

Mayor Hulsey was further asked whether he would allow the Mayor Pro Tem to cast the City's vote. During that discussion, Mayor Hulsey asked whether the Mayor Pro Tem would vote in accordance with his direction. The Mayor Pro Tem responded that she would

consider any advice provided but would exercise her independent judgment when voting. Mayor Hulseley declined to relinquish the voting designation.

As a result, the City of Haslet did not cast a vote during the General Assembly.

Summary

Mayor Hulseley's designation of himself as the City's voting representative without formal City Council authorization resulted in the City of Haslet being unable to cast a vote during the NCTCOG General Assembly.

Attachments

- June 1, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes (highlighting related information)
- June 15, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes (highlighting related information)
- Letter of No Objection signed by the Mayor
- NCTCOG emails referencing completing the designated voter form
- Official City of Haslet YouTube recordings timestamp references:
 - June 1, 2026 – 1:34:31–1:56:22
 - June 15, 2026 – 4:46:30–4:46:34
 - June 15, 2026 – 4:46:55–4:46:57
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Lockers.

Ayes: Doug Horak, Jasmin Wise, Zachry Gilbert, and Tanya Morrow

APPROVED 4-0

- 8.E. Discuss, consider, and act on amending the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget to include funding for the one-time purchase of a laptop computer for each City Council Member, including required programming, cybersecurity protections, and safety measures, and direct City Staff and Information Technology personnel to begin the procurement and setup process.
1. Presentation - Council Member Wise and Datamax Manager Richard Martin presented this item.
 2. Discuss, Consider, and Act

CC-88-2026

Moved by Tanya Morrow
Seconded by Jasmin Wise

Motion not to amend the FY 2025-2026 Budget but to discuss at the FY 2026-2027 Budget Workshop.

Ayes: Doug Horak, Jasmin Wise, Zachry Gilbert, and Tanya Morrow

APPROVED 4-0

8.F. **MAYOR HULSEY CALLED A RECESS FROM 8:04 PM. TO 8:20 PM.**

Discuss, consider, and act on Resolution xxx-2026 authorizing the City Administrator to execute a Letter of Concurrence to Alliance Corridor, Inc. for requested Foreign-Trade Zone designation for certain premises within the City of Haslet.

1. Presentation - City Attorney Jeremy Page presented this item and provided that the City Council approved previous trade zones in 2014, 2022 and 2025.
2. Discuss, Consider, and Act

CC-89-2026

Moved by Tanya Morrow
Seconded by Doug Horak

Motion to TABLE this item to the June 15, 2026 City Council Meeting and to include the City Administrator in all discussions with Hillwood.

Ayes: Doug Horak, Jasmin Wise, Zachry Gilbert, and Tanya Morrow

APPROVED 4-0

- 8.G. Discuss, consider, and act regarding the Community Facilities Agreement (CFA) between the City of Haslet and Triple "T" Farms for approximately 97.241 acres located on the northeast corner of John Day Road and Blue Mound Road.

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APPROVED 5-0

- 8.F. Discuss, consider, and act on Resolution xxx-2026 authorizing the City Administrator to execute a Letter of Concurrence to Alliance Corridor, Inc. for requested Foreign-Trade Zone designation for certain premises within the City of Haslet, tabled from the June 1, 2026, regular City Council meeting.

1. Presentation - Mayor Pro Tem Morrow inquired whether the item had been executed in accordance with Council's prior direction. Mayor Hulsey advised that he had sent a Letter of No Objection to Hillwood regarding the requested Foreign-Trade Zone area, dated June 4, 2026, and presented a revised map reflecting that the requested area along Blue Mound Road, near the Caraway and Sweetgrass neighborhoods, had since been removed from the request.

Council Member Wise noted that, while she appreciated the removal of that area, the Mayor had been directed to include the City Administrator in discussions with Hillwood and had not been authorized to sign or send correspondence on the Council's behalf without prior Council approval, and questioned why the Council had not been informed of the revised map sooner. Mayor Hulsey clarified that the Letter of No Objection does not grant a Foreign-Trade Zone designation, and that each individual property would still be required to apply separately for that designation.

MAYOR HULSEY CALLED A RECESS FROM 10:20 P.M. TO 10:25 P.M.

Following Executive Session the item was continued.

Council Member Wise inquired regarding the Mayor's communication with Hillwood representative Nicholas Konen and confirmed that Mayor Hulsey had personally signed and sent a Letter of No Objection regarding the Foreign-Trade Zone request without prior Council approval and without including the City Administrator in those discussions. City Attorney Jeremy Page advised that the Council could either ratify the Mayor's action by approving the content of the letter, or rescind the letter if it did not wish to support its content as executed.

2. Discuss, Consider, and Act

CC-100-2026

Moved by Zachry Gilbert

Seconded by Jasmin Wise

Motion to remove from the table.

Ayes: Doug Horak, Chris Carathers, Jasmin Wise, and Zachry Gilbert
Nays: Tanya Morrow

APPROVED 4-1

CC-101-2026

Moved by Tanya Morrow

Seconded by Chris Carathers

Motion to enter into Executive Session to consult with the City Attorney regarding the item.

Ayes: Doug Horak, Chris Carathers, Jasmin Wise, Zachry Gilbert, and Tanya Morrow

APPROVED 5-0

CC-102-2026

Moved by Tanya Morrow

Seconded by Chris Carathers

Motion to rescind the letter that was provided and table the item to a future meeting, which would be July 6, 2026.

Amend the motion to include directing the City Administrator and City Attorney to contact Hillwood.

Ayes: Doug Horak, Chris Carathers, Jasmin Wise, Zachry Gilbert, and Tanya Morrow

APPROVED 5-0

8.G. Discuss, consider, and act on Resolution xxx-2026 for an amended project of the Haslet Community and Economic Development Corporation B (HCEDC) Board for the replacement of playground equipment and safety fall zone coverings at Community Park, tabled from the June 1, 2026, regular City Council meeting.

1. Presentation - Mayor Pro Tem Morrow noted that the Parks and Recreation Board had reviewed the playground equipment proposals and requested additional time to seek proposals from additional vendors. Discussion followed regarding the project's funding structure, the prior \$500,000 budget allocation, and the relationship between the Parks and Recreation Board and HCEDC in recommending and funding park improvements.
2. Discuss, Consider, and Act

CC-103-2026

Moved by Tanya Morrow

Seconded by Doug Horak

Motion to un-table item 8.G.

Ayes: Doug Horak, Chris Carathers, Jasmin Wise, Zachry Gilbert, and Tanya Morrow



North Central Texas Council of Governments

2026 NCTCOG General Assembly Designation of Voting Representative

As a member of the North Central Texas Council of Governments,

_____ *hereby designates the*
(name of county, city, school district, or special district)

following elected or appointed official of the member's governing body to serve as its voting representative for NCTCOG's 2026 General Assembly.

Name: _____ Title: _____

Signed: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____

Under the Bylaws of the North Central Texas Council of Governments, each member government that is current on dues is entitled to one voting representative at the General Assembly. The voting representative must be an elected or appointed official from the governing body of the member government. Staff persons are NOT eligible.

This form must be completed to be eligible to vote at the 2026 General Assembly meeting on June 12, 2026, at the Hurst Conference Center. THE DESIGNATED VOTING REPRESENTATIVE MUST BE PHYSICALLY PRESENT AT THE MEETING TO CAST THEIR VOTE(S). IN THE EVENT OF MULTIPLE DESIGNATION FORMS FOR THE SAME ENTITY, THE REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT MUST AGREE WHO THE VOTING REPRESENTATIVE IS FOR THE ENTITY'S VOTE(S) TO BE COUNTED.

Return this form to: GeneralAssembly@nctcog.org.

616 Six Flags Drive, Centerpoint Two
P.O. Box 5888, Arlington, Texas 76005-5888
www.nctcog.org

President Johnson,

I have a question regarding General Assembly Designated Voting Representative.
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General Assembly.

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General Assembly Designated Voting Representative?

Thank you,

Gary Hulse
Mayor, City of Haslet
M: [REDACTED]
ghulse@haslet.org



Outlook

RE: [EXTERNAL] General Assembly Designated Voting Representative

From Gary Hulsey <ghulsey@haslet.org>

Date Fri 6/5/2026 11:42 AM

To Ken Kirkpatrick <KKirkpatrick@nctcog.org>; Council - Place 1 (Victoria Johnson) <vjohnson@burlesontx.com>

Thank you

Gary Hulsey
Mayor, City of Haslet
M: [REDACTED]
ghulsey@haslet.org

From: Ken Kirkpatrick <KKirkpatrick@nctcog.org>
Sent: Friday, June 5, 2026 11:42 AM
To: Council - Place 1 (Victoria Johnson) <vjohnson@burlesontx.com>; Gary Hulsey <ghulsey@haslet.org>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] General Assembly Designated Voting Representative

Mayor –

I will call you shortly.

Ken K

Ken Kirkpatrick
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North Central Texas Council of Governments
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817-695-9278

From: Council - Place 1 (Victoria Johnson) <vjohnson@burlesontx.com>
Sent: Friday, June 5, 2026 11:17 AM
To: Gary Hulsey <ghulsey@haslet.org>
Cc: Ken Kirkpatrick <KKirkpatrick@nctcog.org>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] General Assembly Designated Voting Representative

Hi Mayor,
I suspect many communities are having debates about how to designate if their councils do not meet before Gen. Assembly. Burleson opted to have a special meeting. I'll ask Ken Kirkpatrick to give you a call, he might be better positioned to explain options.

Victoria Johnson
Burleson City Council Place 1

On Jun 5, 2026, at 10:37 AM, Gary Hulsey <ghulsey@haslet.org> wrote:

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