

**MINUTES OF A WORKSHOP
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOURDANTON
AT THE JOURDANTON MUNICIPAL COMPLEX COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT
1604 HIGHWAY 97 E, JOURDANTON, TEXAS, 78026,
ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2026 AT 6:00 P.M.**

Present:

Mayor Robert A. Williams
Mayor Pro Tem Chester Gonzales
Councilmember Karen Pesek
Councilmember Pamela Manning
Councilmember Katrina Wiatrek
Councilmember Raul Morales

City Secretary Melissa Gonzalez

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Chester Gonzales called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

HEARING OF RESIDENTS

- 1.1 The City Council may present any factual response to items brought up by citizens. (Attorney General Opinion – JC-0169) (Limit of three minutes each). The City Council welcomes citizen participation and comments at all regular council meetings. As a courtesy to your fellow citizens and out of respect to our elected officials, we request that if you wish to speak that you follow these guidelines. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in a forfeiture of your remaining time to speak and removal from the meeting:
- a. Limit your discussion to one or two issues that you wish to address rather than a generalized statement; and
 - b. Show the City Council, the City Manager, and staff the same respect and courtesy you expect to be shown to you.

None.

WORKSHOP

- 2.1 Discussion regarding identification and prioritization of short-term and long-term City goals, including strategic, operational, capital improvement, and financial planning priorities. No action will be taken.

(Mayor Robert Williams arrived at 6:08 p.m.)

- 2.2 Discussion and possible action regarding scheduling and setting a date for the next City Council workshop.

(Councilmember Wiatrek departed the meeting at 6:38 p.m.)

The council scheduled the next workshop dates for March 23, 2026 and April 27, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

- Councilmember Wiatrek said she would like to focus on citizen communication for better transparency, optimizing the city website as a primary information hub, and collaborating with county commissioners to adopt their successful road construction strategies.
- Councilmember Morales would like to know what the Hotel/Motel Tax can be used for.
- Councilmember Pesek looked into permissible uses for Hotel/Motel Tax funds and said there may be potential application toward park improvements. Also, she said the city should coordinate with the county commissioners to explore collaborative opportunities for road maintenance and repairs.
- Councilmember Manning expressed the need to modernize the city's technology, specifically citing deficiencies in computer, audio, recording, and financial systems. She also would like to see an internal audit of water and infrastructure systems and urged for more streamlined approach to street maintenance and repairs.
- Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales is looking to improve city operations by introducing check-off lists for new businesses and contractors to simplify the permitting process. He is also focused on maximizing tax revenue by ensuring Hotel/Motel Tax audits are current and by actively promoting local lodging to visiting contractors.

- 3.1 Adjourn.

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.


Melissa Gonzalez, City Secretary


Robert A. Williams, Mayor