

WOODWAY CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

May 12, 2025

The Woodway City Council met in a regular meeting in the Donald J. Baker Council Chambers at Woodway City Hall, 922 Estates Drive, Woodway, Texas, on Monday, May 12, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. The following individuals were in attendance:

Mayor:	Amine Qourzal
Councilmembers:	David Russell, Storey Cook, Janell Gilman, John Williams, David Keyston and Ken Sury
Absent:	None
City Manager:	Adam Niolet
Assistant City Manager	Jennifer Rogers
City Secretary:	Donna Barkley
City Staff:	Mitch Davison, Khalil El-Halabi, Todd Gill and Steven Dvorak
Contract Staff:	David Shaw, City Attorney

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Qourzal called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

1. INVOCATION

Reverend Palmer provided the invocation.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag was recited in unity.

PUBLIC COMMENT

3. THE CITY COUNCIL INVITES CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON ANY MATTER, INCLUDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA, EXCEPT PUBLIC HEARINGS THAT ARE INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA. COMMENTS RELATED TO PUBLIC HEARINGS WILL BE HEARD WHEN THE SPECIFIC HEARING STARTS. PLEASE LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS TO THREE (3) MINUTES PER RESOLUTION R-87-11. THE COUNCIL IS NOT PERMITTED TO TAKE ANY ACTION OR DISCUSS ANY ITEM NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA. WHEN CALLED TO SPEAK, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS, AND IF SPEAKING ON A SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEM, STATE THE ITEM BEFORE BEGINNING YOUR COMMENTS

The following citizens read an anonymously written letter to the Council regarding an interview by Mayor Qourzal with KWTX on the old Woodway Family Center, in which they felt he provided incorrect information:

- Marvin Goebel, Woodway resident
- Richard Hutyra, Woodway resident
- Richard Maker, Woodway resident – Thanked the Chief and Mr. Davison for getting the curb in front of the fire hydrant on Harbor painted red for safety and no parking, which he had asked for at a previous meeting due to extra parking on the street from a homeowner providing swim lessons. Also, May 17th at 9 a.m., there is a

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clean-up day at Liberty Hill Cemetery. He also questioned why some businesses are allowed to have dumpster service and rentals from companies other than Frontier Waste Management?

- Michael Habern, Woodway resident – Spoke on the cost and condition of the original Woodway Family Center. He would like the City Council to give the original WFC back to the Boys Club or its representatives so they can give the building back to the citizens of Woodway.

ANNUAL ORGANIZATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

4. CANVASS RESULTS OF THE MAY 3, 2025, GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Mayor Pro Tem Williams, as presiding officer of the canvassing authority, compared the Official Cumulative Report from McLennan County with the Resolution R-25-06, declaring the results of the May 3, 2025, general city election. All of the figures were found to correspond, and Mayor Pro Tem Williams stated the official tabulation of votes was a true and correct reflection of the votes cast. The results of the general city election held May 3, 2025, are confirmed with the following results:

WARD I, PLACE II

Charles Anderson - 620

Amine Qourzal - 942

WARD II, PLACE II

David J. Wilson - 589

Dave Whitby - 948

WARD III, PLACE II

Janell Gilman – 936

Michael Habern – 617

5. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDER ACTION ON RESOLUTION R-25-06, DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE MAY 3, 2025, GENERAL CITY ELECTION

Mayor Qourzal moved to adopt Resolution R-25-06, declaring the results of the May 3, 2025, City Council election. Councilmember Gilman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Outgoing Mayor Pro Tem Williams vacated his seat at this time.

6. ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED COUNCILMEMBERS

City Secretary, Donna Barkley administered the Oath of Office to Amine Qourzal (Ward I, Place II), Dave Whitby (Ward II, Place II) and Janell Gilman (Ward III, Place II). Councilmembers took their seats with the Council.

7. CONSIDER ACTION ON APPOINTMENT TO OFFICE OF MAYOR

City Attorney, David Shaw, opened the floor for nominations for the office of Mayor. Councilmember Gilman nominated Amine Qourzal, and Councilmember Sury seconded the nomination. Mr. Shaw requested a motion to cease if there were no other nominations. Councilmember Whitby moved to cease nominations and

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Councilmember Cook seconded.

Mr. Shaw called for a vote of those in favor of Amine Qourzal for Mayor and Mr. Qourzal was elected to serve as Mayor of Woodway for a term of one year by a vote of 5-2. (Russell and Keyston – Nay)

8. CONSIDER ACTION ON APPOINTMENT TO OFFICE OF MAYOR PRO TEM

Mr. Shaw opened the floor for nominations for the office of Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember Sury nominated Storey Cook, and Councilmember Whitby seconded the nomination. Mr. Shaw requested a motion to cease if there were no other nominations. Mayor Qourzal moved to cease nominations and Councilmember Cook seconded.

Mr. Shaw called for a vote of those in favor of Storey Cook for Mayor Pro Tem and Mrs. Cook was elected to serve as Mayor Pro Tem of Woodway for a term of one year by a vote of 6-1. (Russell – Nay)

9. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDER ACTION ON RESOLUTION R-25-07, DESIGNATING ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER (TWELFTH EDITION) TO BE THE COUNCIL'S RULES OF PROCEDURE EXCEPT WHERE IN CONFLICT WITH THE CITY'S CHARTER OR CODE OF ORDINANCES, IN WHICH CASE THE PROCEDURE SET FORTH IN THE CHARTER OR CODE OF ORDINANCES SHALL CONTROL

Councilmember Keyston moved to adopt Resolution R-25-07, designating Robert's Rules of Order (Twelfth Edition) as the Council's rules of procedure. Councilmember Russell seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

10. PRESENTATION OF YARD OF THE MONTH FOR MAY

The Yard of the Month for May was awarded to the Ortiz Family, 301 Wooded Crest.

11. RECOGNITION OF WOODWAY YOUTH COMMISSION MEMBERS AND RECOGNITION OF GRADUATING SENIORS

Griffin Kenneaster, Community Resource Officer and staff liaison for the Youth Commission provided that the Youth Commission helps him plan events throughout the City. So much of the time they are the backbone of these events, and they do not often get the recognition they deserve. There are several graduating this year and the following seniors in attendance introduced themselves and provided their years of service on the Youth Commission and which college they will be attending along with their major: Hazel Davison, Lauren Ziegenhagen and Sophia Mitchell-Flores.

12. PRESENTATION TO THE HEART OF TEXAS 100 CLUB

CRO Kenneaster along with the Youth Commission presented a check from the Bound for the Brave Race proceeds to representatives of the Heart of Texas 100 Club. All the funds and proceeds received for this event go directly to the Heart of Texas 100 Club.

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Representatives of the 100 Club presented a plaque to the Woodway Youth Commission for their generous support of our first responders and helping take care of those who take care of us.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consists of non-controversial, routine and budgeted items which require no public hearing. The Consent Agenda is subject to being approved with one single motion; however, the Mayor or any City Councilmember may remove any item from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion and consideration.

13. A. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDER ACTION ON MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD APRIL 28, 2025, AT 5:30 P.M.
- B. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDER ACTION ON ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE WOODWAY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
14. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDER ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items pulled for separate discussion.

Mayor Pro Tem Cook moved that the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- A. Approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held April 28, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.
- B. Confirm appointments to the various Woodway boards and commissions as recommended by the City Council Nominating Committee

Councilmember Gilman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

CITY MANAGER AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

15. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT (BRIEFINGS OR UPDATES MAY BE PROVIDED REGARDING CITY SERVICES, ADMINISTRATIVE/PERSONNEL MATTERS, REAL ESTATE/DEVELOPMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE, EVENTS, REGULATIONS, COMMUNITY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS ISSUES)

Mr. Niolet provided the following:

- Thanked outgoing Councilmember John Williams once again for his service to the City.
- Mother & Daughter Brunch was a sell-out event. The Pavilion staff made it an engaging and creative experience.
- The next City Council meeting is on Monday, May 19th.
- City offices will be closed on Monday, May 26th in observance of Memorial Day

At the City Manager's request, Mr. Davison introduced Steven Dvorak as the Assistant Director of Community

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Services and Development.

16. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Russell - The Parks & Recreation Commission meets Thursday, May 22, 2025.

Councilmember Keyston – He has enjoyed being liaison to the Youth Commission and encouraged any of the youth interested in serving on the Youth Commission to apply.

Councilmember Gilman – The Planning & Zoning Commission meets Tuesday, May 13, 2025.

CLOSING ITEMS

17. CONSIDER ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Cook moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Whitby seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Donna Barkley, City Secretary

Amine Qourzal, Mayor