



City of Azle
Regular Meeting Agenda
City Council

505 W. Main Street
Azle, Texas 76020

April 21, 2026

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

Pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, the Council may convene into Executive Session(s) from time to time as deemed necessary during the meeting for any posted agenda item and may receive advice from its attorney as permitted by law.

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

The City of Azle is accepting volunteers from all Religions and Denominations to provide the invocation at the beginning of the City Council meeting. If you are interested in giving the invocation at a future meeting, please call the city secretary's office at 817-444-7101 or email: yhoffman@cityofazle.org

Pastor Carol Roberts, Pastor of Prayer and Pastoral Care, Lighthouse Fellowship

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

This is an opportunity for the public to address the City Council on posted agenda items or non-agenda items. In order to address the Council, please complete a Speaker's Request Form and submit to the City Secretary prior to the start of the council meeting. All comments must be directed to the Presiding Officer, rather than an individual council member or city staff. All speakers must refrain from personal attacks toward any individual. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes and must pertain to the subject matter listed on the Speaker's Request Form. Speakers requiring the assistance of a translator shall be provided four (4) minutes. Council may not comment publicly on non-agenda items, but may direct the City Manager to resolve the matter or request the matter be placed on a future agenda. Public comments regarding non-agenda items shall not include any "deliberation" as defined by Chapter 551 of the Government Code, as now or hereafter amended. If you have a subject that may require City Council action, you may obtain a form from the City Secretary and request the item be placed on a future agenda.

PROCLAMATIONS

1. National Library Week
Randa Goode, Mayor
2. Retirement of Tom Muir, City Manager
Randa Goode, Mayor

ACTION ITEMS

3. Consider any action on the April 7, 2026 regular council meeting and April 8, 2026, Strategic Planning meeting minutes.
Yael Hoffman, City Secretary
4. Consider any action on the request by the Azle Area Ministerial Alliance to utilize Central Park; a fire truck; a waiver of the fees charged for Fire Department personnel and equipment; a waiver of fees for the rental of the Pavilion and Amphitheater; approving a Council Variance allowing the issuance of a fireworks permit and a waiver of the fireworks permit fee contingent on all requirements being met for the "Follow the Flag" event on July 4, 2026.
Tom Muir, City Manager
5. Consider any action on Ordinance No. 2026-10 re-appointing the Municipal Court Judge and Associate Judge for two-year terms, effective May 1, 2026.
Tom Muir, City Manager
6. Consider any action on Ordinance No. 2026-09 approving a FY 2025 - 2026 Budget Amendment (2nd qtr.).

Angelia Garrett, Assistant Finance Director

- 7. Consider any action on Resolution No. 2026-05 authorizing the City Manager to execute an advanced funding agreement (AFA) with TxDOT for the City of Azle Active Transportation Plan.

Rick White, Public Services Director

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 8. Personnel Policy Revision

Cat Schlueter, Human Resources Director

- 9. Sign Ordinance Amendments Update

David Hawkins, Director of Planning and Development

ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON FUTURE MEETING AGENDAS

MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMENTS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- **551.071 CONSULTATION WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY**

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U.S Realty 87 Azle Associates, LP vs. City of Azle.

- **551.074 PERSONNEL MATTERS**

- Deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of City Manager/Interim City Manager

- **551.087 – DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC NEGOTIATIONS**

Discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations for 256 W. Main Street, Azle, Texas.

ADJOURNMENT

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify the above Agenda was posted at City Hall on 04-15-2026, at the City’s official bulletin board and is readily accessible to the public at all times in accordance with V.T.C.A. Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joel Hoffman". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a thin horizontal line.

Yael Hoffman, TRMC, MMC
City Secretary

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Presenter: Randa Goode, Mayor
Agenda Item: National Library Week

Background and Explanation:

Proclamation presenting National Library Week, April 19–25, 2026

Board/Commission/Committee Recommendation:

Staff Recommendation:

Attachments:

None



Presenter: Randa Goode, Mayor

Agenda Item: Retirement of Tom Muir, City Manager

Background and Explanation:

Proclamation honoring City Manager Tom Muir upon his retirement.

Board/Commission/Committee Recommendation:

Staff Recommendation:

Attachments:

None



Presenter: Yael Hoffman, City Secretary

Agenda Item: Consider any action on the April 7, 2026 regular council meeting and April 8, 2026, Strategic Planning meeting minutes.

Background and Explanation:

Board/Commission/Committee Recommendation:

Staff Recommendation:

Attachments:

1. 04-07-2026 -Minutes
2. 04-08-2026-Minutes



MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Azle City Council

505 W. Main Street
Azle, Texas 76020

April 7, 2026

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Goode called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

Members Present:

Tom Muir	City Manager
Amber Beard	Assistant City Manager
Yael Hoffman	City Secretary
Andrea Russell	City Attorney
Susie Hiles	Assistant to the City Manager
Will Scott	Fire Chief
Ben Hall	Police Chief
David Hawkins	Director of Planning and Development
Curren McLane	Library Director
Victor Gonzales	Assistant Library Director
Kristen Pegues	Community and Marketing Specialist
Cat Schlueter	Human Resources Director

INVOCATION

Rev. Ray Gilman -Senior Pastor, First Methodist Church of Azle, gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Goode led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

PROCLAMATIONS

1. Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Mayor Goode read and presented a proclamation recognizing Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

ACTION ITEMS

2. Consider any action on the March 17, 2026, regular council meeting minutes.

Councilmember Rothenberger moved to approve the March 17, 2026, regular council meeting minutes, as presented. Councilmember Conner seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Randa Goode, Stacy Peek, Derrick Nelson, Amy Estes, Josh Berry, Rouel Rothenberger, Brian Conner

3. Consider any action authorizing the City Manager to execute an interlocal agreement with the

Tarrant County Emergency Services District No. 1 (ESD) for Fire/EMS services.

Mayor Goode recognized Fire Chief Scott, who provided an overview of the agreement. He noted the City has partnered with Tarrant County ESD #1 to provide Fire and EMS services to areas just outside our city limits for a number of years; however, this new agreement has significant changes from previous contracts.

Councilmember Rothenberger moved to authorize the City Manager to execute an interlocal agreement with the Tarrant County Emergency Services District No. 1 (ESD) for Fire/EMS services, as presented. Councilmember Berry seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Randa Goode, Stacy Peek, Derrick Nelson, Amy Estes, Josh Berry, Rouel Rothenberger, Brian Conner

4. Consider any action on the Facade and Signage Improvement Program application for Prep and Crave at 128 Park Place.

Mayor Goode recognized Community & Marketing Specialist Kristen Pegues, who gave a brief presentation on the Façade Grant application from Prep and Crave. She noted the applicant met all requirements; therefore, Staff recommended approval.

Councilmember Nelson moved to approve the Facade and Signage Improvement Program application from Prep and Crave, 128 Park Place, in the amount of \$1,666.33. Councilmember Estes seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Randa Goode, Stacy Peek, Derrick Nelson, Amy Estes, Josh Berry, Rouel Rothenberger, Brian Conner

5. Consider any action on Ordinance No. 2026-08 amending Article 12.05 "Parking" by adding "No Stopping, Standing, Loading and Unloading" on 1100 and 1200 Block of Boyd Road

Mayor Goode recognized Police Chief Hall, who gave a brief overview of the ordinance, noting the Azle Police Department worked in coordination with the Azle ISD Police Department, Street Superintendent Jimmy Duvall, and TxDOT to draft this ordinance.

Mayor Pro-tem Peek moved to approve Ordinance No. 2026-08, amending Article 12.05 "Parking" by adding "No Stopping, Standing, Loading and Unloading" at the 1100 and 1200 Block of Boyd Road, as presented. Councilmember Nelson seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Randa Goode, Stacy Peek, Derrick Nelson, Amy Estes, Josh Berry, Rouel Rothenberger, Brian Conner

ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON FUTURE MEETING AGENDAS

- Update on Sign Ordinance.

MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMENTS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

- 04/6-13/2026 - Library Giving Days. Fundraiser for donations to Azle Library Trust
- 04/15/2025 – Retirement Reception for Police Chief Hall
- 04/16/2026 – Retirement Reception for Police Sergeant Bovea
- 04/18/2026 – City Clean-up Day
- 04/21/2026 – Nationally published author, Amanda Churchill, will be at the Azle Library Book Club
- 04/20-28/2026 – Early Voting for May 2 election
- 04/25/2026 - Season Opener for The FeedLot
- Meals on Wheels in May – Councilmember(s) to deliver meals on one day, 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Goode convened to Executive Session at 6:26 PM.

Mayor Goode reconvened to open meeting at 8:08 PM.

551.071 CONSULTATION WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY

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551.074 PERSONNEL MATTERS

- Deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of City Manager.

6. Consider any action pursuant to Executive Session.

Councilmember Nelson moved to approve a 3% COLA increase for the city manager, retroactive to his anniversary date. Councilmember Rothenberger seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Randa Goode, Stacy Peek, Derrick Nelson, Amy Estes, Josh Berry, Rouel Rothenberger, Brian Conner

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Goode adjourned at 8:09 PM.

Presented and approved on 04-21-2026

Randa Goode, Mayor

Attest:

Yael Hoffman, TRMC, MMC
City Secretary



MINUTES
Strategic Plan Meeting
Azle City Council

505 W. Main Street
Azle, Texas 76020

April 8, 2026

6:00 PM

Community Room

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Goode called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Members Present:

- Mayor Randa Goode
- Mayor Pro-tem Stacy Peek
- Councilmember Derrick Nelson
- Councilmember Amy Estes
- Councilmember Josh Berry
- Councilmember Rouel Rothenberger
- Councilmember Brian Conner

Staff Present:

- | | |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Tom Muir | City Manager |
| Amber Beard | Assistant City Manager |
| Yael Hoffman | City Secretary |
| Susie Hiles | Assistant to the City Manager |
| Will Scott | Fire Chief |
| Kevin Rogers | Police Lieutenant |
| David Hawkins | Director of Planning and Development |
| Rick White | Director of Public Services |
| Angelia Garrett | Interim Finance Director |
| Curren McLane | Library Director |
| Victor Gonzales | Assistant Library Director |
| Matt Sommerfield | Golf Course Manager |
| Cat Schlueter | Human Resources Director |

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Strategic Planning for FY 2026-27.

Mayor Goode recognized Dr. Mike Mowery, Strategic Government Resources (SGR), who led the Strategic Planning presentation and outlined the Council's priorities along with proposed timelines.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Goode adjourned at 6:42 PM.

Presented and approved on 04-21-2026

Randa Goode, Mayor

Attest:

Yael Hoffman, TRMC, MMC
City Secretary



Presenter: Tom Muir, City Manager

Agenda Item: Consider any action on the request by the Azle Area Ministerial Alliance to utilize Central Park; a fire truck; a waiver of the fees charged for Fire Department personnel and equipment; a waiver of fees for the rental of the Pavilion and Amphitheater; approving a Council Variance allowing the issuance of a fireworks permit and a waiver of the fireworks permit fee contingent on all requirements being met for the “Follow the Flag” event on July 4, 2026.

Background and Explanation:

The Azle Area Ministerial Alliance (AAMA) is holding the annual “Follow the Flag” event on July 4, 2026 at Central Park, which will include a fireworks display. To ensure safety, the AAMA is requesting a fire truck be present at the show and the City waive the standard fee usually charged. AAMA has secured insurance for the pyrotechnics that will be used for the July 4th event and has secured permission from the property owner at 405 W. Main Street to conduct a fireworks display.

Board/Commission/Committee Recommendation:

N/A.

Staff Recommendation:

N/A.

Attachments:

1. AgendaRequestForm.
2. SITE MAP
3. Map
4. Insurance.
5. JerryCottenLetter.

REQUEST TO PLACE AN ITEM ON THE COUNCIL AGENDA

Requests must be submitted to the office of the City Secretary at least six {6} business days by 5:00 p.m. prior to the City Council meeting for which the request is being made, and your request must include all relevant information concerning the matter.

Requested Agenda Date: April 21, 2026

Name: Alton Davis, Azle Area Ministerial Alliance Contact No: 817-521-4510

Address, City, State, and Zip: 173 W. Main Street, Suite 6 Azle, Texas 76020 –

Mailing address: P.O. Box 275 Azle, Texas 76020

Are you a resident or business owner in Azle? YES: X NO:

Subject to be discussed including the following:

Background: Follow the Flag 2026

- Intended Goal {Policy Change? Outcome?}:
 1. Requesting a variance, allowing fireworks inside city limits under compliance for required insurance, licensing, permits, etc. Variance form attached.
 2. Requesting a waiver of fee for presence of fire personnel and equipment at the Follow the Flag Event.
 3. Requesting a waiver of rental fees for Central Park Pavilion and Amphitheater
- Resolution Efforts {Who have you spoken with in the city to try and resolve your issue):

NA

Please provide as much information you have to support your item .

Attached this form to your supporting document(s), {if any) and return to:

City Secretary's Office
City of Azle
505 W. Main Street
Azle, TX 76020
 or
Email: yhoffman@cityofazle.org
(817) 444-7101 Direct Line



Main Entry

Main Entry

Azle Memorial Library

Reserved PRK

Reserved PRK

Seating Area

Central Park

Fire Works

Caution Area

Booth Stations

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Layers





CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)

3/5/2026

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an **ADDITIONAL INSURED**, the policy(ies) must be endorsed. If **SUBROGATION IS WAIVED**, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

PRODUCER Acrisure Great Lakes Partners Insurance Services 223 West Grand River Ave #1 Howell MI 48843	CONTACT NAME: PHONE (A/C No. Ext): 216-658-7100	FAX (A/C, No):
	E-MAIL ADDRESS: rtreend@acrisure.com	
INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE		NAIC #
INSURER A : Texas Mutual Insurance Company		22945
INSURER B : Texas Insurance Company		16543
INSURER C : Continental Indemnity Company		28258
INSURER D : Allianz Global Corporate & Specialty SE		7617
INSURER E :		
INSURER F :		

COVERAGES

CERTIFICATE NUMBER: 1871508511

REVISION NUMBER:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.


INSR LTR	TYPE OF INSURANCE	ADDL INSR	SUBR WVD	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFF (MM/DD/YYYY)	POLICY EXP (MM/DD/YYYY)	LIMITS
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D	UMBRELLA LIAB <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCESS LIAB <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS-MADE DED RETENTION \$	Y	Y	25ABEX0199	11/1/2025	11/1/2026	EACH OCCURRENCE \$ 4,000,000 AGGREGATE \$ 4,000,000 \$
A	WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory in NH) If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below	Y/N Y	N/A	0002003571 (TX)	2/2/2026	2/2/2027	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WC STATU-TORY LIMITS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTH-ER USL&H Included E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$ 500,000 E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE \$ 500,000 E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT \$ 500,000

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (Attach ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, if more space is required)

Additional Insured extension of coverage is provided by above referenced General Liability policy where required by written agreement.
 DISPLAY DATE: July 4, 2026, Rain Date: July 5th, 2026

ADDITIONAL INSURED: Azle Area Ministerial Alliance; City of Azle, Texas

CERTIFICATE HOLDER**CANCELLATION**

Azle Ministerial Alliance P.O. Box 275 Azle TX 76098	SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.
	AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE 

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Jerry Cotten Permission Letter

March 27, 2026

From: Mr. Jerry Cotten

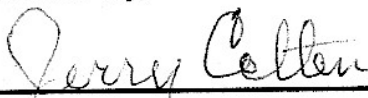
To: City Manager 505 Main Street Azle, Texas 76020

Please be advised that I hereby give my permission for the use of my land located at 405 W. Main Street in Azle for the purpose of fireworks display for "Follow the Flag" on July 04, 2026. The annual event, sponsored by the Azle Area Ministerial Alliance will be held at the city's Central Park, but my land will be used for the purpose of setting off the fireworks display.

Please be advised that should the property located as noted above be sold or under contractual conditions, further agreements regarding this matter must be provided by the new owner of said property.

As landowner, I understand and agree that I will be held harmless and will not be held liable for any injuries or accidents on my property during, before, or after this event that may be in any way related to, or part of, the "Follow the Flag" Fourth of July event.

Sincerely,



Jerry Cotten

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Presenter: Tom Muir, City Manager

Agenda Item: Consider any action on Ordinance No. 2026-10 re-appointing the Municipal Court Judge and Associate Judge for two-year terms, effective May 1, 2026.

Background and Explanation:

Judge Douglas Hudman has agreed to continue as the City’s Municipal Court Judge for the Municipal Court of Record. In addition, Matthew Hudman has also agreed to continue as the Associate Judge. Passage of the attached ordinance will re-appoint Judge Douglas Hudman and Associate Judge Matthew Hudman for another two- (2) year term ending April 30, 2028.

Board/Commission/Committee Recommendation:

N/A.

Staff Recommendation:

Approve Ordinance No. 2026-10.

Attachments:

1. Ord 2026-10

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-10

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AZLE, TEXAS, RE-APPOINTING DOUGLAS HUDMAN AND MATTHEW HUDMAN AS THE MUNICIPAL JUDGE AND ASSOCIATE MUNICIPAL JUDGE, RESPECTIVELY, OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF RECORD IN THE CITY OF AZLE; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Azle is a home rule city acting under its Charter adopted by the electorate pursuant to Article XI, Section 5 of the Texas Constitution and Chapter 9 of the Texas Local Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has adopted regulations governing its Municipal Court of Record in Chapter 7 of the Azle Code of Ordinances, 2001, City of Azle, Texas as amended; and

WHEREAS, the City Council approved the re-appointment of Douglas Hudman as the Municipal Court Judge of the Municipal Court of Record in the city of Azle at the April 16, 2024 City Council meeting for a two-year term ending April 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City Council approved the re-appointment of Matthew Hudman as an Associate Judge to conduct business of the Municipal Court of Record in the absence of the presiding judge of the Municipal Court of Record on April 16, 2024 for a term expiring April 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Staff has deemed it prudent to appoint the Municipal Court of Record Judge and Associate Judge through ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AZLE, TEXAS, THAT:

- Section 1.** the City Council hereby re-appoints Douglas Hudman as the Municipal Court Judge of the Municipal Court of Record in the city of Azle, Texas for a term of two (2) years commencing May 1, 2026.
- Section 2.** the City Council hereby re-appoints Matthew Hudman as the Associate Judge of the Municipal Court of Record in the city of Azle, Texas for a term of two (2) years commencing May 1, 2026.
- Section 3.** this ordinance shall become effective and be in full force and effect from and after the date of passage and adoption by the City Council.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 21st day of April 2026, at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Azle, Texas, by a vote of ___ ayes, ___ nays and ___ abstentions.

Randa Goode, Mayor

ATTEST:

Yael Hoffman, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Andrea Russell, City Attorney



Presenter: Angelia Garrett, Assistant Finance Director
Agenda Item: Consider any action on Ordinance No. 2026-09 approving a FY 2025 - 2026 Budget Amendment (2nd qtr.).

Background and Explanation:

The City Council has adopted a FY 2025 - 2026 Budget and is required to approve amendments. This ordinance is requesting a total budget appropriation increase in the amount of \$604,486. The list of budget requests is provided below:

General Fund - \$124,100

- TML funds received for ladder truck damage - \$11,781
- Increase in workers compensation premium - \$12,349
- Increase use of attorney services - \$40,000
- Request safety supplies reimbursement (grant refunded) - \$9,975
- Funds to cover 14 vehicle armoring (grant refunded) - \$42,560
- Funds to cover installation of armor in vehicles (not reimbursable) - \$7,435

Utility Fund - \$270,386

- Longevity under funded - \$1,086
- Increase in water usage and costs - \$200,000
- Emergency repair Walnut Creek Lift Station - \$7800
- Water & Sewer Master Plan - \$15,000
- Emergency repair 16" transmission line - \$35,000
- Additional vehicle repairs (unit 740) - \$11,500

Stormwater Fund - \$200,000

- S. Stewart Drainage Improvement Project

Hotel/Motel Fund - \$10,000

- Art Show & Beatles Music Night fund request

Board/Commission/Committee Recommendation:

N/A.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of Ordinance No. 2026-09.

Attachments:

1. FY 2026 Budget Amendment Ordinance
2. Budget Amendment-2nd qtr FY26

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-09

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AZLE, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE 2025-2026 BUDGET AND TRANSFERRING UNENCUMBERED APPROPRIATION BALANCES TO CITY DEPARTMENT BUDGETS REQUIRING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 9.16 of the City Charter of the City of Azle, Texas, provides that the City budget may be amended and appropriations altered if so declared by the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AZLE, TEXAS, THAT:

The 2025-2026 Budget is hereby amended to reflect the appropriation changes as outlined in Attachment "A" attached to this ordinance and made a part hereof.

This ordinance shall become effective and be in full force and effect from and after the date of passage and adoption by the City Council.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 21st DAY OF APRIL, 2026.

Randa Goode, Mayor

ATTEST:

Yael Hoffman, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

Fund Name	Department	Account Number	Account Description	Current Budget	Request Amount	Amended Budget	Project Description
General Fund	Fire	01-640-5373	Vehicle Maintenance	24,070	11,781	35,851	Request funds from TML from ladder truck damages
General Fund	Non-Departmental	01-670-5302	Insurance/Risk Mgmt	370,910	12,349	383,259	Increase in Worker Comp prem
General Fund	Non-Departmental	01-670-5318	Legal Services	55,000	40,000	95,000	Add'l legal services required
							Account used to purchase items that have been reimbursed by grant funds
General Fund	Police	01-630-5117	Safety Supplies	12,000	9,975	21,975	
General Fund	Police	01-630-5373	Vehicle Maintenance	30,000	42,560	72,560	Grant reimbursement 14 vehicle armored
General Fund	Police	01-630-5373	Vehicle Maintenance	30,000	7,435	37,435	Installation of armor
Total General Fund				\$ 521,980.00	\$ 124,100.00	\$ 646,080.00	
Utility Fund	Utility Admin	02-700-5007	Longevity	1,272	1,086	2,358	Underfunded
Utility Fund	Water	02-701-5360	Water Purchase	875,000	200,000	1,075,000	Increase water usage and cost
Utility Fund	Wastewater	02-710-5344	Equipment Rental	1150	7,800	8,950	Emergency repair Walnut Creek lift Station
Utility Fund	Non-Departmental	02-770-5314	Professional Services	54500	15,000	69,500	Water & Sewer Master Plan
Utility Fund	Utility Maintenance	02-720-5376	Utility Maintenance Service	111,600.00	35,000.00	146,600	Emergency repair 16" transmission line behind Glenhaven Dr
Utility Fund	Utility Maintenance	02-720-11500	Vehicle Maintenance	115,931.00	11,500.00	127,431	Addl rehab needed for unit #740
Total Utility Fund				\$ 1,159,453.00	\$ 270,386.00	\$ 1,429,839.00	
StormWater	Storm Water	11-761-5538	Drainage	248,420.00	200,000.00	448,420	Emergency repair 16" transmission line behind Glenhaven Dr
Total Stormwater Fund				\$ 248,420.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 448,420.00	
Hotel/Motel	Hotel/Motel	17-685-5350	Special Programs & Events	0	10,000	10,000	Art Show & Beatles Music Night to attract tourist
Total Hotel/Motel Fund				\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	
Grand Total				\$ 1,929,853.00	\$ 604,486.00	\$ 2,534,339.00	

Increase economic activity for local businesses and restaurants

HOT TAX FUNDING REQUEST – EVENT SUMMARY

Elements -Open Air Art Exhibit

Funding Request:

HOT Tax Request: \$5,000.00

Event Dates & Location: September 25–26, 2026

The Feedlot Pavilion – Azle, Texas

Event Overview:

The Feedlot Art Show is a two-day cultural event designed to position the City of Azle as a destination for arts, culture, and experiences.

The event features a Friday evening “Collectors Night” and a Saturday Art Show, creating a multi-day experience that encourages visitors to travel to Azle and extend their stay.

- Develop high-impact events that attract visitors and generate economic growth

The event will showcase regional artists, live music, interactive art experiences, and opportunities for public engagement, transforming the Feedlot into a vibrant cultural venue.

Purpose of HOT Funding:

Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) funds will be used exclusively for tourism-related expenses, with a focus on attracting visitors from outside the Azle area.

HOT-funded efforts will include:

- Regional digital advertising and social media campaigns (Facebook Marketing Campaign)
- Event promotion through tourism and regional platforms (Social Media and local digital and print)
- Printed promotional materials distributed outside Azle
- Interactive art installations and enhancements that increase visitor engagement (Art based selfie stations)
- Live acoustic music to enhance the visitor experience

Tourism Impact:

This event is designed to:

- Attract visitors from surrounding cities and regions
- Encourage overnight stays through a two-day event experience

HOT FUNDING REQUEST – EVENT SUMMARY

Event Name: Come Together – Beatles Fest

Event Date & Location: Saturday, June 13, 2026

The Feedlot – Azle, Texas

Funding Request:

HOT Tax Request: \$5,000.00

Event Dates & Location: September 25–26, 2026

The Feedlot Pavilion – Azle, Texas

Supporting Event (Multi-Day):

Beatles Tribute Concert – Friday, June 12, 2026

Hosted by Parks & Recreation

Event Overview:

The Come Together Beatles Fest is a themed music festival designed to build on the momentum of the Parks & Recreation Beatles tribute concert, creating a two-day "Beatles in Azle." This coordinated effort transforms a single event into a destination experience, encouraging visitors to attend both days and increasing the likelihood of overnight stays.

Friday, June 12th - The festival will feature live music with the cover band Hard Day's Night.

Saturday, June 13th-Beatle Trivia, large-scale community sing-along, themed entertainment, and interactive experiences photo opportunity designed to appeal to a broad regional audience.

Purpose of HOT Funding:

Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) funds will be used exclusively for tourism-related expenses, with a focus on attracting visitors from outside the Azle area.

HOT-funded efforts will include:

- Regional digital advertising and social media campaigns (Facebook Marketing Campaign)
- Event promotion through tourism and regional platforms (Social Media and local digital and print)
- Printed promotional materials distributed outside Azle
- Interactive art installations and enhancements that increase visitor engagement (Beatle themed backdrops for photo opportunities, and other 1960's stations that will engage the fans in attendance)
- Live acoustic music to enhance the visitor experience

Tourism Impact:

This event is designed to:

- Attract visitors from neighboring cities and regions
- Encourage overnight stays through a multi-day event experience
- Increase foot traffic to local businesses, restaurants, and lodging
- Strengthen Azle's identity as a destination for unique community events

By positioning this as a "Beatles Weekend in Azle," the City leverages existing programming to maximize tourism impact and economic return.

****This event will be marketed as a "Beatles Weekend in Azle," encouraging visitors to attend both Friday's concert and Saturday's festival.**

Promotional materials will highlight nearby lodging options and position the event as a regional attraction to increase overnight stays and visitor spending.

2024 - 2025				2025 - 2026 Budget = \$875,000				Difference	
Month	Gallons	Rate	Cost	Month	Gallons	Rate	Cost	Gallons	Cost
October	77,512,000	1.40014	\$108,527.65	October	74,511,000	1.43092	\$106,619.28	-3,001,000	(\$1,908.37)
Novembe	52,627,000	1.40014	\$74,776.18	Novembe	56,629,000	1.43092	\$81,031.57	4,002,000	\$6,255.39
Decembe	53,725,000	1.40014	\$75,222.52	Decembe	50,446,000	1.43092	\$80,911.61	-3,279,000	\$5,689.09
January	49,085,000	1.40014	\$74,776.18	January	53,337,000	1.43092	\$80,911.61	4,252,000	\$6,135.43
February	43,521,000	1.40014	\$74,776.18	February	45,283,000	1.43092	\$80,911.61	1,762,000	\$6,135.43
March	55,018,000	1.40014	\$77,032.90	March	56,000,000	1.43092	\$80,911.61	982,000	\$3,878.71
Credit			(\$223,283.76)	Credit			(\$76,267.91)		\$147,015.85
April	55,764,000	1.40014	\$78,077.41	April	57,000,000	1.43092	\$81,562.44	1,236,000	\$3,485.03
May	58,569,000	1.40014	\$82,004.80	May	60,000,000	1.43092	\$85,855.20	1,431,000	\$3,850.40
June	66,168,000	1.40014	\$92,644.46	June	70,000,000	1.43092	\$100,164.40	3,832,000	\$7,519.94
July	83,752,000	1.40014	\$117,264.53	July	85,000,000	1.43092	\$121,628.20	1,248,000	\$4,363.67
August	90,709,000	1.40014	\$127,005.30	August	92,000,000	1.43092	\$131,644.64	1,291,000	\$4,639.34
Septemb	72,946,000	1.40014	\$102,134.61	Septemb	75,000,000	1.43092	\$107,319.00	2,054,000	\$5,184.39
FY Totals	759,396,000		\$860,958.96		775,206,000		\$1,063,203.26	15,810,000	\$202,244.30
TRWD Minimums				TRWD Minimums				Minimums Monthly Increase	
Minimum	53,406,217		\$74,776.18	Minimum	56,545,167		\$80,911.61	3,138,950	\$6,135.43



Presenter: Rick White, Public Services Director

Agenda Item: Consider any action on Resolution No. 2026-05 authorizing the City Manager to execute an advanced funding agreement (AFA) with TxDOT for the City of Azle Active Transportation Plan.

Background and Explanation:

On November 13, 2025, the Texas Transportation Commission approved funding for the City's TA project and was authorized to receive Federal TA funding of 80% (\$440,000) with a City match of 20% (\$110,002).

The Azle Active Transportation Plan will evaluate active transportation infrastructure and analyze network gaps/deficiencies for Phase 1 of a citywide ADA Transition Plan. Additionally, the plan will develop street design concepts for Main Street and Industrial Avenue. Public engagement will also be part of the plan to ensure the plan reflects the needs of the community. The final plan will be oriented towards implementation and will identify recommended policies and project locations along with a toolbox of improvements for citywide implementation. These projects include trails, sidewalks, and bike paths throughout the City with an emphasis on the Main Street corridor.

This resolution and the AFA are the next steps of the Project, followed by the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the consulting engineers, design of the plan and implementation.

Board/Commission/Committee Recommendation:

N/A.

Staff Recommendation:

Approve Resolution No. 2026-05.

Attachments:

1. Resolution 2026-05

RESOLUTION 2026-05

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN
ADVANCE FUNDING AGREEMENT (AFA) WITH THE
TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE CITY OF AZLE ACTIVE
TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, on November 13, 2025, via Minute Order 117073, the Texas Transportation Commission authorized the City of Azle Active Transportation Plan project (the "Project") to receive 80% Federal funds for the City of Azle Active Transportation Plan project and Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) oversight; and

WHEREAS, the City of Azle commits to provide the match. The local match is comprised of the Local Government's 20% match contribution; and

WHEREAS, the City of Azle is responsible for all Direct State Costs and 100% of cost overruns, if any; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Azle desires to reaffirm its support of the Project, approve and authorize the execution of an Advance Funding Agreement (AFA) with TxDOT for the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AZLE THAT the City Manager or Assistant City Manager is authorized to enter into an AFA with TxDOT for this Project.

PASSED AND APPROVED on the 21st day of April 2026.

Randa Goode, Mayor

ATTEST:

Yael Forgey, City Secretary



Presenter: Cat Schlueter, Human Resources Director

Agenda Item: Personnel Policy Revision

Background and Explanation:

The last major revision to the City of Azle Personnel Policy was adopted 1/1/2019. Over the years, due to legislative changes and updates to processes, certain sections of the Policy have been updated. But there has not been a review of the Policy since 2018. For the past couple of years, Staff has undertaken a comprehensive view of the Policy. The effort has turned into a rewrite of the Policy and it is attached for your review. Some of the proposed changes in the Policy include:

- Changing vacation accruals to reflect from 6-10 years of service the accrual is 3 weeks; and at 10+ years of service, accrued leave increases to 4 weeks. Current policy provides two (2) weeks of vacation for 6 months to five (5) years of service, three (3) weeks for 6-14 years and four (4) weeks for over fifteen (15) years;
- Adding Martin Luther King Day and Veteran's Day as paid City holidays;
- Modifying the Travel Policy to include reference to GSA rates of reimbursement rather than specifying an amount due to various locations specifying different GSA rates;
- Updating the terms of the Interim Assignments to specify that those assignments will be authorized after 30 days (currently no reference to this in policy 13.03);
- Removing Certification pay amounts, since these may fluctuate with each budget cycle in accordance with Council authorization; and
- Longevity Pay to be pro rated for eligible employees. Each eligible employee receives Longevity Pay each November (\$6.00/mo. for each year of service). If an eligible employee leaves City service prior to November, they receive prorated Longevity Pay.

The recommended Personnel Policy with comments from Staff and the City Attorney was forwarded to City Council a couple of weeks ago with the intent for final adoption via resolution at a future Council meeting.

Board/Commission/Committee Recommendation:

N/A.

Staff Recommendation:

N/A.

Attachments:

1. PERSONNELPOLICYDRAFT04_2026_2



Presenter: David Hawkins, Director of Planning and Development

Agenda Item: Sign Ordinance Amendments Update

Background and Explanation:

On January 6, 2026, the City Council discussed possible changes to temporary real estate signs (aka Homebuilders Weekend Signs) as well as other elements (types, frequency, durations, maintenance) of temporary signs in Azle. The purpose of this agenda item is to review proposed changes to the temporary sign requirements and bring back a draft ordinance at a later date with updated changes or recommendations made by the Council.

Board/Commission/Committee Recommendation:

N/A

Staff Recommendation:

Review attached summary of proposed changes and provide guidance to City staff on any possible changes or revisions.

Attachments:

1. Proposed Temp. Sign Changes - CC Discussion 4.21.2026

Proposed Sign Ordinance Amendments –
For Discussion Only
City Council meeting 4.21.2026

Temporary Signs: Currently businesses can have temporary signs of any kind, 120 days per calendar year with no time separation between permits. Proposed changes would reduce the number of days to 60 per calendar year with 15 days per permit, 4 permits per calendar year, and adding a min. of 30 days between permits. Also include language that speaks to what materials can be used for temporary signage and what may be prohibits to be used as temporary signs.

§ 3.08.017 Temporary signs.

Temporary signs are allowed in the MF-1, MF-2, O, HC, C, CBD, I, INS, and PD zoning districts and are subject to the following restrictions:

(1) Temporary signs in zoning districts classified as multifamily shall be erected for a period not to exceed thirty *(30)* calendar days per calendar year.

(2) Temporary signs in nonresidential zoning districts shall be erected for a period not to exceed *fifteen (15) 30* days per permit. A maximum of four (4) permits may be issued in a calendar year. *A minimum of thirty (30) days shall be required between issued permits.*

(3) Temporary signs shall be removed within *one (1) three (3)* days of the permit expiration or within *one (1) three (3)* days of the activity, service, product or sales event advertised on the sign, whichever is less.

(4) All temporary signs shall be made of professional materials including plastic, wood, metal, and corrugated plastics. Temporary banner signs shall be made of cloth, plastic or other fabric-like flexible material. No handwritten or spray-painted signs are allowed, except window signs may be hand painted or applied directly to the window using paints or similar media.

(5) Types of Temporary signs

(a) Banners – Must be attached to the building or on free-standing posts. Located on private property, not blocking sight visibility.

(b) Inflatable signs

(c) Portable signs or magnetic signs – one (1) allowed per permit. Only one (1) allowed intersection up to fifty (50) square feet in size.

(d) Directional signs - Only allowed in conjunction with special events open to the public. 3' max height and max. twelve (12) square feet in size. Allowed in R.O.W. to direct people to events open to the public.

(e) Sandwich board signs – Only one (1) sign allowed per business. Sandwich boards shall be freestanding and shall not be affixed, chained, anchored, or otherwise secured to the ground or other structure. The sign shall be internally weighted so that it is stable, self-supporting and windproof. The sandwich board shall be displayed only during the hours of operation of the business. Signs shall be placed in such a manner that they do not interfere with pedestrian traffic, wheelchair ramps, or otherwise cause a safety hazard. Placement on a sidewalk or other improved surface is required, when available; When placed on a public sidewalk or sidewalk required for ADA accessibility, ensure that there is a minimum of 48 inches of clear sidewalk. Signs shall be placed in such a manner that they do not obscure or interfere with the function of windows or doors;

(f) Searchlights - allowed only in conjunction with a special event permit.

Prohibited Signs: There was discussion about restricting some types of temporary signs from future use. Under this section of the sign code, additional sign types were added to the list of prohibited signs.

3.08.010 Prohibited signs.

(a) No sign shall be illuminated to an intensity to cause glare or brightness to a degree that could constitute a hazard or nuisance. Animated, moving, scrolling, flashing, intermittently lighted, changing color, strobe lights, rotating beacons, moving video, revolving or similarly constructed signs are determined to be a hazard and/or a nuisance and are prohibited.

Under no circumstances shall a sign constitute a traffic hazard.

(b) Signs shall not display gestures or words which are obscene as defined in this article.

(c) No person shall paint a sign, other than a nameplate and address showing the street number, to a fence, railing or wall which is not a structural part of the building in or facing a residential zoning district, whether or not on the property line.

(d) No person shall attach any sign, paper or material, or paint, stencil or write any name or number (except house or street address numbers) or otherwise mark, on any public sidewalk, curb, gutter or street. An exception to this subsection may be granted by the city council for special events. The city department of public works or public safety are exemptions from this subsection.

(e) No person shall attach, erect or maintain any sign upon any public utility pole, or structure, nor on any tree that is located on public land or in a public right-of-way.

(f) No person shall attach, erect or maintain a sign over or in public rights-of-way. No sign shall be erected in the right-of-way except movement control, traffic-control devices, street signs or directional signs placed by the city or state.

(g) No sign shall be erected, relocated or maintained so as to prevent free regress to or egress from any door, window or fire escape. No sign of any kind shall be attached to a standpipe or fire escape.

(h) No sign shall be erected or maintained in such a manner as to obstruct free and clear vision, or at any location whereby reason of position, shape, color, degree, manner or intensity of illumination it may interfere with vehicular or pedestrian traffic.

(i) No sign shall be erected or maintained in such a manner as to interfere with, obstruct the view of, or be confused with any authorized traffic-control device.

(j) No sign shall make use of words, phrases, symbols or characters or employ any lamp or light in such a manner as to interfere with, mislead or confuse traffic.

(k) Off-premises signs are prohibited.

(l) Billboards are prohibited.

(m) Swooper or feather sail signs are prohibited.

Temporary Real Estate Signs (Homebuilder Weekend Signs): Remove this section in its entirety. This does affect the real estate “For Sale” or “For Lease” signs (Section 3.08.020) that are allowed on private property with no permit required.

~~§ 3.08.021 Temporary real estate directional signs:~~

~~(a) Maximum height. Two and one-half feet.~~

~~(b) Maximum area. Six square feet.~~

~~(c) Setback. Temporary real estate directional signs: Signs may not be closer than 100 feet or more than 150 feet back from major intersections and must have a minimum three-foot setback from back of curb. Individual builder’s signs are to be spaced at least 1,000 feet apart where located on the same side of the street. The signs are prohibited on State Highway 199.~~

~~(d) Maximum number. Temporary real estate directional signs: 50 signs per builder.~~

~~(e) Duration:~~

~~(1) From noon Friday until noon Monday.~~

~~(2) Exception for holidays: Temporary real estate directional signs are permitted from noon Thursday or until noon Tuesday when a Friday or Monday falls on New Year’s Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, or Christmas.~~

~~(f) Registration:~~

~~(1) All individuals, builders, or contractors responsible for the placement of temporary real estate directional signs must complete a registration form provided by the city and pay the applicable registration fees.~~

~~(2) As a portion of the registration, the individual responsible for the installation of the signs shall supply a list of all builders for which they have contracted with for the placement of such signs and provide a map designating the location of such signs.~~

~~(2001 Code, sec. 3.617;~~

Window Signs: Add restriction to the use neon or LED tube lighting around windows.

Window sign. A sign which is attached to the window and includes window displays, but does not include signs attached to windows which have been altered to prevent all light penetration.

§ 3.08.027 Window signs.

Window signs are allowed in all non-residential zoning districts *and no permit is required. No neon or LED tube lighting shall be allowed around windows in all non-residential zoning districts.*

Billboard Signs: Currently there are no restrictions on billboards in Azle. City is looking into attaining Scenic City Certification which focuses on city beautification efforts and ordinances towards signage, parks and open space, landscaping and tree preservation, screening and graffiti prevention. One criterion is that cities would need to prohibit the use of billboards and prevent any conversion of a billboard to a digital sign.

Adding a new Section 3.08.034 Billboards

- 1. Any billboard in existence prior to the effective date of this code is considered a nonconforming sign.*
- 2. Existing Billboards that are proposed to be modified to an electronic message board shall require a special exception to the sign code and shall not be allowed unless approved by the City Council.*
- 3. No new billboards will be permitted.*
- 4. No existing billboards cannot be relocated to another location unless required by the construction of a project using public funding and is restricted to a limited period of time.*

Solicitors' Signs: Restricting use of hand held signs for soliciting in public R.O.W. and adding a fine. This one was requested by the Azle Chief of Police Ben Hall.

Adding a new Section 3.08.35 Solicitors Signs

Soliciting or panhandling in public roadways is prohibited.

- a. Except as otherwise specifically permitted by state law, no person shall stand or walk on any roadway (as defined by the traffic laws of the State of Texas) for the purpose of soliciting funds or for advertising or selling merchandise or service.*
- b. No hand held signs or signs within the public rights-of-way are allowed. Violations of this ordinance may be a Class C violation punishable by a fine of no greater than five hundred dollars (\$500.00).*

Nuisance Signs: Concerns were raised about what elements of a sign would be considered a nuisance under the Sign Ordinance. New language was added to both Nuisance Signs and the definition for a Dilapidated or Deteriorated Sign.

3.08.030 Nuisance signs.

(a) Deteriorated signs. Pursuant to Texas Health and Safety Code, chapter 342, as amended, a sign that is visible from a public place that is dilapidated, deteriorated, unsafe, insecure, *rusted, faded,* or is a hazard to the health or safety of the public is declared a public nuisance. The nuisance shall be abated by repair, rehabilitation, demolition or removal in accordance with these procedures and as provided by law.

(b) Abandoned signs. Pursuant to Texas Health and Safety Code, chapter 342, as amended, a sign that is abandoned and is visible from a public place is declared a public nuisance. The nuisance shall be abated by repair, rehabilitation, demolition or removal in accordance with these procedures and as provided by law. *If a business or tenant closes and vacates a tenant space, the associated business sign faces shall be removed within fourteen (14) days after ceasing operations.*

Definition for Dilapidated or deteriorated sign.

A sign:

(1) Where any portion of the finished material, surface, or message portion of the sign is visibly faded, flaked, broken off, missing, cracked, splintered, *rusted*, or defective or is otherwise visibly deteriorated or in a state of disrepair so as not to substantially appear as it was intended or designed to appear when originally constructed;

(2) Whose elements or the structural support or frame members are visibly bent, broken, dented or torn, twisted, or leaning at angles other than those at which it was originally erected, such as may result from being blown or by the failure of a structural support.