



MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Azle City Council

505 W. Main Street
Azle, Texas 76020

March 3, 2026

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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
Yael Hoffman	City Secretary
Andrea Russell	City Attorney
Susie Hiles	Assistant to the City Manager
Will Scott	Fire Chief
Lee Godbold	Assistant Fire Chief
Ben Hall	Police Chief
Kevin Rogers	Police Lieutenant
Stephen Barnes	Finance Director
Curren McLane	Library Director
Victor Gonzales	Assistant Library Director
David Hawkins	Director of Planning and Development
Amanda Scott	Special Events Coordinator
Kristen Pegues	Community and Marketing Specialist

INVOCATION

Rev. Josh Tollison — Senior Pastor, Lighthouse Harbor Church, gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Goode led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

See agenda item No. 5.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Azle Senior Center Update

Mayor Goode recognized Special Events Coordinator Amanda Scott, who gave a short review of the

activities at the Senior Center.

2. FY 2026 1st Quarter Investment Report

Mayor Goode recognized Finance Director Stephen Barnes, who gave a short summary on the Quarterly Report ending December 31, 2025. The average quarterly yield was 3.74% with quarterly interest earnings of \$485,972.

3. Hornets Wrestling Team

Mayor Goode honored the Azle ISD Hornets Wrestling Teams and commended them on their achievements at the state level, with the girls' team being named State Champions and the boys' team finishing as State Runners-Up. Mayor Goode presented each team with a plaque of appreciation from the City of Azle.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Consider any action on the 02-17-2026 regular council meeting minutes, 02-23-2026, and 02-24-2026 Strategic Planning meetings.

Councilmember Rothenberger moved to approve the minutes of the 02-17-2026 regular council meeting and the 02-23-2026 and 02-24-2026 Strategic Planning meetings, as presented. Councilmember Conner seconded the motion.

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

5. Consider any action of Resolution 2026-04 authorizing the City's participation in the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) 287(g) Task Force Model Program and authorizing the City Manager to execute the memorandum of agreement (MOA) and all necessary documents.

Mayor Goode recognized Police Chief Hall, who provided an overview of the Azle Police Department's proposed participation in the ICE 287(g) program. He noted the program allows limited federal immigration enforcement by local law enforcement (~~similar functions already being performed by the Azle Police Department~~) providing trained Azle Police officers to initiate immigration detainers for certain offenders. The program provides federal reimbursement of costs associated with this type of enforcement, quarterly funding for participating officers, and up to \$100,000 in equipment funding upon completion of officer training.

Jim Kirk 116 Westlake Woods Dr - addressed the council regarding his concerns about this program and asked the council to deny the resolution.

Councilmember Derrick Nelson moved to approve Resolution 2026-04 authorizing the City's participation in the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) 287(g) Task Force Model Program and authorizing the City Manager to execute the memorandum of agreement (MOA) and all necessary documents, as presented. Councilmember Rouel Rothenberger seconded the motion.

Yes: (6) Randa Goode, Stacy Peek, Derrick Nelson, Amy Estes, Josh Berry, Rouel Rothenberger

No: (1) Brian Conner

6. Consider any action on the Facade and Signage Improvement Program application for 1413 Southeast Parkway.

Mayor Goode recognized Community and Marketing Specialist Kristen Pegues, who presented the façade grant request. She noted the request met all program requirements, and Staff recommended

approval by the Council.

Councilmember Rothenberger moved to approve the Facade and Signage Improvement Program application for 1413 Southeast Parkway in the amount of \$10,000. Councilmember Conner seconded the motion.

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

7. Consider any action on Ordinance No. 2026-06, declaring each unopposed candidate in the May 2, 2026, General Election elected to office and canceling the General Election

Mayor Goode recognized City Secretary Yael Hoffman, who noted the candidates for Places 1, 2, and 5 are unopposed. Therefore, Council may cancel the general election for those offices. The special election will take place as scheduled.

Councilmember Estes moved to approve Ordinance No. 2026-06, declaring each unopposed candidate in the May 2, 2026, General Election elected to office and canceling the General Election. Councilmember Berry seconded the motion.

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

8. Consider any action on acceptance of the auditor's opinion and the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2025.

Mayor Goode recognized Mike Brooks from BrooksWatson & Co, who gave a short presentation on the City's financial audit and the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, noting the City is in a healthy financial position. Mr Brooks stated the Finance Department did an excellent job.

Councilmember Rothenberger moved to accept the auditor's opinion and the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2025, as presented. Councilmember Berry seconded the motion.

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

9. Consider any action on Ordinance No. 2026-04 regarding the adoption of the 2024 International Building Codes and the 2023 National Electrical Code with North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) amendments.

Mayor Goode recognized David Hawkins, Director of Planning and Development, who reported the City currently operates under the 2018 International Codes and the 2017 National Electrical Code, with North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) amendments. Staff proposed that Council adopt the 2024 International Codes and 2023 National Electrical Code, along with the recommended NCTCOG amendments, with a 60-day grace period for implementation. The Building Board of Appeals reviewed the proposed updates on January 26, 2026, and recommended approval by a 4-0 vote, as presented. Discussion was held on changes to permit requirements for accessory buildings 120 square feet or smaller, erosion control enforcement and fees, and naming of the department within the Administrative section of each building code.

Councilmember Derrick Nelson moved to approve Ordinance No. 2026-04 regarding the adoption of the 2024 International Building Codes and the 2023 National Electrical Code with North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) amendments as presented with the following changes:

- Section 103.1 of the Administration section for each Building Code to be revised to remove the "creation" of the enforcement agency, renaming the department to "Planning and Development", and adding to the official in charge "or his/her designee" for delegation of

authority. Councilmember Amy Estes seconded the motion.

Yes: (6) Stacy Peek, Derrick Nelson, Amy Estes, Josh Berry, Rouel Rothenberger, Brian Conner
No: (1) Randa Goode

10. Consider any action on Ordinance No. 2026-05 regarding the adoption of the 2024 International Fire Code with North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) amendments.

Mayor Goode recognized Fire Chief Scott, who explained that the City currently operates under the 2018 International Fire Code (IFC) with North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) amendments adopted in 2019. Staff proposed that Council adopt the 2024 IFC along with the recommended NCTCOG amendments, with a 60-day grace period for implementation. The Building Board of Appeals reviewed the proposed updates on January 26, 2026, and recommended approval by a 4-0 vote, as presented. Discussion was held on the minimum building size requirement for a fire sprinkler system and fire sprinkler requirements for adding an attached garage to a house.

Councilmember Conner moved to approve Ordinance No. 2026-05 regarding the adoption of the 2024 International Fire Code with North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) amendments, as presented. Councilmember Rothenberger 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

Sex Offender Ordinance.

MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMENTS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

- 03-05-2025 Employee Appreciation Banquet
- 03-12-2025 Showcase at Azle ISD
- 03-13-2026 Coffee with First Responders at Servolution Dream Center
- 03-13-2026 CWD Driver Appreciation Luncheon at Red's Burgers
- 03/16 - 20/2026 Spring break activities at Azle Library

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Goode convened to Executive Session at 8:14 PM.

Mayor Goode reconvened to open meeting at 9:08 PM.

551.071 CONSULTATION WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY

The City Council may conduct a private consultation with its attorney when the City Council seeks the advice of its attorney concerning any item on this agenda, about pending and contemplated litigation, or a settlement offer, or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the City Council under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Board of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551.

- U.S Realty 87 Azle Associates, LP vs. City of Azle
- City of Reno's attempt to annex property within the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) of the City of Azle.

551.074 PERSONNEL MATTERS

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

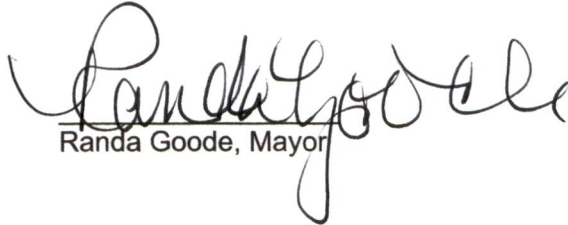
11. Take any action pursuant to Executive Session.

No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Goode adjourned at 9:09 PM.

Presented and approved on 03-17-2026.



Randa Goode, Mayor

Attest:



Yael Hoffman, TRMC, MMC
City Secretary