

**MINUTES
OF
CITY OF WHARTON
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 16, 2026**

Mayor Tim Barker declared a Special Meeting duly open for the transaction of business at 5:30 P.M. at City Hall, 120 E. Caney Street, Wharton, TX.

Councilmembers present were: Mayor, Tim Barker, and Councilmembers Terry Freese, Burnell Neal, Steve Schneider, Larry Pittman, and David Voulgaris.

Councilmember absent was: Russell Machann.

Staff members present were: City Manager, Joseph R. Pace; Finance Director, Joan Anandel; City Secretary, Paula Favors, TRMC, CPM, MMC; Assistant to City Manager, Brandi Jimenez; Finance Accountant, London Davis; Emergency Management Coordinator, Ben Guanajuato; Police Chief, Terry David Lynch; Planning and Development Director, Gwyn Teves, Building Official Claudia Velasquez, HR Generalist Selena Rios, EMS Director Christy Gonzales, Fire Chief Hector Hernandez, Finance Clerk Theresa Wittig, Customer Service Clerk Stacy Wrobliski, Customer Service Clerk Lynette Masek, and Public Works Director, Roderick Semien.

Visitors present were: Ranessa Davis, Bendasha Davis, and Adraylle Watson.

Roll Call and Excused Absences.

Councilmember Terry Freese moved to excuse Councilmember Russell Machann. Councilmember Steve Schneider seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Public Comments.

Mayor Tim Barker called for Public Comments.

1. Mayor Tim Barker stated that he was very impressed with the new sidewalks that were being installed throughout the City and the speed at which they were being installed.
2. City Manager Joseph R. Pace stated that Taco Bell was being built and expected to be open within 90 days.

Wharton Moment.

Mayor Tim Barker called for Wharton Moments.

Executive Session

1. City Council may adjourn into an Executive Session in accordance with Section 551.074 of the Local Government Code, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas. Final action, decision, or vote, if any with regard to any matter considered in Executive Session shall be made in Open Meeting.

Discussion:

- A. To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee:
 - B.
 1. Finance Director.

Mayor Tim Barker moved the meeting into closed session at 5:32 p.m.

Return to Open Session

1. Action on items discussed in Executive Session:
 - A. Appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee:
 1. Finance Director.

Mayor Tim Barker moved the meeting into open session at 5:40 p.m.

Councilmember David Voulgaris moved to appoint London Davis as Finance Director, effective April 4th, 2026. Councilmember Larry Pittman seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Councilmember Burnell Neal thanked the outgoing Finance Director, Joan Andel, for her mentorship of Mr. Davis and for her service to the City.

Adjournment.

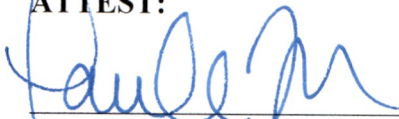
There being no further discussion, Councilmember David Voulgaris moved to adjourn. All voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS

By: 
TIM BARKER
Mayor

ATTEST:



PAULA FAVORS
City Secretary

