



Agenda
Crowley City Council
July 17, 2025
Regular Session - 7:00 PM

Crowley City Hall
201 E. Main Street
Crowley TX 76036

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Regular Session - July 17, 2025 - 7:00 PM

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas Flags

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all."

"Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state, under God, one and indivisible."

III. Presentations/Proclamations

1. Purple Heart City - Presentation of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Burleson Chapter 1867 and Proclamation

IV. Consent Agenda

All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

1. Discuss and consider approving the minutes from the special called meeting held on July 1, 2025.

V. City Business

1. Discuss and consider approving Resolution R07-2025-459 authorizing and approving publication and posting of Notice of Intention to issue City of Crowley, Texas, Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation in a maximum aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$8,000,000 and other matters in connection therewith; and providing an effective date.
2. Discuss and consider adoption of Resolution R07-2025-458 adopting the City of Crowley Fund Balance Policy.
3. Discuss and consider approving Resolution R07-2025-460, a resolution suspending the July 31, 2025 effective date of ONCOR Electric Delivery Company's requested rate change to permit the city time to study the request and to establish reasonable rates; approving cooperation with the Steering Committee of Cities served by ONCOR to hire legal and consulting services and to negotiate with the company and direct any necessary litigation

and appeals; finding that the meeting at which this resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law; requiring notice of this resolution to the company and legal counsel for the steering committee.

VI. Public Comment

If you wish to make a public comment or discuss subjects not listed on the agenda, please fill out a (yellow) Visitor's Participation card and submit to the City Secretary. There will be no formal actions taken on subjects presented during public comments. Please NOTE council may NOT address or converse with you regarding a NON-AGENDA ITEM. The public comment period will only allow members of the public to present ideas and information to the City Officials and Staff.

VII. Items of Community Interest

Items of community interest include expressions of thanks, congratulations, or condolence; information regarding holiday schedules; honorary recognitions of city officials, employees or citizens; reminders about upcoming events sponsored by the city or other entity that is scheduled to be attended by a city official or employee; and announcements involving imminent threats to the public health and safety

VIII. Executive Session

Pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, the Council reserves the right to convene in Executive Session(s), from time to time as deemed necessary during this meeting for any posted agenda item to receive advice from its attorney as permitted by law, or to discuss the following: 1) Section 551.071 - Consultation with Attorney, 2) Section 551.072 - Deliberations about Real Property, 3) Section 551.074 - Personnel Matters, and 4) Section 551.087 - Business Prospect/Economic Development.

1. Discuss and consult with Attorney regarding the provisions of House Bill 762 pursuant to Section 551.071 - Consultation with Attorney, of the Texas Government Code.

IX. Reconvene and Take Action from Executive Session

Reconvene into open session and take any necessary action resulting from items posted and legally discussed in Closed Session.

X. Adjournment

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that this Agenda of the Crowley City Council Regular meeting to be held on July 17, 2025 at 7:00 PM is a true and correct copy posted on July 11, 2025 at 2:30pm at Crowley City Hall, a place convenient and readily accessible to the public at all times.



Carol C. Cannady, City Secretary



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City of Crowley, Texas City Council Agenda Report

Presenter:	Meeting Date: July 17, 2025
Department: Administration	Agenda Item: III.1.
Subject: Purple Heart City - Presentation of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Burleson Chapter 1867 and Proclamation	

Background:

Lorin Storey, representative of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Burleson Chapter 1867, will provide a brief overview of this national organization's mission, local efforts, and opportunities for community engagement. The chapter promotes patriotism, legislative advocacy, and remembrance of those who have made great sacrifices in service to our nation. The chapter meets on the fourth Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at Old Texas Brewing Company, located in Burleson, Texas.

Recommendation:

Financial Information:

None

Attachments:

1. City of Crowley Purple Heart Proclamation



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CROWLEY, TEXAS



Proclamation
Purple Heart City

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley, Texas, holds deep admiration and the utmost gratitude for the men and women who have selflessly served in the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration still in use, originally established by General George Washington in 1782 as the Badge of Military Merit; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart was the first American service award or decoration made available to the common soldier and is specifically awarded to members of the Armed Forces who have been wounded or have made the ultimate sacrifice in combat with a declared enemy of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Burleson Chapter 1867, is to foster an environment of goodwill among combat-wounded veterans and their families, promote patriotism, support legislative initiatives, and most importantly, ensure we never forget their sacrifices; and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women from the City of Crowley, Texas, who have served in the Armed Forces have been vital in preserving the freedoms and way of life we enjoy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley seeks to remember and recognize veterans who are recipients of the Purple Heart, honoring the service and sacrifice of our nation's men and women in uniform, wounded or killed by the enemy while serving to protect our freedoms.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Billy Davis, Mayor of the City of Crowley, along with the members of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the City of Crowley a:

Purple Heart City

The City of Crowley is proud to be home to veterans and their families. We are eternally grateful for the sacrifices they have made in service to our nation. The City of Crowley remains steadfast in our support for all who have served in the United States Armed Forces.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Crowley to be affixed this 17th day of July, 2025.

Billy Davis, Mayor



**City of Crowley, Texas
City Council Agenda Report**

Presenter: Carol Cannady	Meeting Date: July 17, 2025
Department: City Secretary	Agenda Item: IV.1.
Subject: Discuss and consider approving the minutes from the special called meeting held on July 1, 2025.	

Background:

Recommendation:

Recommend approving the minutes

Financial Information:

None

Attachments:

1. 07012025 City Council Special Session Minutes

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED SESSION HELD JULY 1, 2025. The City Council of the City of Crowley, Texas met in Special Called Session on Tuesday, July 1, 2025, at 7:00 PM in the City Council Chambers, 201 East Main Street, Crowley City Hall, Crowley, Texas.

Call to Order and Roll Call

Mayor Billy Davis called the Special Session to order at 7:00 p.m. City Secretary Carol Konhauser called roll and noted a quorum was present.

Present were

Council Member Jesse Johnson, Council Member Jim Hirth, Council Member Matt Foster, Council Member Scott Gilbreath, Mayor Billy Davis

City staff included:

City Manager, Lori Watson

Asst City Manager, Cristina Winner

Asst City Manager, Matt Elgin

City Attorney, Rob Allibon

City Secretary, Carol Konhauser

EDC Director, Molly Martin

Asst Finance Director, Heather Gwin

Absent:

Council Member Tina Pace, Council Member Jerry Beck

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas Flags

Invocation was given by Assistant City Manager Matt Elgin followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas Flags.

Presentations/Proclamations

1. We are pleased to formally announce the winning slogan of the "Give Crowley a Voice" Campaign. Ms. Ashley Becker, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator, submitted the slogan that was ultimately selected through a three-round voting process involving peers, City Management, and the City Council. Her winning submission: "Where Every Crossing Leads to Community." We are excited to begin using this new slogan in our marketing efforts and as a reflection of our commitment to fostering a strong sense of community throughout Crowley.

City Manager Lori Watson announced the winning slogan for "Give Crowley a Voice" campaign was submitted by Ms Ashley Becker. The winning submission was "Where Every Crossing Leads to Community."

Human Resource Administrator Lacy Duncan presented Ms Becker with a certificate and prize for her submission. She then passed out t-shirts to the council and staff.

Consent Agenda

1. Discuss and consider approving the minutes from the work session and regular meeting held on Jun 19, 2025.

Council Member Jim Hirth made the motion to Approve the minutes as presented; second by Council Member Matt Foster, council voted unanimously to approve the motion as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

2. Discuss and consider approving a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement for HA-5 Street Resurfacing with the City of Hurst.

Mayor announced the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement for HA-5 would be moved to City Business to allow Asst Public Works Director Bill Bateman the opportunity to give an updated presentation.

Council Member Matt Foster made the motion to Approve the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement for HA-5 Street Resurfacing with the City of Hurst; second by Council Member Scott Gilbreath, council voted unanimously to approve the motion as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

City Business

1. Discuss and consider authorizing the City Manager, or her designee, to execute a Chapter 380 Agreement between the City of Crowley and Next Level Events, LLC for the purpose of hosting a BBQ Festival at Crowley Crossing.

Council Member Jesse Johnson made the motion to Approve authorizing the City Manager to execute a Chapter 380 Agreement with Next Level Events, LLC for a BBQ Festival; second by Council Member Matt Foster, council voted unanimously to approve the motion as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Comment

Mayor Davis asked if there were any citizens or visitors wishing to speak.

Terri Horn, Crowley Chamber of Commerce, announced there would be a "Build Your Business Workshop" on July 10, 2025 from 2:00-3:30pm at the Recreation Center; Back to School Bingo would be held on July 18, 2025 at 6:30 at the Recreation Center, and Cooking with Love would hold a ribbon cutting ceremony on August 1, 2025.

Items of Community Interest

Mayor Davis then asked if there were any community interest items to discuss.

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

As there was no further business, Mayor Billy Davis adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

ATTEST:

Billy Davis, Mayor

Carol C. Cannady, City Secretary



City of Crowley, Texas City Council Agenda Report

Presenter: Lori Watson	Meeting Date: July 17, 2025
Department: City Manager	Agenda Item: V.1.
Subject: Discuss and consider approving Resolution R07-2025-459 authorizing and approving publication and posting of Notice of Intention to issue City of Crowley, Texas, Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation in a maximum aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$8,000,000 and other matters in connection therewith; and providing an effective date.	

Background:

Recommendation:

Suggested motion:

I move to approve Resolution R07-2025-459 authorizing and approving the publication and posting of the City's NOI

Financial Information:

Attachments:

1. CROWLEY NOI Resolution R07-2025-459
2. CITY OF CROWLEY POSTING NOTICE

RESOLUTION NO. R07-2025-459

**AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING PUBLICATION AND POSTING OF
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE CITY OF CROWLEY, TEXAS
COMBINATION TAX AND REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION IN
A MAXIMUM AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED
\$8,000,000 AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

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WHEREAS, the City Council (the *Governing Body*) of the City of Crowley, Texas (the *City*) has determined that it is advisable and necessary to issue and sell one or more series of certificates of obligation (the *Certificates*), the interest on which may or may not be included in the gross income of the holders thereof for purposes of federal income taxation, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$8,000,000 as provided pursuant to the provisions of the Certificate of Obligation Act of 1971, as amended, Texas Local Government Code, Section 271.041 through 271.064, for the purpose of paying contractual obligations of the City to be incurred for making permanent public improvements and for other public purposes, to-wit: (1) designing, acquiring, constructing, renovating, improving, and equipping various City streets, drainage, and sidewalk improvements, including necessary capital maintenance, utilities relocation, landscaping, wayfinding, and monumentation necessary or incidental thereto, (2) designing, acquiring, constructing, renovating, improving, and equipping various parking structures, (3) designing, acquiring, constructing, renovating, replacing, installing, equipping, and upgrading City parks and recreation facilities that are generally accessible to the public and are a part of the City's park system, (4) purchase of materials, supplies, equipment and vehicles (including police and fire), and machinery for the City's fire department and police department, (5) designing, acquiring, constructing, renovating, improving, equipping, repairing, enlarging, and/or extending the City's police department facilities, including all necessary security upgrades, (6) purchasing real property, information technology, landscaping, land, and rights of way for authorized needs and purposes related to the aforementioned capital improvements, and (7) the payment of professional services related to the construction, project management, and financing of the aforementioned projects; and

WHEREAS, prior to the issuance of the Certificates, the Governing Body is required to publish notice of its intention to issue the Certificates in a newspaper of general circulation and, if the City maintains an Internet website, post such notice of intention on the City's Internet website, such notice stating: (i) the time and place the City Council tentatively proposes to pass the resolution authorizing the issuance of the Certificates; (ii) the purposes for which the Certificates are to be issued; (iii) the manner in which the City Council proposes to pay the Certificates; (iv) the then-current principal amount of all outstanding ad valorem debt obligations of the City; (v) the then-current combined principal and interest required to pay all outstanding ad valorem debt obligations of the City on time and in full, which may be based on the City's expectations relative to the interest due on any variable rate ad valorem debt obligations; (vi) the maximum principal amount of the Certificates to be authorized; (vii) the estimated interest rate for the Certificates to be authorized or that the maximum interest rate for the Certificates may not exceed the maximum legal interest rate; and (viii) the maximum maturity date of the Certificates to be authorized; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body hereby finds and determines that such documents pertaining to the sale of the Certificates should be approved, and the City should proceed with the giving of notice of intention to issue the Certificates in the time, form, and manner provided by law; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body hereby finds and determines that the adoption of this Resolution is in the best interests of the residents of the City; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The City Secretary is hereby authorized to cause to be published notice of the Governing Body's intention to issue the Certificates in one or more series (the interest on which may or may not be included in the gross income of the holders thereof for purposes of federal income taxation) and in aggregate amount not to exceed \$8,000,000 for the purpose of paying contractual obligations of the City to be incurred for making permanent public improvements and for other public purposes, to-wit: (1) designing, acquiring, constructing, renovating, improving, and equipping various City streets, drainage, and sidewalk improvements, including necessary capital maintenance, utilities relocation, landscaping, wayfinding, and monumentation necessary or incidental thereto, (2) designing, acquiring, constructing, renovating, improving, and equipping various parking structures, (3) designing, acquiring, constructing, renovating, replacing, installing, equipping, and upgrading City parks and recreation facilities that are generally accessible to the public and are a part of the City's park system, (4) purchase of materials, supplies, equipment and vehicles (including police and fire), and machinery for the City's fire department and police department, (5) designing, acquiring, constructing, renovating, improving, equipping, repairing, enlarging, and/or extending the City's police department facilities, including all necessary security upgrades, (6) purchasing real property, information technology, landscaping, land, and rights of way for authorized needs and purposes related to the aforementioned capital improvements, and (7) the payment of professional services related to the construction, project management, and financing of the aforementioned projects. The Certificates will be payable from the levy of an annual ad valorem tax, within the limitations prescribed by law, upon all taxable property within the City and additionally from a pledge of and lien on certain revenues derived from the operation of the City's municipally owned utility system. The notice hereby approved and authorized to be published shall read substantially in the form and content of Exhibit A attached hereto, which notice is incorporated herein by reference as a part of this Resolution for all purposes.

SECTION 2. The City Secretary shall cause the notice described in Section 1 to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City, once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks, the date of the first publication shall be at least forty-seven (47) days prior to the date stated therein for passage of the Resolution authorizing the issuance of the Certificates. Additionally, the City Secretary shall cause the notice described in Section 1 to be posted continuously on the City's website for at least forty-five (45) days prior to the date stated therein for passage of the Resolution authorizing the issuance of the Certificates.

SECTION 3. The City Secretary is directed to maintain a copy of this Resolution in the City's official records in a manner that will allow any member of the general public to review this Resolution during the normal business hours of the City during the period beginning thirty (30) days after the adoption hereof and ending on the date of issuance of the Certificates.

SECTION 4. All ordinances and resolutions, or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Resolution shall be and remain controlling as to the matters resolved herein.

SECTION 5. This Resolution shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America.

SECTION 6. If any provision of this Resolution or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held to be invalid, the remainder of this Resolution and the application of such

provision to other persons and circumstances shall nevertheless be valid, and the City Council hereby declares that this Resolution would have been enacted without such invalid provision.

SECTION 7. It is officially found, determined, and declared that the meeting at which this Resolution is adopted was open to the public and public notice of the time, place, and subject matter of the public business to be considered at such meeting, including this Resolution, was given, all as required by Chapter 551, as amended, Texas Government Code.

SECTION 8. The City Council hereby finds that the statements set forth in the recitals of this Resolution are true and correct, and the City Council hereby incorporates such recitals as a part of this Resolution.

SECTION 9. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED on the 17th day of July, 2025.

CITY OF CROWLEY, TEXAS

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Secretary

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EXHIBIT A

CITY OF CROWLEY, TEXAS NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE COMBINATION TAX AND REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Crowley, Texas will convene at its regular meeting place at City Hall at 201 E. Main Street, Crowley, Texas 76036 at 6:30 P.M., Crowley, Texas time, on September 18, 2025 (in the event the City Council will be unable to meet at the City Council Chambers, City Hall, the City will post information on its website for attending the meeting by telephone, teleconference, or other electronic means as well as any additional information regarding the meeting should the time, date, or location change), and during such meeting, the City Council will consider the passage of a Resolution and take such actions as may be deemed necessary to authorize the issuance of one or more series of certificates of obligation (the interest on which may or may not be included in the gross income of the holders thereof for purposes of federal income taxation) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$8,000,000 for the purpose or purposes of paying contractual obligations of the City to be incurred for making permanent public improvements and for other public purposes, to wit: (1) designing, acquiring, constructing, renovating, improving, and equipping various City streets, drainage, and sidewalk improvements, including necessary capital maintenance, utilities relocation, landscaping, wayfinding, and monumentation necessary or incidental thereto, (2) designing, acquiring, constructing, renovating, improving, and equipping various parking structures, (3) designing, acquiring, constructing, renovating, replacing, installing, equipping, and upgrading City parks and recreation facilities that are generally accessible to the public and are a part of the City's park system, (4) purchase of materials, supplies, equipment and vehicles (including police and fire), and machinery for the City's fire department and police department, (5) designing, acquiring, constructing, renovating, improving, equipping, repairing, enlarging, and/or extending the City's police department facilities, including all necessary security upgrades, (6) purchasing real property, information technology, landscaping, land, and rights of way for authorized needs and purposes related to the aforementioned capital improvements, and (7) the payment of professional services related to the construction, project management, and financing of the aforementioned projects (collectively, the "Projects"), and for paying all or a portion of the legal, financial and engineering fees in connection with the Projects and the costs of issuance related to such hereinafter defined Certificates. Each series of certificates (together, the "Certificates") will be payable from the levy of an annual ad valorem tax, within the limitations prescribed by law, upon all taxable property within the City and, additionally, from a pledge of and lien on certain revenues derived from the operation of the City's municipally owned utility system. In accordance with Section 271.049, as amended, Texas Local Government Code, (i) the current principal amount of all of the City's outstanding public securities secured by and payable from ad valorem taxes is \$43,505,000.00; (ii) the current combined principal and interest required to pay all of the City's outstanding public securities secured by and payable from ad valorem taxes on time and in full is \$53,306,502.17; (iii) the estimated combined principal and interest required to pay the Certificates to be authorized on time and in full is \$12,361,133.33; (iv) the maximum interest rate for the Certificates may not exceed the maximum legal interest rate; and (v) the maximum maturity date of the Certificates to be authorized is February 1, 2050. The Certificates are to be issued, and this notice is given, under and pursuant to the provisions of the Certificate of Obligation Act of 1971, as amended, Texas Local Government Code Section 271.041 through Section 271.064, and Chapter 1502, Texas Government Code, as amended, and the City's Home Rule Charter.

/s/ Carol Konhauser
City Secretary

City of Crowley, Texas

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/s/ Carol Konhauser
City Secretary



City of Crowley, Texas City Council Agenda Report

Presenter: Heather Gwin	Meeting Date: July 17, 2025
Department: Finance	Agenda Item: V.2.
Subject: Discuss and consider adoption of Resolution R07-2025-458 adopting the City of Crowley Fund Balance Policy.	

Background:

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued "Statement No. 54 Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Types" which establishes criteria for classifying fund balances into specifically defined classifications and clarifies definitions for governmental fund types. This policy is to establish a key element of the financial stability of the City by setting guidelines and parameters for fund balance. This policy will ensure that the City maintains an adequate fund balance in the City's general fund.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends adoption.

Financial Information:

Approval of this resolution does not impact the budget.

Attachments:

1. RES R07-2025-458 Adopting Fund Balance Policy
2. Crowley General Fund Balance Policy

RESOLUTION NO. R07-2025-458

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY,
TEXAS, ADOPTING A FUND BALANCE POLICY FOR THE CITY OF
CROWLEY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued “Statement No. 54 Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Types” which establishes criteria for classifying fund balances into specifically defined classifications and clarifies definitions for governmental fund types; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Crowley, Texas, wishes to establish a Fund Balance Policy; and

WHEREAS, the fund balance policy dated July 17, 2025, attached hereto as Exhibit “A”, complies with the provisions of GASB Statement Number 54; and

WHEREAS, the governing body has reviewed the policy and finds it to be in the public interest and necessary for the efficient and effective administration of city business.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF CROWLEY, TEXAS, THAT:**

The City Council of the City of Crowley, Texas, hereby adopts the Fund Balance Policy dated July 17, 2025, attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 17th day of July, 2025.

City of Crowley, Texas

Billy P. Davis, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carol C. Cannady, City Secretary



City of Crowley, Texas General Fund Balance Policy

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish a key element of the financial stability of the City by setting guidelines and parameters for fund balance. Unassigned fund balance is an important measure of economic stability. It is essential that the City maintain adequate levels of unassigned fund balance to mitigate financial risk that can occur from unforeseen revenue fluctuations, unanticipated expenditures, and other similar circumstances. This policy will ensure that the City maintains an adequate fund balance in the City's general fund for the purposes of:

- Providing sufficient cash flow for daily operations
- Securing and maintaining a higher investment grade bond rating
- Offsetting significant economic declines or revenue shortfalls
- Providing funds to meet unforeseen emergency expenditures
- Demonstrating a commitment to long-term financial planning objectives

Definitions

Fund Equity – A fund's equity is generally the difference between its assets and its liabilities.

Fund Balance – The fund equity of a governmental fund is required to be split into the following categories for reporting purposes:

1. **Non-Spendable Fund Balance** – includes amounts that are not in spendable form or are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.
2. **Restricted Fund Balance** – includes amounts that can be spent only for the specific purposes stipulated by external resource providers either constitutionally or through enabling legislation.
3. **Committed fund balance** – includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the government's highest level of decision-making authority. Commitments may be changed or lifted only by the government taking the same formal action that imposed the constraint originally.
4. **Assigned fund balance** – comprises amounts intended to be used by the government for specific purposes. Intent can be expressed by the governing body or by an official or body to which the governing body delegates the authority. In governmental funds other than the general fund, assigned fund balance represents the amount that is not restricted or committed. This indicates that resources in other governmental funds are, at a minimum, intended to be used for the purpose of that fund.

5. **Unassigned fund balance** – is the residual classification of the general fund and includes all amounts not contained in other classifications. Unassigned amounts are technically available for any purpose.

Policy

Committed Fund Balance

- The City Council is the City's highest level of decision-making authority and the formal action that is required to be taken to establish, modify, or rescind a fund balance commitment is a resolution approved by the Council at the City's Council meeting. The resolution must either be approved or rescinded, as applicable, prior to the last day of the fiscal year for which the commitment is made. The amount subject to the constraint may be determined in the subsequent period.

Assigned Fund Balance

- The City Council has authorized the City Manager as the official authority to assign fund balance to a specific purpose as approved by this fund balance policy.

Unassigned Fund Balance

It is the goal of the City to achieve and maintain an unassigned fund balance in the general fund equal to 25% of budgeted expenditures. The City considers a balance of less than 20% to be cause for concern, barring unusual or deliberate circumstances.

The computation of the required fund balance will occur once a year, as follows:

- The computation will occur after the audit is presented to City Council. The fund balance as of September 30 of the audit year will be compared to the budgeted operating general fund expenditures for the fiscal year following the audit.

The Council may appropriate unassigned fund balances for emergency purposes, as deemed necessary, even if such use decreases the fund balance below the established minimum.

If the unassigned fund balance falls below the goal or has a deficiency, the City will implement a plan to replenish the fund within one year or as soon as economic and budgetary conditions allow. The following budget strategies may be considered for implementation until fund balance has been replenished to an acceptable level:

- Reduction of expenditures to minimum levels, including, but not limited to:
 - Reduction in discretionary spending such as travel and training
 - Implementation of a hiring freeze for non-essential positions
- Increase revenues or pursue other funding sources
- Use operating surpluses available in other funds
- Designate a fixed amount or a percent of operating expenditures in the next budget
- Any combination of the above strategies or others presented for consideration by staff or City Council

Exhibit A

Should unassigned fund balance of the general fund exceed the 25%, the City will consider using such fund balance surpluses for one-time expenditures that are nonrecurring in nature, and which will not require additional future expense outlays for maintenance, additional staffing or other recurring expenditures.

Order of Expenditure of Funds

When multiple categories of fund balance are available for expenditure, the City will start with the most restricted category and spend those funds first before moving down to the next category with available funds.

Monitoring and Reporting

The Finance Director will be responsible for monitoring and reporting on the City's general fund balance. The City Manager is directed to make recommendations to the Council on the use of general fund balance surpluses both as an element of the annual operating budget submission process and in the annual audit and financial statement preparation process.



City of Crowley, Texas City Council Agenda Report

Presenter: Carol Cannady	Meeting Date: July 17, 2025
Department: City Secretary	Agenda Item: V.3.
Subject: Discuss and consider approving Resolution R07-2025-460, a resolution suspending the July 31, 2025 effective date of ONCOR Electric Delivery Company's requested rate change to permit the city time to study the request and to establish reasonable rates; approving cooperation with the Steering Committee of Cities served by ONCOR to hire legal and consulting services and to negotiate with the company and direct any necessary litigation and appeals; finding that the meeting at which this resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law; requiring notice of this resolution to the company and legal counsel for the steering committee.	

Background:

PURPOSE

Oncor Electric Delivery Company ("Oncor" or "the Company") filed an application on or about June 26, 2025 with cities retaining original jurisdiction seeking to increase system-wide transmission and distribution rates by about \$834 million or approximately 13% over present revenues. The Company asks the City to approve a 12.3% increase in residential rates and a 51.0% increase in street lighting rates. If approved, an average residential customer would see a bill increase of about \$7.90 per month.

The resolution suspends the July 31, 2025 effective date of the Company's rate increase for the maximum period permitted by law to allow the City, working in conjunction with the Steering Committee of Cities Served by Oncor, to evaluate the filing, determine whether the filing complies with law, and if lawful, to determine what further strategy, including settlement, to pursue.

The law provides that a rate request made by an electric utility cannot become effective until at least 35 days following the filing of the application to change rates. The law permits the City to suspend the rate change for 90 days after the date the rate change would otherwise be effective. **If the City fails to take some action regarding the filing before the effective date, Oncor's rate request is deemed administratively approved.**

DISCUSSION

The City of Crowley is a member of a 170-city coalition known as the Steering Committee of Cities Served by Oncor ("Steering Committee"). The Steering Committee has been in existence since the late 1980s. It took on a formal structure in the early 1990s when cities served by the former TXU gave up their statutory right to rate case expense reimbursement in exchange for higher franchise fee payments. Empowered by city resolutions and funded by *per capita* assessments, the Steering Committee has been the primary public interest advocate before the Public Utility Commission, the Courts, and the Legislature on electric utility regulation matters for the last 30 years.

Although Oncor has increased rates many times over the past few years, this is the first comprehensive base rate case for the Company since May 2022.

Explanation of "Be It Resolved" Paragraphs:

Section 1. The City is authorized to suspend the rate change for 90 days after the date that the rate change would otherwise be effective for any legitimate purpose. Time to study and investigate the application is always a legitimate purpose. Please note that the resolution refers to the suspension period as "the maximum period allowed by law" rather than ending by a specific date. This is because the Company controls the effective date and can extend the deadline for final city action to increase the time that the City retains jurisdiction if necessary to reach settlement on the case. If the suspension period is not otherwise extended by the Company, the City must take final action on Oncor's request to raise rates by July 31, 2025.

Section 2. This provision authorizes the Steering Committee, consistent with the City's resolution approving membership in the Steering Committee, to act on behalf of the City at the local level in settlement discussions, in preparation of a rate ordinance, on appeal of the rate ordinance to the PUC, and on appeal to the Courts. Negotiating clout and efficiency are enhanced by the City cooperating with the Steering Committee in a common review and common purpose. Additionally, rate case expenses are minimized when the Steering Committee hires one set of attorneys and experts who work under the guidance and control of the Executive Committee of the Steering Committee.

Section 3. The Company will reimburse the Steering Committee for its reasonable rate case expenses. Legal counsel and consultants approved by the Executive Committee of the Steering Committee will submit monthly invoices that will be forwarded to Oncor for reimbursement. No individual city incurs liability for payment of rate case expenses by adopting a suspension resolution.

Section 4. This section merely recites that the resolution was passed at a meeting that was open to the public and that the consideration of the Resolution was properly noticed.

Section 5. This section provides that both Oncor and Steering Committee counsel will be notified of the City's action by sending a copy of the approved and signed resolution to certain designated individuals.

Recommendation:

Recommend approving Resolution R07-2025-460

Financial Information:

None

Attachments:

1. Email from OCSC regarding Oncor Rate Case
2. Oncor 2025 RC Suspension Resolution

From: [Thomas Brocato](#)
To: [Thomas Brocato](#)
Cc: [Jamie Mauldin](#); [Rick Arnett](#); [Jack Klug](#); [Andrea Slaughter](#)
Subject: OCSC: Oncor Rate Case ACTION REQUIRED
Date: Thursday, June 26, 2025 5:01:37 PM
Attachments: [image319805.png](#)
[image158694.png](#)
[image143095.png](#)
[image329111.png](#)
[image869161.png](#)
[Oncor 2025 RC Suspension Resolution.doc](#)
[Oncor 2025 RC Suspension Resolution Model Staff Report.doc](#)

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ACTION REQUIRED BY July 31, 2025.

Steering Committee of Cities Served by Oncor (OCSC):

Today, your city likely received a Statement of Intent from Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC (Oncor or Company) to change its rates. In its filing, the Company seeks to increase system-wide transmission and distribution rates by about \$834 million or approximately 13% over present revenues. This request includes a 12.3% increase in residential rates and a 51.0% increase in street lighting rates. If approved, an average residential customer would see a bill increase of about \$7.90 per month. Also today, Oncor filed its application at the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC). As we have done in the past, we have intervened on behalf of OCSC. We have hired two consultants to assist us with the case. As a ratemaking proceeding, cities are entitled to reimbursement of their legal and consulting expenses. Thus, there will be no direct charge to your city—or OCSC—as a participant in the rate case.

ACTION REQUIRED:

For Cities with Original Jurisdiction

For those cities with original jurisdiction over Oncor's rates, you will need to take action on Oncor's application using the attached resolution for Cities with Original Jurisdiction. This resolution suspends the rate filing. Rather than permit the increase to go into effect within your city, we advise that cities suspend the rate filing for 90 days via the attached resolution. This will give us more time to review the application. We will follow up with a resolution for final action as the case proceeds. Your city must adopt the attached suspension resolution by July 31, 2025. We have attached a model staff report for your use. **If your city is unable to take action before July 31 please contact us immediately.**

For Cities without Original Jurisdiction

Several OCSC Cities have relinquished their jurisdiction to the PUC. For these cities, **you do not need to take any action.** If you are unsure whether your city has jurisdiction over this matter, or have any additional questions please contact me.

Thanks,

Thomas, Jamie, Jack, and Rick



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RESOLUTION NO. R07-2025-460

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, TEXAS, SUSPENDING THE JULY 31, 2025 EFFECTIVE DATE OF ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY'S REQUESTED RATE CHANGE TO PERMIT THE CITY TIME TO STUDY THE REQUEST AND TO ESTABLISH REASONABLE RATES; APPROVING COOPERATION WITH THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF CITIES SERVED BY ONCOR TO HIRE LEGAL AND CONSULTING SERVICES AND TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE COMPANY AND DIRECT ANY NECESSARY LITIGATION AND APPEALS; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW; REQUIRING NOTICE OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE COMPANY AND LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE STEERING COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, on or about June 26, 2025, Oncor Electric Delivery Company (Oncor), pursuant to PURA §§ 33.001 and 36.001 filed with the City of Crowley a Statement of Intent to increase electric transmission and distribution rates in all municipalities exercising original jurisdiction within its service area effective July 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley is a member of the Steering Committee of Cities Served by Oncor ("Steering Committee") and will cooperate with the 170 similarly situated city members and other city participants in conducting a review of the Company's application and to hire and direct legal counsel and consultants and to prepare a common response and to negotiate with the Company prior to getting reasonable rates and direct any necessary litigation; and

WHEREAS, PURA § 36.108 grants local regulatory authorities the right to suspend the effective date of proposed rate changes for ninety (90) days after the date the rate change would otherwise be effective; and

WHEREAS, PURA § 33.023 provides that costs incurred by Cities in ratemaking proceedings are to be reimbursed by the regulated utility.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, TEXAS:

1. That the July 31, 2025 effective date of the rate request submitted by Oncor on or about June 26, 2025, be suspended for the maximum period allowed by law to permit adequate time to review the proposed changes and to establish reasonable rates.

2. As indicated in the City's resolution approving membership in the Steering Committee, the Executive Committee of Steering Committee is authorized to hire and direct legal counsel and consultants, negotiate with the Company, make recommendations regarding reasonable rates, and to intervene and direct any necessary administrative proceedings or court litigation associated with an appeal of a rate ordinance and the rate case filed with the City or Public Utility Commission.

3. That the City's reasonable rate case expenses shall be reimbursed by Oncor.

4. That it is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law and the public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required.

5. A copy of this Resolution shall be sent to Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC, 1616 Woodall Rodgers Freeway, Dallas, Texas 75202 and to Thomas Brocato, Counsel to the Steering Committee, at Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C., P.O. Box 1725, Austin, Texas 78767-1725.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 17th day of July, 2025.

City of Crowley, Texas

Billy Davis, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carol C. Cannady, City Secretary

CITY OF CROWLEY
CERTIFIED AGENDA OF THE EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION
July 17, 2025

I. Statement of Beginning Executive/Closed Session

Mayor Billy Davis announced at the beginning of the executive/closed session:

“The City Council on July 17, 2025, beginning at _____ p.m., convened in an executive/closed session in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act (Local Government Code – Chapter 551).”

II. The following were present:

Mayor Billy Davis

Council Member Jerry Beck, Jr.

Council Member Tina Pace

Council Member Jesse Johnson

Council Member Jim Hirth

Council Member Matt Foster

Member Scott Gilbreath

City Manager Lori Watson

City Attorney Rob Allibon

Asst City Manager Cristina Winner

Asst City Manager, Matt Elgin

Other:

Other:

Other:

III. Subjects Discussed in the Session Closed to the Public

Pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, the Council reserves the right to convene in Executive Session(s), from time to time as deemed necessary during this meeting for any posted agenda item to receive advice from its attorney as permitted by law, or to discuss the following:

Consultation with Attorney pursuant to Section 551.071

Discuss and consult with Attorney regarding the provisions of House Bill 762 pursuant to Section 551.071 - Consultation with Attorney, of the Texas Government Code

IV. Statement at End of Executive/Closed Session

Mayor Billy Davis announced at the end of the executive/closed session:

“The City Council ended its executive/closed session at _____ p.m., on July 17, 2025”

V. Record of Further Action Taken, if any, on Above Items in the Subsequent Open Session.

VI. Certification by Presiding Officer

I hereby certify that this agenda of closed session of the City Council of the City of Crowley is a true and correct record of the proceedings pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

WITNESS MY HAND this the _____ day of _____ 2025.

CITY OF CROWLEY

Billy P. Davis, Mayor