GRAHAM CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 ANNUAL BUDGET
AUGUST 13, 2026

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT
Mayor: Alex Heartfield
Councilmember Place 1: Sarah Lundgren
Mayor Pro-Tem/Place 2: Jeff Dickinson
Councilmember Place 3: Jack Little
Councilmember Place 4: Brendan Weatherman

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT
None.

STAFF PRESENT
Eric Garretty, City Manager
Marci Bueno, City Secretary/Finance Director
B.J. Cook, Code Enforcement Officer
Brent Bullock, Chief of Police
Chris Denney, IT Director
David Aleshire, Assistant Fire Chief
DeAnna Bullock, Library Director
Jim Don Laurent, Fire Chief
Justin Howard, Sewer Plant Supervisor
Kyle Ford, Police Lieutenant
Melinda Brown, Assistant City Manager, GEIC/GIA Executive Director
Mike Watts, Animal Control Officer

1. **CALL TO PUBLIC HEARING TO ORDER**
   Mayor Alex Heartfield called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. **OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGES TO U.S. AND TEXAS FLAGS**
   Gary Elrod led the invocation followed by the U.S. Pledge and Texas Pledge.

3. **ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS PRESENT**
   Mayor: Alex Heartfield
   Councilmember Place 1: Sarah Lundgren
   Mayor Pro-Tem/Place 2: Jeff Dickinson
   Councilmember Place 3: Jack Little
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4. **PURPOSE OF HEARING.** PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 102 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE AND THE CITY OF GRAHAM CHARTER, SECTION 41, THE PURPOSE OF THIS PUBLIC HEARING IS TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 ANNUAL BUDGET.

5. **NOTICE POSTED.** NOTICE OF THIS PUBLIC HEARING WAS DULY ADVERTISED IN A NEWSPAPER OF LOCAL CIRCULATION ON **AUGUST 1, 2026**. IN ADDITION, SAID NOTICE WAS DULY POSTED ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE AND POSTED ON THE NOTICE BOARD AT CITY HALL. NOTICE OF THIS PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA WAS POSTED AT LEAST THREE BUSINESS DAYS PRIOR TO THE DATE AND TIME OF THIS PUBLIC HEARING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT.

6. **CORRECTED NOTICE.** DUE TO CHANGES IN THE CALCULATION OF TAX RATES SUBSEQUENT TO THE ADVERTISEMENT OF THIS NOTICE, A CORRECTED NOTICE HAS BEEN PREPARED BY THE CITY OF GRAHAM AND THE CORRECTED NOTICE WILL BE PRESENTED AT THIS HEARING.

7. **PRESENTATION. PRESENTATION BY THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CORRECTED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 ANNUAL BUDGET AND PRESENTATION OF THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 ANNUAL BUDGET.**
   City Manager Eric Garretty presented the corrected Notice of Public Hearing for the proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Annual Budget and presented the proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Annual Budget.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS.
Mike Thompson, serves on Library Board, is against cutting library budget.
Stefanie Schutz, serves on Library Board, is against cutting library budget.
Mary Ann Copas, serves on Library Board, is against cutting library budget.
Amanda Hernandez, employee of the library, is against cutting library budget.
Salvador Mendez, employee of the police department, spoke about the police officers being under paid.
Dianna Killbrew, employee of the police department, spoke about the police officers being under paid.
Justin Piercy, employee of the police department, spoke about the police officers being under paid.
Hailey Calcoate, employee of the police department, spoke about the police officers being under paid.

9. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS.
None.

10. ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING
There being no further business, the public hearing was adjourned at 6:48 p.m. Motion made by Jack Little and seconded by Alex Heartfield.

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SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
AUGUST 13, 2026

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1. CALL TO ORDER
   Mayor Alex Heartfield called the meeting to order at 6:49 p.m.

2. NOTICE OF POSTING: NOTICE OF THIS SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAHAM TEXAS WAS DULY POSTED AT A PLACE READILY ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC AT LEAST THREE BUSINESS DAYS PRIOR TO THE DATE AND TIME OF THIS MEETING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS PRESENT
   Mayor: Alex Heartfield
   Councilmember Place 1: Sarah Lundgren
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4. PUBLIC FORUM
   Johnny Ford stated he worked at the appraisal district in the past. He stated there is an issue with property tax appraisals. He stated that water needs to be a priority.

   COUNCILMEMBER BRENDAN WEATHERMAN EXITED THE MEETING AT 7:15 P.M.

5. CONSIDER AND ACT TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET.
   The following Amendments were made to Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Proposed Annual Budget:
   Motion made by Jeff Dickinson and seconded by Jack Little to approve increasing the law enforcement center expense line item in the police department in the General Fund by $92,707. Motion passed unanimously 4 – 0.
   Motion made by Jack Little and seconded by Sarah Lundgren to approve reducing library expense in the Library Fund by $14,000. Motion passed unanimously 4 – 0.
   Motion made by Sarah Lundgren and seconded by Jack Little to REMOVE reducing the library staff by one full-time position. Motion passed unanimously 4 – 1.

6. CONSIDER AND ACT TO DELAY ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET UNTIL SEPTEMBER 17, 2026, AT THE REGULAR CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON SAID DATE AT 8:30 A.M., AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 608 ELM STREET, GRAHAM, TEXAS.

Motion made by Jack Little and seconded by Jeff Dickinson to delay adoption of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Proposed Annual Budget until **September 17, 2026**, at the Regular Called City Council Meeting to be held on said date at 8:30 a.m., at the Council Chambers, 608 Elm Street, Graham, Texas. Motion passed unanimously 4 – 0.

7. **CONSIDER AND ACT TO APPROVE CERTAIN REVISIONS TO THE CITY'S STRATEGIC PLAN.**
   Motion made by Sarah Lundgren and seconded by Jack Little to TABLE certain revisions to the City's Strategic Plan. Motion passed unanimously 4 – 0.

8. **DISCUSSION REGARDING PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.**
   Future agenda items included the City's Strategic Plan.

9. **ADJOURNMENT.**
   There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m. Motion made by Jack Little and seconded by Alex Heartfield.