

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF BUNKER HILL VILLAGE, TEXAS  
FEBRUARY 27, 2026**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro-Tem Schwartz called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m. on Zoom and in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 11977 Memorial Drive, Houston, Texas.

Present

Mayor Pro-Tem Susan Schwartz  
Councilmember Carl Moerer  
Councilmember Josh Pratt  
Councilmember Andrew Poor

Staff in Attendance

Gerardo Barrera, City Administrator (via Zoom)  
Susan Grass, Finance Director  
Philip Boedecker, City Attorney, Olson & Olson  
Mallory Pack, Management Analyst

Absent

Mayor Keith Brown  
Councilmember Eric Thode  
Elvin Hernandez, Public Works Director  
Loren Smith, City Attorney, Olson & Olson

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chief Schultz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**IV. MEMORIAL VILLAGES POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

*This item was taken out of order and presented after item V*

- A. Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Employee Insurance Coverage for the Time Period of April 1, 2026, through March 31, 2027, Contracting for Health, Vision, and Dental Insurance in Partnership with the Memorial Villages Police Department and the City of Piney Point Village, Texas

All full-time City employees are eligible for employee insurance benefits. Insurance coverage is provided through the Memorial Villages Police Department and includes health, dental,

vision, life, and disability insurance. The City of Piney Point Village also participates in this group.

Chief Schultz reported MVPD worked with Alliant Insurance Services (consultant) to reach out to 17 insurance providers for bids, however, many declined to submit a quote due to the small group size and the loss ratio reflected in historical claims data. Only two (2) qualified bids were received from Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) [current provider] and Curative. BCBS initial renewal rates increased 50.6% over current rates, and Curative a 20% increase.

The Police Commission, including its Finance Committee, reviewed Curative’s proposal to evaluate its viability and considered the following:

- Curative does not offer an HSA plan comparable to the current plan. Of the 44 total employees, 39 currently maintain a positive HSA balance, and under Curative, employees would no longer be able to contribute to an HSA.
- Researched whether other public safety agencies in the Houston region utilize Curative.
- Several hospitals and physicians currently used by employees are not included in the Curative network, which would result in disruptions to employee healthcare access.

The Police Commission held a Special Meeting on February 25, 2026, and voted to approve a one-year renewal with BCBS at the 50.6% increase.

Councilmember Moerer addressed Council that the Police Commission thoroughly evaluated Curative to determine the best option for employees and emphasized that employee well-being was a primary consideration in selecting BCBS despite the significant rate increase. He noted that the Police Commission voted unanimously to renew with BCBS and recommended Council approval.

Chief Schultz noted that a budget amendment will be presented at a future meeting date to fund the rate increase, as this rate increase was not expected in the current budget.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Poor and seconded by Councilmember Moerer to approve employee insurance coverage.**

**The motion carried 4-0**

**B. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve Budget Amendment 2025-03 to the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget for the Memorial Villages Police Department**

Budget Amendment 2025-03 will reclassify FY2025 budget accounts, including \$44,000.00 internal appropriations adjustment and a \$25,000.00 increase to the Auto Replacement Fund, with no additional revenue to the City.

There were no questions or comments from Council.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Poor and seconded by Councilmember Pratt to approve Budget Amendment 2025-03 to the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget for the Memorial Villages Police Department.**

**The motion carried 4-0**

**V. VILLAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

**A. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve Budget Amendment 2026-01 to the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget for the Village Fire Department**

*This item was taken out of order and presented after item III*

Budget Amendment 2026-01 in the amount of \$85,000.00 will fund the purchase of a blocker apparatus and a rescue boat. This budget amendment will not result in an additional assessment to the City.

There were no questions or comments from Council.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Pratt and seconded by Councilmember Poor to approve Budget Amendment 2026-01 to the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget for the Villages Fire Department.**

**The motion carried 4-0**

**VI. ADJOURN**

**Mayor Pro-Tem Schwartz adjourned the meeting at 8:21 a.m.**

Approved and accepted on March 17, 2026.



Susan Schwartz  
Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST



Gerardo Barrera  
City Administrator/ Acting City Secretary