



City of Rowlett

Work Session Minutes

City Council

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Tuesday, May 12, 2015

5:30 P.M.

Annex Building – 4004 Main Street

As authorized by Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, this meeting may be convened into closed Executive Session for the purpose of seeking confidential legal advice from the City Attorney on any agenda item herein.

The City of Rowlett reserves the right to reconvene, recess or realign the Regular Session or called Executive Session or order of business at any time prior to adjournment.

Council Present: Mayor Gottel, Mayor Pro Tem Gallops, Councilmember Dana-Bashian, Councilmember Bobbitt, Councilmember Sheffield and Councilmember van Bloemendaal

Council Absent: Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Pankratz

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gottel called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. WORK SESSION

2A. Discuss the impact of development on Public Works and Development Services departments. (60 minutes)

Brian Funderburk, City Manager, reviewed issues of staffing during the last year's budget discussions as they related to Economic Development and the need for additional development staffing.

Marc Kurbansade, Director of Development Services, outlined the topics to be discussed: current and projected workload, proposed staffing, projected cost, and projected revenue. Due to the amount of unprecedented development in the City of Rowlett, staff is requesting additional staff positions to handle the additional workload. He reviewed the organizational changes already put in place.

Council discussion regarding the anticipated costs and fees to cover the costs, analysis of workload and justification of additional staff, and review of the process for developers and fine tuning the perception of working with the City.

It was the consensus of Council to add three additional staff members at this time and discuss additional staff during the budget meetings.

2B. Discuss a request from Council for a skate park and view presentation. (30 minutes)

Councilmember Bobbitt and Mayor Pro Tem Gallops provided some background information leading up to this discussion. Victor Nelson, with Spohn Ranch Skateparks, proposed a site and concept for a skatepark in Rowlett, as well as community benefits and concerns. He discussed the number of local and area residents driving to Grand Prairie to use his facility. He outlined the challenges for fundraising and provided potential grant opportunities.

Council discussion regarding the lack of opportunities for teenagers and extracurricular activities in Rowlett. It was the consensus of Council to revisit this issue during discussions relating to future planning of parks and Herfurth Park.

2C. Discuss appointing a Charter Review Commission under Sections 12.02, 12.03 and 12.04 of the City of Rowlett Home Rule Charter. (60 minutes)

This item was discussed after 2A.


Jim Proce, Assistant City Manager, reviewed the Charter regulations regarding changes to the Charter. Council discussion regarding possible scope of review for the Commission, including: Council term limits, Council compensation, prohibition of the sale of alcohol in residential areas besides mixed use, as well as a complete overhaul and rewrite to make the document more cohesive. Further discussion regarding recommendations from the 2012 Charter Review Commission and the timetable for future discussions.

This issue will be reviewed at the Work Session for the May 19th City Council meeting.

TAKE ANY NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE ACTION ON CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

3. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.



Todd W. Gottel, Mayor



Laura Hallmark, City Secretary

Date Approved: June 2, 2015