



City of Rowlett

Special Meeting Minutes

City Council

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Tuesday, August 29, 2017

5:30 P.M.

Municipal Building – 4000 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.

Present: Mayor Gottel, Mayor Pro Tem Dana-Bashian, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bobbitt, Councilmember van Bloemendaal, Councilmember Hargrave, Councilmember Brown and Councilmember Bell

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 2A.** The City Council shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, §551.071 (Legal Advice) to consult with the City Attorney and receive legal advice regarding matters within the scope of the attorney-client privilege relating to multifamily zoning and pending zoning applications. (45 minutes) THIS DISCUSSION WILL OCCUR AFTER THE REGULAR MEETING

In Executive Session at 8:56 p.m. Out at 10:01 p.m.

3. WORK SESSION (5:30 P.M.)*Times listed are approximate.

- 3A.** Discuss the preliminary utility rate study findings. (60 minutes)

Kim Wilson, Chief Financial Officer, introduced Dan Jackson and Becky Schaefer with WILLDAN, who presented the study findings. They presented Council with two alternative rate plans – one that increases rates based on the current billing strategy and the second increases rates based on a tiered system.

There was consensus for alternative rate number two.

3B. Discuss FY2018 Proposed Budget. (60 minutes)

This item will be discussed after the items for Individual Consideration.

Kim Wilson, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed the decision points to be made: compensation study implementation and the tax rate reduction of one cent. Three additional funding decision points were the Council membership dues, Council Community Outreach funds, and Judicial Services training funds.

The Intergovernmental Relations sub-committee was unable to make a unanimous recommendation regarding the membership for TEX-21. Councilmembers Brown and Bell were opposed to continuing the membership due to the high cost of dues and Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bobbitt was in favor of continuing. After further discussion, it was determined that the TEX-21 membership would be continued for this next year and all memberships would be reviewed for their viability and which Councilmembers would be assigned.

3C. Discuss Senate Bill 1004, network nodes in public rights-of-way, and proposed amendments to City Code of Ordinances. (30 minutes)

This item was discussed second due to companion items for consideration on the agenda.

Marc Kurbansade, Director of Development Services, along with David Berman, City Attorney, provided the background information for this item. The Legislature's passage of the Bill and its September 1st effective date required Council action at this meeting if the City were to be able to regulate in any way as the law allows. This issue is addressed as companion items 5C, 5D and 5E on the agenda.

Council adjourned the Work Session at 7:21 p.m.

CONVENE INTO THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS (7:30 P.M.)

Council reconvened in the Regular Session at 7:31 p.m.

INVOCATION – Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bobbitt

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4. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

4A. Hear presentation of the Monthly Financial report for the period ending June 30, 2017.

5. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

5A. Conduct a public hearing (2nd) on the ad valorem tax rate for Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

Kim Wilson, Chief Financial Officer, presented the information for this item.

The public hearing opened and closed with no speakers.

- 5B. Consider an ordinance amending the City of Rowlett Code of Ordinances, Chapter 54, Article IV, Management of Public Rights-of-Way, to add a new Section 54-166 entitled, Network Providers.

Marc Kurbansade, Director of Development Services, presented the information for this item and the companion items 5C and 5D.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Dana-Bashian, seconded by Councilmember Bell, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of those members present. This item was approved as ORD-036-17.

- 5C. Consider an ordinance adopting the City of Rowlett Design Manual for the installation of nodes and node support poles in the city rights-of-way, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Chapter 284, and designating design districts for the installation of network nodes and node support poles.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Dana-Bashian, seconded by Councilmember Brown, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of those members present. This item was approved as ORD-037-17.

- 5D. Consider action approving a resolution amending the Master Fee Schedule for rate and fee changes to the Telecommunications Section; and to correct a scrivener's error in the Animals Section.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Dana-Bashian, seconded by Councilmember Bell, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of those members present. This item was approved as RES-097-17.

- 5E. Consider action to approve a resolution canvassing the results of the Special Election held Saturday, August 26, 2017, for the positions of Mayor, Councilmember Place One, Councilmember Place Two and Councilmember Place Three and conduct drawing for position on ballot for runoff to be held on September 23, 2017, if needed.

Laura Hallmark, City Secretary, presented the final results as presented by Dallas County Elections Department. The newly elected members will be sworn in at a special meeting on Wednesday, September 13th at 5:30, at which time outgoing members will also be recognized for their service.

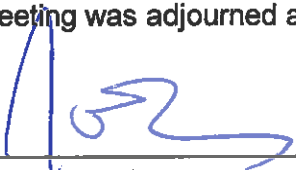
A motion was made by Councilmember Hargrave, seconded by Councilmember Brown, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of those members present. This item was approved as RES-098-17.

Council took a short break at 7:58 p.m. and reconvened in the Work Session at 8:06 to discuss Item 3B and the Executive Session.

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

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:01 p.m.



Todd W. Gottel, Mayor



Laura Hallmark, City Secretary

Date Approved: September 5, 2017