

Our Vision: A well-planned lakeside community of quality neighborhoods, distinctive amenities, diverse employment, and cultural charm. Rowlett: THE place to live, work and play.

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

6:15 P.M.

Municipal Building

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 Dana-Bashian, Mayor Pro Tem Brown, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Grubisich, Councilmember Margolis, Councilmember Sherrill, Councilmember Laning, and Councilmember Bell

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dana-Bashian called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There are no items for this agenda.

3. WORK SESSION (6:15 P.M.)* Times listed are approximate.

- 3A.** Provide update to City Council regarding the February 27th Public Utilities Commission Hearing and the February 28th meeting with the non-member customer cities and special utility districts of the North Texas Municipal Water District (30 minutes)

In Executive Session at 6:32 p.m.; out at 7:02 p.m.

- 3B.** Update City Council on the impact to water and wastewater infrastructure from two proposed multi-family developments located in the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ). (30 minutes)

Jeff Cohen - Assistant City Engineer and Munal Mauladad – Director of Community Development provided the information for this item, which detailed the needs for the ETJ area and how they correlate with the Trails of Cottonwood Creek infrastructure project.

- 3C.** Discuss the formation of a City Council Government Affairs Committee and receive public input. (15 minutes)

The Mayor provided the background information on this item and asked if there were Councilmembers who wished to serve on the Committee. It was mentioned during the conversation that Councilmember Laning's name had been associated with the possible Committee during the summer Strategic Planning Session. Councilmember Margolis, Councilmember Sherrill and Mayor Pro Tem Brown all expressed interest. Council was reminded that with a four-member Committee, there would be posting requirements. After further discussion, Councilmember Sherrill withdrew his name.

4. DISCUSS CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Item 7B was removed from the Consent Agenda for Individual Consideration.

Council adjourned the Work Session at 7:29 p.m.

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

Council reconvened in the Regular Session at 7:35 p.m.

INVOCATION – Michael Hankins, Church in the City

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – led by the City Council
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5. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- 5A.** Presentation announcing the promotion of Dan Miller to Assistant Chief, Anthony Castiglione to Lieutenant and Tim Coykendall to Sergeant.

Police Chief Michael Godfrey administered the Oath of Honor to the three officers and pinned on their new badges. Assistant Chief Miller was accompanied by his son and his wife who pinned his new badge.

- 5B.** Presentation to promote the 2020 HOA Legal Clinic, which is sponsored in partnership by the Cities of Rowlett, Garland and Plano.

Elise Bowers, Neighborhood Life Coordinator, presented the information for the upcoming event.

- 5C.** Presentation highlighting the 2020 US Census.

Mark McAvoy presented statistical and pertinent information on the upcoming census.

- 5D.** Update from the City Council and Management: Financial Position, Major Projects, Operational Issues, Upcoming Dates of Interest and Items of Community Interest.

Councilmember Laning made the following announcements:

PARKS AND RECREATION

- LUNCH ON THE LAWN – EVERY MONDAY, STARTING MARCH 16TH AND ENDING APRIL 20TH, THERE WILL BE FOOD TRUCKS, LIVE MUSIC, AND GAMES DOWNTOWN! THE EVENT WILL BE FROM 11AM – 2PM – WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!
- YOUTH VOLLEYBALL – REGISTRATION IS CURRENTLY OPEN UNTIL THIS SUNDAY!
- FOR MORE INFORMATION ON PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAMS, VISIT THE DEPARTMENT'S PAGE ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE OR CALL 972-412-6170.

ANIMAL SERVICES DIVISION

- ANIMAL SHELTER IS OPEN MONDAY – SATURDAY, 10AM – 5PM AND LOCATED AT 4402 INDUSTRIAL STREET.
- TONIGHT WE ARE FEATURING SEVERAL OF THE DOGS AND CATS THAT ARE AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION.

LIBRARY

- THE LIBRARY WILL HOST AN ACTIVITY FOR SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN EVERY DAY AT 2 PM FROM MARCH 9TH THROUGH THE 13TH FOR SPRING BREAK
- SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH AT 3 PM, HOPE COTTAGE WILL PROVIDE A SEMINAR ON BECOMING A FOSTER PARENT.
- FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ALL THE PROGRAMS AVAILABLE, VISIT THE LIBRARY OR LIKE THEM ON FACEBOOK.
- THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES COMMISSION HAS MANY GREAT CONTESTS HAPPENING NOW! ENTER THE WRITING CONTEST, THE YOUNG ARTISTS' EXHIBIT, OR ROWLETT SINGS BY VISITING THE CITY'S WEB SITE!
- THE 2020 CENSUS IS FAST APPROACHING! EVERY HOUSEHOLD IN ROWLETT WILL RECEIVE A MAIL OUT FROM THE CENSUS BUREAU BETWEEN MARCH 12 AND MARCH 20. IT IS IMPORTANT FOR ALL ROWLETT RESIDENTS TO PARTICIPATE AND BE COUNTED. THE CENSUS IS CONVENIENT, SAFE, AND IMPORTANT. THE COUNT HELPS BRING VALUABLE RESOURCES TO OUR COMMUNITY, SUCH AS FUNDING FOR THINGS LIKE TRANSPORTATION, HEALTHCARE, EDUCATION AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. ROWLETT'S PARTICIPATION RATE IN THE 2010 CENSUS WAS 79%. I'M CHALLENGING US TO TOP THAT RATE IN 2020. LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE SURE "WE ALL COUNT". YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION AT 2020CENSUS.GOV.
- GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP, SATURDAY MARCH 28TH FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M. FREE LUNCH SERVED AFTERWARDS. TO VOLUNTEER, VISIT WWW.KEEPROWLETTBEAUTIFUL.ORG.
- UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETING INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE PUBLIC BULLETIN BOARD OF THE CITY'S WEBSITE.
- CHECK OUT THE *FRIDAY @ 5*, A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM CITY HALL. IT'S FULL OF INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR CITY AND IS AVAILABLE ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE EVERY FRIDAY AFTER 5PM. OR YOU CAN

CHOOSE TO HAVE IT SENT DIRECTLY TO YOUR EMAIL. STAY UP-TO-DATE AND KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON!

- REMINDER – EMAIL YOUR QUESTIONS ON ANY CITY-RELATED TOPIC TO ASKTHEMAYOR@ROWLETT.COM AND IT COULD BE ANSWERED ON THE FOLLOWING MONTHLY PROGRAM “SPOTLIGHT ON ROWLETT”
- FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ANY CITY PROGRAMS OR SERVICES, VISIT ROWLETT.COM OR CALL THE ACTION CENTER.

Councilmember Sherrill announced that he had served as Principal of the Day at Stephens Elementary School.

Mayor Dana-Bashian was Principal of the Day at Gilbreath-Reed Career and Technical Center.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown announced the Don't Mess with Texas art contest for TxDOT's calendar. Open to K-12 and submission deadline is April 24th.

Mayor Dana-Bashian announced that the recent spotlight subject, Derek Culpepper and his daughter, Linda Lou, were on the Kelly Clarkson show. His viral video was part inspiration for the award-winning animated short, “Hair Love.”

6. CITIZENS' INPUT

There were no speakers.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

7A. Approving minutes.

Consider action to approve minutes from the February 18, 2020 City Council meeting.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

7B. Consider approval of a contract for election services.

Consider action to approve a resolution authorizing a Joint Election Contract with the Rockwall County Elections Administrator for the May 2, 2020, General Election.

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda for Individual Consideration.

Laura Hallmark, City Secretary, provided the information for this item.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Brown, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Grubisich to approve the item as presented. This item was approved as RES-025-20.

Passed the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Margolis, seconded by Councilmember Laning, including all the preceding item(s) marked as having been approved on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried with an unanimous vote of those members present.

8. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- 8A. Call a public hearing and consider action to create the Trails at Cottonwood Creek Public Improvement District (PID) on behalf of Freedom Quest, LLC for the 765-unit residential development known as Trails at Cottonwood Creek. The 226.58-acre site is generally located at the northeast corner of Vinson Road and Stonewall Road, in the City of Rowlett, Dallas County, Texas.

Munal Mauladad, Director of Community Development, provided the information for this item. Jim Sabonis, with Hilltop Securities – the City’s financial advisors, provided additional information. Preston Walhood – Warner Land Advisors – the applicant, provided additional information. Drew Slone – attorney for applicant, provided additional information. The public hearing opened and closed with one speaker: Brian Galuardi. David Berman, City Attorney, provided assistance with the motion language and process.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Grubisich, seconded by Councilmember Bell to approve the item as presented.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Grubisich, seconded by Councilmember Bell to withdraw his motion.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Grubisich, seconded by Councilmember Margolis to table the item until March 17th at 7:30 p.m. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of those members present.

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

No action was taken.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.


Tammy Dana Bashian, Mayor


Laura Hallmark, City Secretary

Approved on: March 17, 2020

