



# CITY OF ROWLETT CITY COUNCIL ACTION MINUTES

*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.*

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Tuesday, March 17, 2020

5:00 P.M.

Municipal Building

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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 5:02 p.m.

**2. EXECUTIVE SESSION (5:00 P.M.)\* Times listed are approximate.**

- 2A.** The City Council shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) and Section 551.072 (Deliberation Regarding Real Property) to deliberate the purchase, sale or exchange of real property where deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the the City's position in negotiations with the North Texas Tollway Authority, and to receive legal advice from the City Attorney on a potential real estate transaction with the North Texas Tollway Authority. (30 minutes) **THIS ITEM WILL BE DISCUSSED AFTER THE REGULAR SESSION.**

In Executive Session at 9:39 p.m.; out at 10:04 p.m.

**3. WORK SESSION (5:00 P.M.)\* Times listed are approximate.**

- 3A.** Discuss the SARS-COV-2/COVID-19 event and the City's efforts against this threat. (60 minutes)
- 3B.** Discuss and receive public input on a proposal to establish a Rowlett Community Organizations Active in Disasters (COAD) Committee. (20 minutes)
- 3C.** Receive update on next steps related to the Public Utility Commission ruling on the case related to the North Texas Municipal Water District's rates and discuss the City of Rowlett's possible intervening in the case. (40 minutes)

- 3D.** Hear a presentation and receive public input on the state of the Rowlett Police Department. (30 minutes)

Due to time constraints, this item will be posted to a future agenda.

**4. DISCUSS CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Item 7F was pulled for consideration at Friday's emergency meeting.

Council adjourned the Work Session at 7:37 p.m.

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

Council reconvened in the Regular Session at 7:46 p.m.

**INVOCATION**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – led by the City Council  
**TEXAS PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**5. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

- 5A.** Presentation of Proclamation recognizing March 31, 2020 as Arts Advocacy Day.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown presented the proclamation to Laura Tschoerner – Interim Director of Library Services and Jeff Winget – Arts & Humanities Commission Chair.

- 5B.** Presentation on SARS-COV-2/COVID-19 and the City's efforts against the threat.

Ed Balderas, Assistant Emergency Coordinator, provided a brief update. A more thorough update was discussed during the Work Session. That item can be found here: <https://rowlettx.new.swagit.com/videos/44458>.

- 5C.** Presentation of Proclamation recognizing April 12-18, 2020 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

This item has been postponed to the April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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

**6. CITIZENS' INPUT**

There were no speakers.

**7. CONSENT AGENDA**

- 7A.** Approving minutes.

Consider action to approve minutes from the March 3, 2020 City Council meeting.

**This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.**

**7B. Consider Task Authorization for engineering services.**

Consider action to approve a resolution executing Task Authorization #6-LEE-AMENDMENT #3 in the amount of \$60,303.44 with Lee Engineering for engineering services associated with the design of the SH66 and Dalrock Road Intersection Improvement Project.

**This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as RES-026-20.**

**7C. Consider establishing an active disaster committee.**

Consider action to approve a resolution establishing a Rowlett Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD) Committee and appointing members.

**This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as RES-027-20.**

**7D. Consider the purchase of five Police vehicles.**

Consider action to approve authorizing the award of a purchase order in the amount of \$257,877.30 to Lake Country Chevrolet for the purchase of five 2020 Chevrolet Tahoe Police Interceptor patrol vehicles through the Houston Galveston Area Council (HGAC) Cooperative Purchasing Agreement.

**This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as RES-028-20.**

**7E. Consider a contract for construction management services.**

Consider action to approve a resolution authorizing a construction manager at risk contract with Speed Fab-Crete Corporation for construction management services for the development of Fire Station #2.

**This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as RES-029-20.**

**7F. Consider a declaration of local state of disaster.**

Consider action to approve a resolution declaring a local state of disaster.

This item was pulled for consideration at the emergency meeting on Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Passed the Consent Agenda**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Margolis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brown, 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.** Conduct a public hearing and take action on a request by Skorburg Company, on behalf of property owners Leslie and Tommy Kearney, for a Major Warrant to Appendix 2.1 of the Form-Based Code to eliminate the garage offset requirement and allow for garages to be aligned with the front of the home on 31 of the 78 Estate lots. The 33-acre site is located along Castle Drive, between Miles Road and Merritt Road, in the City of Rowlett, Dallas County, Texas.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Margolis, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Grubisich, to approve the item as presented. The motion FAILED with a vote of four opposed and three in favor (Margolis, Sherrill, Grubisich).**

- 8B.** Conduct a public hearing and take action on a proposal to adopt a Resolution of No Objection for Bonner Carrington's application for a 4% housing tax credit with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for its proposed development of a 13.67-acre tract of land located at the northeast corner of Old Rowlett Road and Big A Road.

**A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Grubisich, seconded by Councilmember Sherrill, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried with a vote of six in favor and one opposed (Margolis). This item was approved as RES-031-20.**

- 8C.** Continue 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.

**A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Grubisich, seconded by Councilmember Margolis, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried with a vote of four in favor and three opposed (Laning, Dana-Bashian, Bell). This item was approved as RES-032-20.**

After a short break at 9:33 p.m., council reconvened for the Executive Session at 9:38 p.m.

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

No action was taken.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:04 p.m.