



CITY OF ROWLETT
CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING 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.

Monday, March 23, 2020

5:30 P.M.

Municipal Building – 4000 Main

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.

City Council may receive public input on any of the following items.

In-Person: Mayor Dana-Bashian, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Grubisich, Councilmember Laning and Councilmember Bell

Remote: Councilmember Margolis, Councilmember Sherrill and Mayor Pro Tem Brown

1. Call To Order

Mayor Dana-Bashian called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

2. Discuss the COVID-19 event and take any necessary action.

Mayor Dana-Bashian provided an update to the number of cases:

Table with 2 columns: Location and Number of Cases. Rows include U.S. (42,817), Texas (728), North Texas (297), Dallas County (155), Rockwall County (1), Rowlett (2), and Garland (5).

She also reviewed the previous declarations of the state, counties and City.

An ordinance allowing enforcement of standing orders was proposed.

A motion was made by Councilmember Margolis, seconded by Councilmember Sherrill, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of those members present. This item was approved as ORD-010-20.

Councilmember Laning announced the RCOAD had their first meeting where leadership was elected. He commented that the website RowlettReady.com is available. Residents with specific needs may send them to needs@RowlettReady.com and they will try to get assistance to you.

Brian Funderburk – City Manager, provided an update regarding City services and facilities: City Hall, City Hall Annex (Utility Billing, Finance, Purchasing and IT), Community Development, Human Resources and Animal Services were closed to the public, but available for deliveries and by appointment. All playgrounds and bathroom facilities at parks are closed. City Council will continue to meet remotely. Planning and Zoning Commission will meet remotely, only if urgent decisions need to be made. Some departments have staggered shifts for staff.

3. Discuss potential financial impact and changes to the Fiscal Year 2021 budget process resulting from the COVID-19 disaster.

Wendy Badgett – Director of Finance, discussed the FY21 budget provision discussion, the FY20 financial strategy and a review of potential shortfall mitigation options.

4. Consider an ordinance postponing the May 2, 2020 General Election to November 3, 2020 due to the Declaration of Emergency issued by the Governor of Texas.

Mayor Dana-Bashian provided the information for this item.

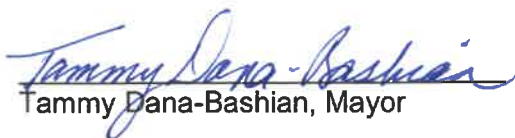
A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Brown, seconded by Councilmember Sherrill, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried with a vote of six in favor and 1 abstention (Margolis). This item was approved as ORD-011-20.

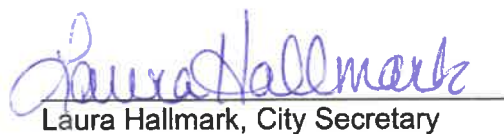
5. Take Any Necessary Or Appropriate Action On Closed/Executive Session Matters

There was no action taken.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.


Tammy Dana-Bashian, Mayor


Laura Hallmark, City Secretary

Approved on: April 21, 2020