



CITY OF ROWLETT CITY COUNCIL 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.

Tuesday, April 21, 2020

5:00 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.

Due to the public health emergency and to conform with the social distancing requirements, the City Council meetings will be held via teleconferencing. The public can view live on the City's website (<https://www.ci.rowlett.tx.us/397/Streaming-Video>) or via RTN16.

Present (Remotely): 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 5:00 p.m.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION (5:00 P.M.)

- 2A.** The City Council shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code, §551.072 (Real Property) and §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), to discuss the purchase, exchange, or value of real property located in the North Shore District where an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the City's position in negotiations with a third party, and to consult with and receive legal advice from the City Attorney relating to the purchase, exchange or value of real property in the North Shore District. (45 minutes)

In Executive Session at 5:05 p.m.; out at 6:41 p.m.

- 2B.** The City Council shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code, §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), to seek legal advice from the City Attorney regarding the Amended Economic Development Program Agreement with Yoco, LLC, and a proposed amendment thereto. (30 minutes)

In Executive Session at 7:56 p.m.; out at 8:33 p.m.

- 2C.** The City Council shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code, §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), to consult with and receive legal advice from the City Attorney regarding tenant rights and COVID-19 emergency orders. (20 minutes)

In Executive Session at 8:33 p.m.; out at 8:47 p.m.

- 3. WORK SESSION (6:35 P.M.)*** Times listed are approximate.

To provide comment for any Work Session item, please send an email to CitizenInput@rowlett.com by 3:30 p.m. the day of the meeting. There will be no comments taken during the meeting.

- 3A.** Discuss the COVID-19 event and take any necessary action. (20 minutes)

Brian Funderburk, City Manager, provided an update to the State and County orders and plans for reopening the county and state. Councilmember Laning provided an update on the RCOAD.

Mayor Dana-Bashian reviewed the Governor’s reopen order and how Rowlett will do it. She quoted the Governor as saying, “we are in the situation we are because our public has done so well with shelter in place and social distancing – not because COVID has gone away or not as contagious. We need to be sure that coming out of this is measured and based on data.”

- 3B.** Provide an update on the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) funds allocation, the federal administrative process, and seek direction from the City Council regarding the utilization of existing public facility funds. (20 minutes)

Munal Mauladad, Director of Community Development, provided an update on parameters and how funds can be used.

- 4. DISCUSS CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

CONVENE REGULAR SESSION (7:30 P.M.)* Times listed are approximate.

- 5. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

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

Councilmember Grubisich announced that April 22nd is Earth Day.

- 6. CITIZENS’ INPUT**

No comments were received.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

7A. Approving minutes.

Consider action to approve minutes from the March 20, 2020 City Council Emergency Meeting, March 23, 2020 City Council Special Meeting and March 30, 2020 City Council Special Meeting.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

7B. Consider contract for Street Department vehicle.

Consider action to approve a resolution authorizing the purchase of an aerial lift bucket truck for use by the Public Works Department's Street Division in the amount of \$108,125.00.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as RES-045-20.

7C. Consider contract for screening wall repair and maintenance.

Consider action to approve a resolution renewing the annual contract for screening wall repair and maintenance for the fourth of four one-year renewals with Waterton Construction Group in the amount of \$110,000.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as RES-046-20.

7D. Consider agreement for installation of public improvements.

Consider action to approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Escrow Agreement between the City of Rowlett, Texas, and Hickox Development LLC in the amount of \$330,941.00 as a financial guaranty to secure the installation of public improvements to serve Magnolia Landing Phase 1.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as RES-047-20.

7E. Consider nomination for RCAD Board of Directors.

Consider approval of a resolution nominating a member to fill a vacancy on the Rockwall Central Appraisal District (RCAD) Board of Directors.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as RES-048-20.

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

There are no items for this agenda.

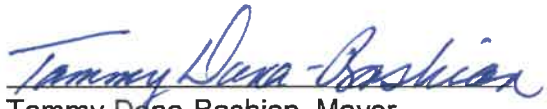
After a short break at 7:49 p.m., Council reconvened at 7:56 p.m. in Executive Session.


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

There was no action taken.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.


Tammy Dana-Bashian, Mayor


Laura Hallmark, City Secretary

Approved on: May 5, 2020