



**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.

Tuesday, April 28, 2020

6:30 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.

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 6:30 p.m.

2. Provide update to City Council regarding the April 17th Public Utilities Commission Hearing regarding the water rate case with the North Texas Municipal Water District. (20 minutes)

Brian Funderburk, City Manager, provided the update. Mayor Dana-Bashian provided additional information.

3. Discuss and take possible action based on recommendation by Court Governance Committee for appointment of an Associate Judge. (15 minutes)

This item was discussed first. Mayor Pro Tem Brown provided the background information. Judge Pamela Liston and Judge Callaway provided additional information.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Brown, seconded by Councilmember Laning, to approve an ordinance appointing Cass Robert Callaway as an Associate Judge. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of those members present. This item was approved as ORD-012-20.

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

Mr. Funderburk and Mayor Dana-Bashian provided an update, include case counts and testing information. Councilmember Laning provided an update from the RCOAD. The ROBUST grant notification will begin Friday, May 1st. RCCC will begin Round 2 of calling seniors – this time will be approximately 3,000. There will be another surface disinfectant giveaway Thursday, April 30th from 5-7 p.m. in the Chamber of Commerce Parking Lot (Herfurth Park).

Discussion regarding Rowlett's existing orders that expire April 30th and ways to proceed for Rowlett.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Brown, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Grubisich, to extend Rowlett's orders to May 15, 2020 and mirror Governor Abbott's orders. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of those members present.

5. Recognition of COVID-related extraordinary contributions.

Mayor Dana-Bashian recognized healthcare workers, public health officials and emergency management personnel by reading the following statement:

"We all depend on the resilience of health care workers — their ability to deal with everything being thrown at them and still return the next day, or night, to do it all over again. We depend on their conviction, no matter the circumstances, to treat us every day with their clinical excellence but also to deliver that care with compassion.

Even during this time of social distancing, health care workers are still providing the human connection patients need to help them heal as they navigate illness and pandemic fear.

We often hear about how health care workers take care of "the rest of us" and how grateful we are for their extraordinary skill and compassion. More than ever, "the rest of us" need to be taking care of nurses and other healthcare providers. The best thing we can all do to support them in our lives is to follow CDC guidelines to minimize the virus' spread.

We must also thank the public health officials who are helping guide us through this difficult time – keeping abreast of the waves of information and the ever-changing needs of those affected by this coronavirus. They are navigating difficult waters – trying to strike a balance between political notions and the public good.

Lastly, but certainly not least, we need to recognize the ongoing dedication and determination by our Emergency Management personnel who have been and continue to wade through the deluge of data from innumerable sources to keep us notified of the most up-to-date information so that we, as a Council, can make the best and well-informed decisions for our residents and our staff. The countless hours they have worked have helped Rowlett stay well equipped to deal with this worldwide pandemic event.

On behalf of the City Council and the residents we serve, thank you.


Stay safe and together we will stay strong.”

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

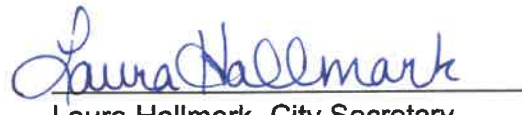
There was no action taken.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.



Tammy Dana-Bashian, Mayor



Laura Hallmark, City Secretary

Approved on: May 5, 2020