



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, May 5, 2020

5:30 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 5:30 p.m.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION (8:00 P.M.) * Times listed are approximate.

2A. The City Council shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code, §551.087 (Economic Development) and §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), to discuss commercial or financial information with which the City is conducting economic development negotiations and to consult with and receive legal advice from the City Attorney relating to the Sapphire Bay project and proposed improvements to the I-30 bridge by the Texas Department of Transportation. (45 minutes) THIS ITEM WILL BE DISCUSSED AFTER THE REGULAR SESSION.

In Executive Session at 8:36 p.m.; out at 9:16 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. (30 minutes) THIS ITEM WILL BE DISCUSSED AFTER THE REGULAR SESSION.

In Executive Session at 9:16 p.m.; out at 10:07 p.m.

3. WORK SESSION (5:30 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 on case counts and the most recent news from the Governor's office and the Counties. Councilmember Laning provided an update from the RCOAD. The surge in cases is probably due to an increased availability of testing. A reminder was provided to research the kind of testing provided and to check to see if it is approved by the FDA. It was the consensus of Council to discontinue weekly meetings and resume the 1st/3rd Tuesday schedule.

3B. Present an update on the City's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). (30 minutes)

Gary Enna, Interim Director of Public Works, presented the update.

3C. Discuss Herfurth Park Design and its relationship to adjacent multi-family development and the alignment of Centennial Drive. (45 minutes)

Angie Smith – Director of Parks and Recreation, Munal Mauladad – Director of Community Development, Carlos Monsalve – Urban Designer and Michael Black – la terra studio provided the information regarding the Downtown East development and the preliminary plan for the park. Also discussed was the plan for Centennial Drive and how it will be placed through the park.

3D. Discuss Planning for Safely Reopening City Offices and Facilities. (20 minutes)

This item was discussed second.

Paul Stevens, Deputy City Manager, reviewed the process the City will take department by department for reopening.

4. DISCUSS CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

After a short break at 7:41 p.m., Council reconvened at 7:46 p.m.

INVOCATION – Mayor Pro Tem Brown

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

5. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

5A. Hear presentation for Comprehensive Monthly Financial Report (CMFR) for the period ending March 31, 2020.

Wendy Badgett, Director of Finance, presented the report.

5B. Recognition of COVID-related extraordinary contributions.

Mayor Dana-Bashian recognized teachers, educators and school districts by reading the following statement:

“During this COVID event, we want to take the time during our weekly meetings to recognize those groups and individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to our community.

It is only fitting that during this week May 4th through 8th – National Teacher Appreciation Week, that we recognize our teachers, educators and school districts who have had to switch gears and turn on a dime in order to provide the very best for our school children.

Teachers change the lives of millions of children every day—their immense work and impact moves us beyond words. With the abrupt end to the physical school year, our teachers have done even more to continue education with virtual classrooms and learning at home lessons. All to ensure every student has the tools they need to reach their full potential.

School district staff members had to quickly develop an entirely different way to deliver their curriculum. They outfitted their teachers, staff and students to finish out the school year off campus. Schools have provided breakfasts and lunches through parking lot pickup for school age children.

It is in these challenging times that we truly recognize and appreciate how our nation’s educators play such a pivotal role in our children’s lives—inspiring a lifelong love of learning and discovery and making a difference in their well-being and long-term success.

On behalf of the City Council and the residents we serve, thank you.
Stay safe and together we will stay strong.”

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

Mayor Pro Tem Brown announced that Thursday, May 7th is the National Day of Prayer. Rowlett’s event will be a facebook live event broadcast from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. on the 19 Ministries facebook account. There will be prayer requests accepted during the event and thereafter. There will be page resources for those who need help.

6. CITIZENS’ INPUT

There were no speakers.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

7A. Approving minutes.

Consider action to approve minutes from the following City Council meetings: April 1, 2020 Emergency Meeting, April 7, 2020 Meeting, April 13, 2020 Special Meeting, April 21, 2020 Meeting and April 28, 2020 Special Meeting.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

7B. Consider contract for construction of a sanitary sewer line.

Consider action to approve a resolution accepting the bid of and awarding a contract to Atkins Bros. Equip. Co., Inc. in the amount of \$1,098,216.00 with a ten percent (10%) contingency amount of \$109,821.60 and up to \$20,000 for an early completion bonus, resulting in a total project budget of \$1,228,037.60 for construction of the 60 inch sanitary sewer line, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the necessary documents for said services.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as RES-049-20.

7C. Consider contract for lease purchase financing

Consider action to approve a resolution accepting the bid of and approving a 2020 Lease Purchase Financing Agreement with US Bancorp Government Leasing and Finance, Inc. in the amount of \$875,253.00, to fund the purchase of two ambulances and bunker gear/personal protective equipment for the Fire Department.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as RES-050-20.

7D. Consider purchase for replacement personal protective gear for each firefighter.

Consider action to approve a resolution authorizing the purchase of firefighter personal protective equipment (PPE) from Casco Industries, Inc., for the quoted price of \$352,799.00.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as RES-051-20.

7E. Consider resolution to purchase replacement ambulances.

Consider action to approve a resolution authorizing the purchase of two (2) 2019 Dodge 5500 Type I Horton Ambulances from Southern Emergency and Rescue Vehicle Sales, LLC, for the quoted price of \$522,454.00.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as RES-052-20.

7F. Consider resolution to deny application to increase distribution rates

Consider a resolution to deny Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC's ("Oncor") application for approval to amend its Distribution Cost Recovery Factor ("DCRF") and increase distribution rates.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as RES-053-20.

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 act on a request by LG Lakeview, LLC for a Major Warrant at the property located at the southwest corner of Lakeview Parkway and President George Bush Turnpike Frontage Road related to an awning sign.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Brown, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Grubisich to approve the item as presented. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of those members present. This item was approved as ORD-013-20.

- 8B.** Conduct a public hearing and consider a resolution approving the following Substantial Amendments to the City's CDBG Program:
1. An amendment to the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan to enable the City to receive and administer \$161,028.00 in HUD Community Development Block Grant-CV (CDBG-CV) funding made available through the CARES Act;
 2. An amendment to the FY2018-2019 Annual Action Plan to utilize remaining balances from funded projects, including Administration, Public Services, and Public Facilities;
 3. An amendment to the FY2019-2020 Annual Action Plan to allow the City to receive and administer \$161,028.00 in HUD Community Development Block Grant-CV (CDBG-CV) funding made available through the CARES Act.

Motion by Councilmember Margolis, seconded by Councilmember Laning, to approve the item as presented. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of those members present. This item was approved as RES-054-20.

After a short break at 8:32 p.m., Council reconvened at 8:36 p.m. in Executive Session.

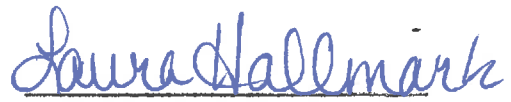
TAKE ANY NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE ACTION ON CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

Item 2B: Mayor Dana-Bashian announced that the City terminated the incentive grant with Yoco, LLC due to their failure to meet the time frame set in the agreement.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:07 p.m.


Tammy Dana-Bashian, Mayor


Laura Hallmark, City Secretary

Approved on: May 19, 2020