



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, June 2, 2020

5:45 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 5:45 p.m.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There is no item for this agenda.

3. WORK SESSION (5:45 P.M.)* Times listed are approximate.

To provide comment for any Work Session or agenda 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 information on the limited opening of City facilities, Wet Zone opening for swim lessons, Court reopening for in-person cases, the Governor's rules for reopening businesses and reviewed number of cases and testing information.

- 3B.** Discuss the market and rating climate surrounding the scheduled issuance and sale of City of Rowlett, Texas Series 2020 General Obligation Bonds authorized in 2018, and Series 2020 Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Bonds. (30 minutes)

This item was discussed first.

Wendy Badgett – Director of Finance provided background information and discussions from the May 16, 2020 Strategic Planning Session. Marti Shew with Hilltop Securities reviewed current economic conditions and a projection model. There was consensus from Council to bring the item back for consideration.

- 3C.** Discuss Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding and possible uses and take any necessary actions. (45 minutes)

Mr. Funderburk reviewed how funds could be used and ineligible uses and use for non-profits and businesses.

4. DISCUSS CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

After a short break at 7:25 p.m., Council reconvened at 7:31 p.m.

INVOCATION – Kason Huddleston, Freedom Place Church

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

5. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- 5A.** Recognition of COVID-related extraordinary contributions.

Mayor Dana-Bashian recognized Essential Businesses and Workers by reading the following:

The number of COVID-19 cases in our country exceeds 1.8 million and over 100,000 individuals have lost their lives to this pandemic. The efforts necessary to control its spread have caused severe economic damage across the nation and to small business owners in our own city. The toll of this virus looms large every day and will shape the future of our nation.

Even while this pandemic alters our lives in unimaginable ways, we want to take time during our Council meetings to recognize those groups and individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to our community. This pandemic has taken much from us, but it has also ignited a spirit of community. We recognize those in our communities who continue to fight to keep us all safe— the healthcare providers, first responders and scores of essential workers. They continue to work tirelessly under difficult circumstances, never wavering in their commitment to ease our struggle and pain.

We are in deep gratitude for the businesses and employees who have continued to operate and provide goods and services, even at the risk of their own and their families health. These indispensable services have ranged from frontline workers at certain retail operations including grocery stores, food delivery services, postal workers and other delivery services for goods, to restaurants that revamped their operations to survive while providing curbside and to go services. In a time of uncertainty, your continued operations and dedication have provided a lifeline for our community to coexist with this virus.

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

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

Mayor Dana-Bashian provided an update on bulk trash pick up:

With everyone at home, this means more time to work in the yard and more time to do some spring cleaning. This also means there are more piles and more “stuff” put out for FCC to pick up, which results in fuller trucks faster and more trips to the landfill. In May, FCC experienced double the amount of bulk trash for collection compared to the two previous years.

FCC crews are making an extraordinary effort to clear all of this additional bulk set out in a timely manner - how can you help? We ask you to refrain from any unnecessary landscape or small construction projects. FCC operations are affected by COVID-19 as all other organizations. They hired additional employees to fill the gap of quarantined employees and rented equipment to smooth this bulk peak.

Please refer to our website for information to help expedite bulk collections.

She also reminded residents that should they contract with someone to cut trees or perform landscaping, that provider is required to haul away the debris. She also stated that some cities have discontinued bulk collection completely at this time.

6. CITIZENS' INPUT

There were no comments submitted.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

7A. Approving minutes.

Consider action to approve minutes from the following City Council meetings: May 16, 2020 Strategic Planning Session and May 19, 2020.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

7B. Consider a resolution authorizing a task authorization.

Consider action to approve a resolution authorizing an amendment to Kimley-Horn Task Authorization #1 to provide additional engineering services for the design of the IH-30 Bridge Enhancement Project, which will increase the total authorization to an amount not to exceed \$65,000.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as RES-060-20.

7C. Consider approving a funding agreement.

Consider action to approve a resolution approving an Advance Funding Agreement by and between the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for the reconstruction and improvement of the State Highway 66 (SH66) at Dalrock Road intersection and authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary documents for said services.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as RES-061-20.

7D. Consider approving a professional service agreement for Lakefront at Pecan Grove Park.

Consider action to approve a resolution executing a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Studio Outside for professional landscape and architectural design services associated with the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for Lakefront at Pecan Grove Park.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as RES-062-20.

Passed the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Brown, seconded by Councilmember Margolis, including all the preceding item(s) marked as having been approved on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of those members present.

8. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

8A. Consider a resolution appointing a representative to the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) Board of Directors.

Laura Hallmark – City Secretary, provided the background information for this item. Mayor Dana-Bashian provided additional information.

Motion by Councilmember Margolis, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Grubisich, to appoint Mark Enoch to the DART Board of Directors. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of those members present. This item was approved as RES-063-20.

- 8B.** Consider action to approve a resolution authorizing an interlocal agreement for the Rowlett Police Department to provide detention services and prisoner housing for the Sachse Police Department.

Police Chief Michael Godfrey provided the information for this item.

Motion by Councilmember Margolis, seconded by Councilmember Sherrill, to approve the item as presented. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of those members present. This item was approved as RES-064-20.


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

There was no action taken.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.


Tammy Dana-Bashian, Mayor


Laura Hallmark, City Secretary

Approved on: June 16, 2020