



**CITY OF ROWLETT
CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING**

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.

Saturday, July 11, 2020

8:00 A.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.

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Present (Remotely): Mayor Dana-Bashian, Mayor Pro Tem Brown, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Grubisich, Councilmember Margolis, Councilmember Sherrill, Councilmember Laning, and Councilmember Bell

1. Opening Remarks and Review of Goals

Mayor Dana-Bashian called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.
Brian Funderburk, City Manager, reviewed the agenda for the day’s meeting.

2. Priority Based Budgeting

This item was discussed second.

Robert Cone, Budget Officer, reviewed program scoring and reviewed specific programming questions received from Council or suggestions from departments for discussion and possible changes. Some items specifically discussed as possibilities were City-supplementerd programs be changed to income qualified to help those who need it so as not to eliminate the program (i.e. 50/50 sidewalk/vaccinations).

3. BREAK

Break at 10:10 a.m. Reconvene at 10:20 a.m.

[Priority Based Budgeting discussion continued]

Continued review of community programs.

4. Governmental Funds Budget Priorities and Financial Strategies

This item was discussed first.

Mr. Funderburk reviewed the economic impact of COVID-19, a revenue shortfall analysis and the City's mitigation strategy. He then reviewed FY2021 projections including: tax rate calculations, challenges and options (1 – effective tax rate; 2 – effective tax rate + 3.5%; 3 – bridge option {combination of options}).

Break at 11:31 a.m. Reconvene at 11:38 a.m.

Continued review of general fund proposed program changes. Council reviewed items listed in the bridge options.

5. Lunch

Break at 1:04 p.m. Reconvene at 1:40 p.m.

6. Council Governance Topics

Scope of review finalized for the Charter Review Commission. Chair and Co-Chair designations made (pending availability of members).

Review of City Council sub-committees and changes in appointments.

Conversation regarding the Council Leadership Team. After further discussion, it was determined that the City Manager would meet twice a month with two to three Councilmembers for lunch discussions.

7. Enterprise Funds Budget Priorities and Financial Strategies

Dan Jackson with WILLDAN – rate consultant, provided the following information: rate update background, financial comparisons (current, 2019 forecast and 2020 update), 2021 rate scenarios. Of the three scenarios presented, Council requested that WILLDAN review rate reductions for lower tier users and look at different options, which will be presented at a future date.

Wendy Badgett – Finance Director, reviewed information for the Refuse Fund.

8. BREAK

Break at 3:05 p.m. Reconvene at 3:13 p.m.

9. Legislative Priorities process for 87th Texas Legislature

Mr. Funderburk reviewed possible priorities for the upcoming legislature and the process for the Government Affairs sub-committee.

10. Wrap up & Closing Remarks

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.


Tammy Dana-Bashian, Mayor


Laura Hallmark, City Secretary

Approved on: July 21, 2020