



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.

Wednesday, February 24, 2021

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.

PLEASE NOTE: THIS MEETING WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2021. AS A RESULT OF THE WINTER WEATHER STORM EVENT, IT WAS CANCELED. THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE TO THE ORIGINAL AGENDA WITH THE EXCEPTION OF AN UPDATE ON THE STORM LISTED AS ITEM 5F.

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dana-Bashian called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION (5:00 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 amendments to the Hotel Development Agreement and to consult with and receive legal advice from the City Attorney relating to the Sapphire Bay project. (15 minutes)

In Executive Session at 5:03 p.m. Out at 5:16 p.m.

3. WORK SESSION (5:15 P.M.)* Times listed are approximate.

3A. Discuss a proposal for a fourth round of a Rowlett Business Stimulus (ROBUST) grant program and take any necessary action. (20 minutes) **THIS ITEM WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE END OF THE REGULAR SESSION, IF NEEDED.**

- 3B.** Hear a presentation regarding the current state of homelessness in the City of Rowlett. (45 minutes)

Police Chief, Michael Godfrey, outlined the efforts the Police Department, along with representatives from the community, is doing relative to the homelessness situation in the City of Rowlett. He emphasized that their goal is to help those who want the help and homelessness is a community issue best addressed by everyone working together. He provided facts about homeless and panhandling legalities, the initiation of a Homeless Committee – it's composition, goals, focus and accomplishments. Chief Godfrey announced receiving notification of a grant award to help the Crisis Assistance Program. He reiterated it is not a problem to solve, but rather, how to best manage the situation.

- 3C.** Discuss amending the Fiscal Year 2021 Adopted Budget. (30 minutes)

Robert Cone, Budget Officer, reviewed the proposed amendments that were discussed and consensus reached from Council at their January 27th Budget Workshop. Formal action is on tonight's Consent Agenda.

- 3D.** Discuss and receive direction regarding proposed amendments to the adopted National Electrical Code, International Property Maintenance Code and Swimming Pool and Spa Code as well as an ordinance creating Lawn Irrigation Regulations and an ordinance authorizing the creation of a Building and Standards Commission. (45 minutes)

Dale Jackson, Chief Building Official, reviewed the reasons and the purposes for the proposed amendments. It was the consensus of Council to consider formal adoption at a future meeting.

4. DISCUSS CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

At the request of staff, Item 7B was removed from the Consent Agenda for Individual Consideration.

After a short break at 7:28 p.m., Council reconvened at 7:36 p.m.

INVOCATION – Ann Dotson, First Christian Church

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

5. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- 5A.** Receive the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020, which includes the independent auditor's report.

Wendy Badgett, Director of Finance, thanked her staff for the incredible work they have done over the past year and especially with the audit process. Sara Dempsey and Claire Wootton with Weaver presented the information, also thanking Finance staff for keeping the audit on

schedule – even with COVID, stating this was not always the case with other cities. Mayor Dana-Bashian also thanked staff and congratulated them on another successful audit.

- 5B.** Hear presentation for Comprehensive Monthly Financial Report (CMFR) for the period ending December 31, 2020.

Ms. Badgett provided the report.

- 5C.** Hear presentation on the first quarter investment report for December 31, 2020.

Mr. Cone presented the report.

- 5D.** Presentation of proclamation recognizing the week of February 21-27 as "People of Color, People of Change" week in honor of Black History Month.

Mayor Dana-Bashian virtually presented the proclamation to Alena Shelbia, on behalf of the Rowlett Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission.

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

Councilmember Brown announced the following Keep Rowlett Beautiful (KRB) events:

- Great American Clean up on April 24th
- Electronic recycling/document shredding on May 8th

She also mentioned KRB is working on their Governor's Community Achievement Award application and asked that Rowlett volunteer organizations provide KRB with their statistics so they may be included in the application.

For additional information, visit www.KeepRowlettBeautiful.org.

- 5F.** Hear a report from the City Manager regarding the 2021 severe cold weather event and the current status of the City.

Brian Funderburk, City Manager, provided an extensive review of the event, including: the severe weather timeline and events, what was prepared ahead of time, what went well, difficulties experienced and plans to review for the future. He thanked staff and numerous individuals and entities who did so much during the event.

Mayor Dana-Bashian read into the record a public comment received from Audrey Strong, 4801 Lindsey Drive, Rowlett.

6. CITIZENS' INPUT

There were no comments submitted.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

7A. Consider approving the minutes.

Consider action to approve minutes from the following City Council meetings: January 27, 2021 Special Meeting and February 2, 2021 Regular Meeting.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

7B. Consider a resolution authorizing a joint election contract.

Consider approving a Joint Election Contract with the Dallas County Elections Administrator for the May 1, 2021 Special Charter Amendment and Bond Elections.

This item was pulled for Individual Consideration. This item will be considered at the March 2, 2021 meeting.

7C. Consider an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2021 adopted budget.

Consider action to adopt an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2021 (FY2021) Operating and Capital Improvement Program budgets.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as ORD-006-21.

7D. Consider a resolution awarding mowing contract for Section II.

Consider action to approve a resolution awarding the bid for Section II mowing services to SRH Landscapes, LLC in the amount of \$130,050.00 for the Parks and Recreation Department. This is a one-year contract with four optional one-year renewals.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as RES-022-21.

7E. Consider a resolution approving a task authorization for engineering design work.

Consider action to approve a resolution executing Task Authorization FY21-GA-01 in the amount of \$325,825 with Grantham and Associates for engineering design work associated with the SH66 Force Main (SS2105), and authorizing the Mayor to execute the necessary documents for said services.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as RES-023-21.

7F. Consider a resolution approving a contract renewal for asphalt and other road repair materials.

Consider action to approve a resolution approving a contract renewal with Oldcastle Materials Texas, Inc. TexasBit, for asphalt and other road repair materials.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as RES-024-21.

- 7G. Consider a resolution approving the purchase of night vision devices and associated equipment.**

Consider action to approve a resolution authorizing a purchase order in the amount of \$50,768.75 to Night Vision Devices, Inc. for the purchase of seventeen (17) NVD-PVS-14 Night Vision Monocular devices and associated equipment through a North Texas SHARE purchasing contract #NCT-2017-34.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as RES-025-21.

- 7H. Consider a resolution approving the purchase of police vehicles.**

Consider action to approve a resolution accepting the bid of and awarding a contract for the purchase of five 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe Police Interceptor vehicles to Holiday Chevrolet in the amount of \$277,831.38 for the Police Department on the Texas Smart Buy Cooperative Contract #070-A1 Series XS135PUR.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as RES-026-21.

- 7I. Consider a resolution amending the Sapphire Bay Hotel Development Agreement.**

Consider action to approve a resolution to amend the Development Agreement (Hotel and Convention Center Project) with Sapphire Bay Land Holdings I, LLC for the Sapphire Bay project.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as RES-027-21.

Passed the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Sherrill, 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. Conduct a public hearing and take action on approving an Ordinance at the request of Sapphire Bay Land Holdings, LLC, regarding an amendment to the existing Regulating Plan and Major Warrants to Article 2.4 Urban Village (UV) District standards, Article 2.8 Building Types, Article 2.10 Streets, Article 3 Parking, Article 4 Lighting, Article 5 Signs, Appendix 1.1 Table of Allowed Uses, and Appendix 2 Design Standards, on property zoned Form-Based Bayside Special District (FB-BS). The 116.93-acre site is located south of Interstate 30 (IH-30), in the City of Rowlett, Dallas County and Rockwall County, Texas.**

Munal Mauladad, Director of Community Development, presented the information for this item. Ken Donahue – Applicant, provided additional information. The public hearing opened and closed with no speakers.


Motion by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Laning, to approve the item as recommended by staff and Planning and Zoning Commission with 10-foot minimum sidewalks. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of those members present. This item was approved as ORD-007-21.

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

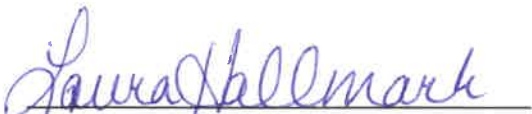
There was no action taken.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:17 p.m.



Tammy Dana-Bashian, Mayor



Laura Hallmark, City Secretary

Approved on: March 2, 2021