



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 4, 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.

Present: 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, Sec. 551.071 (Consultation with City Attorney), to consult with and receive legal advice from the City Attorney regarding Stop Loss Coverage provisions with United Healthcare. (15 minutes)

In Executive Session at 5:02 p.m. Out at 5:19 p.m.

- 2B.** The City Council shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, §551.087 (Economic Development) to update the Council on and to discuss commercial or financial information and the offer of incentives to business prospects that the City may seek to have locate, stay or expand in Rowlett and with which the City is conducting economic development negotiations. (45 minutes) **THIS ITEM WILL BE DISCUSSED AFTER THE REGULAR SESSION.**

In Executive Session at 8:26 p.m. Out at 9:36 p.m.

3. WORK SESSION (5:15 P.M.)*

- 3A.** Joint Work Session of Rowlett Youth Advisory Council and City Council. (30 minutes)

Carly Cavaness, Chair, called their portion of the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m. Members who were present introduced themselves: Ashly Michael, Gilila Negesse, Keaton Coslow, Julianna

Houston, Madison Cook, Christine Culpepper, Melody Morgan and Della George. Other members not present: Emily Laning, Carly Mitchell, Halle Tovar and Reed Marchesoni. Miss Cavaness reviewed the Board description, purpose, meeting times, goals, accomplishments, updates, plans and budgetary requests. Discussion regarding possible programs and volunteer opportunities. Miss Cavaness adjourned their portion of the meeting at 5:38 p.m.

- 3B.** Hear a report from the Rowlett Diversity Equity and Inclusion Commission review of the Rowlett Police Department policies and the Police Department’s response to their recommendations. (45 minutes).

Diana Moore, Chair – RDEIC, reviewed why the RDEIC was involved with the process, objective for the process, policies reviewed, recognitions and recommendations. Police Chief Michael Godfrey reviewed the background for this review recalling update to Council in June 2020, RPD review of policies/practices/operations/training, the review with RDEIC – their recommendations and review with RPD Command Staff. He reviewed the policy recommendations and responses, acceptance and incorporation of recommended changes and future plans, which included: monitor legislative changes, implement updates/changes through TPCA best practices, constant review of policies, new and refresher training, A.B.L.E. program and the implementation of conversations with the Chief (“Chief Chat”).

City Manager Brian Funderburk appreciated the RDEIC and RPD for going through the process and believes the changes will make “us” better. He is thankful for the A.B.L.E. program and is looking forward to the success of “Chief Chat.” Councilmembers also expressed appreciation for those involved with the process.

- 3C.** Discuss an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Rowlett and Dallas County for the Master Agreement Governing Major Capital Improvement Program (MCIP). (30 minutes)

Gary Enna, Director of Public Works, provided an overview of the program, project selection overview, MCIP categories, goal/performance measure screening, the MCIP agreement, two non project specific items included in the agreement – orphan roads and small watershed dams. Discussion regarding eligibility of funds, potential projects, time restrictions for use of funds and dam maintenance.

- 3D.** Discuss Waterview Golf Course Long Range Master Plan & Tree Management Plan and a proposal approving a list of first round projects for Waterview Golf Club for an estimated amount of \$30,000. (30 minutes)

Angela Smith, Deputy City Manager, reviewed the long-range maintenance plan and tree management plan, including recommendations for new trees, stump removal, unhealthy trees, relocation/removal and willow removal and pruning. Further detail was provided for the long-range plan including immediate and future projects. After further discussion, it was the consensus of Council to proceed with the plan as presented and with the Round 1 list of immediate projects.

4. DISCUSS CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

After a short break at 7:23 p.m., Council reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

INVOCATION – Cole Hedgecock, First Baptist Rowlett

PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE – led by Council

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

5. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- 5A.** Presentation of Proclamation recognizing the week of May 2-8, 2021, as Rowlett Detention Officers Week.

Councilmember Sherrill presented the proclamation (virtually) to Chief Godfrey, Lt. McGough and R. Jorai.

- 5B.** Presentation of Proclamation recognizing the week of May 9-15, 2021 as National Police Week.

Councilmember Sherrill presented the proclamation (virtually) to Chief Godfrey.

- 5C.** Presentation of Proclamation recognizing the month of May, 2021 as National Motorcycle Awareness Month.

Mayor Pro Tem Grubisich presented the proclamation (virtually) to Chief Godfrey.

- 5D.** 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 electronic recycling/document shredding event on May 8th – Rowlett High School, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For additional information, visit www.KeepRowlettBeautiful.org.

Councilmember Sherrill announced results from the Prescription Take Back event held on Saturday, April 24th at the Rowlett Community Centre. He reported they collected 10 boxes, which measured at 193 lbs of prescriptions and several “sharps” items. He thanked everyone who participated.

Councilmember Laning reported this is the time for severe weather awareness – through June, and encouraged people to have more than one way to get their weather information and that the Outdoor Warning Signals (OWS) are a last line of notification. He reminded people to have a plan, be ready to implement that plan and be aware of their surroundings. He reminded residents that they could get their notifications from “Connect Rowlett,” which can be found on the City’s website: [Sign Up - Smart911](#)

6. CITIZENS' INPUT

Mayor Dana-Bashian and Laura Hallmark, City Secretary, read comments in opposition of trail placement in the take line area submitted via email from the following:

1. Jerry Oliverie
2. Mark Hendrick
3. Rodney and Marissa Infante
4. Nini Smith
5. Bob Maxwell
6. Asa Cascavilla
7. Michelle Nouvel
8. Steve Horwitz
9. "Grandpa Dan"
10. Deb Shinder
11. "Alyssa"
12. Jill Reilly (omission from meeting – forwarded to Council)

7. CONSENT AGENDA

7A. Consider approving the minutes.

Consider action to approve minutes from the following City Council meeting(s): April 20, 2021 Regular Meeting.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

7B. Consider amending Resolution number RES-043-21.

Consider action to amend resolution RES-043-021 for the purchase of an E-One 95'-Platform Quint and an E-One eMax Pumper through Metro Fire Apparatus Specialists, Inc. (Metro Fire). This amendment is needed to change the cooperative purchasing contract used for this purchase. Cost and specifications of the units remain unchanged.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as RES-054-21.

7C. Consider a resolution approving the purchase of bunker gear for new firefighters.

Consider action to approve a resolution authorizing the purchase of PPE/Firefighting bunker gear from Casco Industries, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$67,851.00 associated with onboarding of nine new firefighters hired through the 2019 SAFER Grant.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as RES-055-21.

7D. Consider a resolution approving a Lease Purchase Financing Agreement for the purchase of fire equipment.

Consider action to approve a resolution accepting the bid of and approving a 2021 Lease Purchase Financing Agreement with Key Government Finance, Inc. in the amount of \$2,134,295, to fund the purchase of one E-One 92'-Platform with equipment and one E-One Pumper with equipment for the Fire Department.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as RES-056-21.

7E. Consider approval of a Tree Removal Permit application.

Consider a resolution to approve a Tree Removal Permit based on a request by Colin Helffrich, Dowdey, Anderson & Associates, Inc., on behalf of property owner Sunrise Primary Care Services, Inc., on property zoned Form-Based New Neighborhood (FB-NN) District. The 35.2-acre site is located approximately 400 feet south of Panama Drive at the termination of Sunrise Drive and Lafayette Drive, in the City of Rowlett, Dallas County, Texas.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as RES-057-21.

7F. Consider a resolution approving a contract renewal for stop loss coverage.

Consider action to approve a resolution for contract renewal for employee benefits for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (FY2022) to UnitedHealthcare for stop loss coverage in an estimated amount of \$1,084,296 and authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as RES-058-21.

7G. Consider a resolution approving a private utility easement for the installation of an underground gas pipeline.

Consider action to approve a resolution conveying a 50-foot private utility easement consisting of 1.11+/- acres east of Princeton Road and across a portion of the Waterview Golf Club to Atmos Energy Corporation for the installation of an underground Btu landfill gas pipeline.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as RES-059-21.

7H. Consider a resolution authorizing the purchase of wastewater pumps for lift stations.

Consider action to approve a resolution authorizing the purchase of wastewater pumps for eight (8) sanitary sewer lift stations, and accepting the quote from Xylem Water Solutions USA, Incorporated in the amount of \$174,126.05.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as RES-060-21.

7I. Consider a resolution authorizing the purchase of three dynamic message boards and associated equipment.

Consider action to approve a resolution authorizing a purchase order in the amount of \$56,661.90 to Solar Technology, Inc. for the purchase of three (3) Silent Messenger II-SS IRT dynamic message boards and associated equipment through a U.S. General Services Administration purchasing contract #GS-07F-5946P.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as RES-061-21.

7J. Consider a resolution authorizing an agreement to purchase taser equipment.

Consider action to approve a resolution authorizing the City of Rowlett to enter into a five (5) year agreement with TASER International for the purchase of 110 TASER 7 conducted electrical weapons for a total cost of \$369,298.60, and authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary documents to purchase said equipment.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as RES-062-21.

Passed the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Laning, seconded by Councilmember Brown, 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 an ordinance for a request by Kellen Robertson, RLG Consulting Engineers, on behalf of property owner Lake Pointe Operating Co., regarding a Major Warrant to Appendix 1.1 of the Form-Based Code to allow a telecommunication tower over 40 feet in height. The approximately 11.73-acre site is located at 6800 Scenic Drive within Lot 5R, Block 4, Heritage on The Lake Tract N Addition, City of Rowlett, Rockwall County, Texas.

Munal Mauladad, Director of Community Development, presented the information for this item. Charles Shelburne, for the applicant, provided additional information.

Motion by Councilmember Margolis, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bell, to approve the item as presented. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of those members present. This item was approved as ORD-020-21.

After a short break at 8:24 p.m., Council reconvened in Executive Session at 8:26 p.m.

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


There was no action taken.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.



Tammy Dana-Bashian, Mayor



Laura Hallmark, City Secretary

Approved on: May 18, 2021

