



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 1, 2021

6:00 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.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dana-Bashian called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no item for this agenda.

3. WORK SESSION (6:00 P.M.)* Times listed are approximate.

3A. Joint Work Session of Senior Advisory Board and City Council. (30 minutes)

Patricia Bird, Chair, called their portion of the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and introduced the Board members who were present: Virginia Denson, Susan Bell, Alberta Reese, Veda Kull and Kenneth Williams. Ms. Bird reviewed the Board's mission/purpose/description and meeting times, 20/21 goals and accomplishments, description of an Age-Friendly Community, senior program and membership update, senior transportation update/DART passes, plans for 21/22, which included goals, long-term and additional concerns. Aaron Cleaver, Director of Parks and Recreation, provided additional information. Ms. Bird adjourned their portion of the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

3B. Update from Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) on their bus network redesign and January 2022 service changes. (30 minutes)

Rob Smith, DART Interim Vice President for Service Planning, presented the process for the review of changes, the resulting recommendations and how those will affect DART service in Rowlett.

3C. Discuss the Enterprise Fleet Management for the City of Rowlett Fleet Management. (20 minutes)

Gary Enna, Director of Public Works, provided details for the request to process orders now for the upcoming fiscal year, explaining that due to production issues, vehicle order delays due to a shortage in microprocessing chips, it is recommended that the orders be placed to ensure delivery when they are needed. It was the consensus of Council to proceed.

4. DISCUSS CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

After a short break at 6:53 p.m., Council reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

INVOCATION – Cole Hedgecock, First Baptist Church of Rowlett

PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE – led by City Council

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

5. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

5A. Presentation of Proclamation recognizing the month of June 2021 as PRIDE month.

Mayor Dana-Bashian presented the proclamation to Diana Moore, Ryan Khalil and April Wise of the Rowlett Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Commission.

5B. Presentation of the Arts and Humanities Commission’s 2021 Writing Contest awards.

Laura Tschoerner, Director of Library Services, announced the following winners:

First Place Poetry: Chakisha Johnson for a poem entitled, “It’s A Big Neighborhood After All”.

Second Place Poetry: David McLaughlin for a poem entitled, “Seven Tenths”.

Third Place Poetry: Diana Moore for a poem entitled, “E.S.S.”.

5C. Presentation of the second quarter investment report for March 31, 2021.

Robert Cone, Budget Officer and Barry Baughier, with PFM Asset Management LLC, presented the report.

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

Councilmember Sherrill announced:

- Deadline for Youth Advisory Council application – June 18
- Deadline for boards and commissions application – August 14
- Wet Zone Waterpark opens daily beginning June 7
- Rowlett Farmers Market is open every Saturday through August in the downtown green space from 9:00 a.m. to noon

- Two free dunks are available to residents for mosquito control at the Community Development building (5702 Rowlett Road) – while supplies last
- Library Summer Reading Program kicks off on June 12
- Citizen Police Academy program will begin again in August

Mayor Dana-Bashian announced Chief Chat, brought to you by Police Chief Godfrey. Sign up on the Police Department's Facebook page to join community discussions.

Councilmember Brown announced the Barks, Brews and Brats event will occur on June 5 at Scentral Dog Park, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

6. CITIZENS' INPUT

1. Deb Shinder, 3009 Sunrise, Rowlett – spoke regarding open meetings and in-person comments.
2. Dr. Steven Leatherwood, 2510 Amy Avenue, Rowlett – spoke regarding the Pride proclamation.
3. Cole Hedgecock, 4901 Bayonne Drive, Rowlett – spoke regarding the Pride proclamation.
4. Pastor Kason Huddleston, 4113 Main Street, Rowlett – spoke regarding the Pride proclamation.
5. Ken Romaine, 3001 Larken Lane, Rowlett – spoke regarding Ordinance Number ORD-022-05 (connecting to sewer system).

7. CONSENT AGENDA

7A. Consider approving the minutes.

Consider action to approve minutes from the following City Council meeting(s): May 18, 2021 Regular Meeting.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

7B. Consider a resolution denying Oncor's application to amend the DCRF and 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-066-21.

7C. Consider a resolution supporting Bee City designation.

Consider action to approve a resolution designating the City of Rowlett as Bee City USA® an affiliate, establishing the Community Development Department as a sponsor, appointing the Neighborhood Planning Supervisor as a liaison and Keep Rowlett Beautiful as the program facilitator.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as RES-067-21.

Passed the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Margolis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Grubisich, 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 regarding a request by Gaby Rawlings, Jackson Walker LLP., on behalf of property owner RRC Acquisitions VI LLC., to 1) Rezone the subject property from Single-Family Residential (SF-9) District and General Commercial/Retail (C-2) District to Planned Development (PD) District for Single-Family Residential (SF-5) Uses and approval of a Concept Plan to construct 33 single-family homes; 2) Amend the Comprehensive Plan; and 3) Amend the zoning map of the City of Rowlett. The approximately 5.89-acre site is located west of Wilson Road and approximately 200 feet north of Woodside Road, situated in the J. W. Gardener Abstract, in the City of Rowlett, Dallas County, Texas.

Motion by Councilmember Margolis, second by Mayor Pro Tem Grubisich, to remand this item back to the Planning and Zoning Commission. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of those members present.

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

There was no action taken.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m.


Tammy Dana-Bashian, Mayor


Laura Hallmark, City Secretary

Approved on: June 15, 2021