



## 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 15, 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

- 2A.** The City Council shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code, §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), to seek legal advice from the City Attorney regarding the Homestead at Liberty Grove development and associated economic incentive agreement. The subject property is bounded by Liberty Grove Road and Princeton Road, Dallas County. (45 minutes) **THIS ITEM WILL BE DISCUSSED AFTER THE REGULAR SESSION.**

Due to the late hour, this item was not discussed.

- 2B.** The City Council shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code, §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), to seek legal advice from the City Attorney regarding the City's request for an opinion from the Texas Comptroller's Office for the Sapphire Bay Project (15 minutes) **THIS ITEM WILL BE DISCUSSED AFTER THE REGULAR SESSION.**

Due to the late hour, this item was not discussed.

### 3. WORK SESSION (5:00 P.M.)\* Times listed are approximate.

- 3A.** Joint meeting of Arts and Humanities Commission and Council. (45 minutes)

Laura Tschoerner, Director of Library Services and Jeff Winget, Commission member and former Chair, appeared on behalf of Commission Chair Deborah Crosby. Mr. Winget introduced the members who were present: J.R. Foresteros, Kate Voor and Patricia Swagerty and then called their portion of the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. He reviewed the current members, FY21 budget, contests, grants, projects, public art (maintenance and cleaning), artwork for the new Fire Station #2 and the Commission's budgetary needs and requests. Discussion regarding public art maintenance and coordinating with City staff for maintenance policy. Mr. Winget adjourned their portion of the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

- 3B.** Informational presentation covering the Fire Department's transition to the 48/96 work schedule for their Operations Division. (30 minutes)

Neil Howard, Fire Chief, and Josh Brock, President of Rowlett Firefighter Association, presented the proposed schedule, advantages to the City in terms of sick leave usage and overtime, productivity at work, training and meetings, use as a recruiting tool, personnel fatigue, employee health, FLSA and pay, mention of the several departments who have gone to this schedule and next steps. Council asked that a review with staff be completed after six months.

- 3C.** Present and receive input regarding the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant Program 2021 Annual Action Plan. (30 minutes)

Munal Mauladad, Director of Community Development, reviewed national objectives, income eligibility, eligible activities and eligible allocations. The consideration of these updates will be at the July 6, 2021 City Council meeting.

- 3D.** Discuss the scheduled issuance and sale of City of Rowlett, Texas General Obligation Bonds authorized in 2021, and Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, both Series 2021. (15 minutes)

Wendy Badgett, Director of Finance, presented the information for this issuance. The corresponding ordinances will be considered at the July 6, 2021 City Council meeting.

- 3E.** Discuss the City's Water Tower Lighting practice and the issuance of proclamations. (30 minutes)

After a short break at 6:40 p.m., Council reconvened in the Chambers to discuss this item at 6:52 p.m.

The following made comments regarding this agenda item:

1. Brian Hiatt
2. Diana Moore
3. Ryan Khalil
4. Charles Wright
5. Sara Amatuzio
6. J.R. Foresteros
7. Mike Britton

8. Kason Huddleston
9. Deborah Shinder
10. Marvin Lee
11. Ashli Sanders
12. Tony Hutton

#### **4. DISCUSS CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

After a short break at 7:27 p.m., Council reconvened at 7:34 p.m.

**INVOCATION** – Ann Dotson, First Christian Church

**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 in recognition of June 19th as Emancipation Day/Juneteenth.

Mayor Tammy Dana-Bashian presented the proclamation to members of the Rowlett Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission.

##### **5B.** 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 the new session of the Citizen's Police Academy will begin August 26<sup>th</sup>. For application and other information: <https://www.ci.rowlett.tx.us/210/Citizen-Police-Academy>.

Councilmember Margolis announced that applications are now being accepted for the Rowlett Youth Advisory Council. Application information: <https://www.ci.rowlett.tx.us/1598/Rowlett-Youth-Advisory-Council>.

#### **6. CITIZENS' INPUT**

1. Ryan Khalil, Garland; PRIDE month
2. Kate Voor, Rowlett; Community
3. Jordan Voor, Rowlett; Community
4. Kellie McKee, Rowlett; PRIDE
5. LeighAnn Welk, Rowlett; Comments to Council
6. Missy Tidwell, Rowlett; PRIDE
7. Lauren Franks, Rowlett; PRIDE/water tower
8. Michele Orahood, Rowlett; proclamation/water tower
9. Sara Amatuzio, Rowlett; City policy
10. Bonnie Martinez, Rowlett; water tower

11. Myranda Congi, Rowlett; PRIDE
12. Joel Medina, Rowlett; Proclamation
13. Sgt. Tiffani LeBoeuf, Rowlett; PRIDE/water tower
14. Rev. Pam White, Rowlett; Message of Love
15. Steven Leatherwood, Rowlett; Church petitions
16. Missy Tidwell, Rowlett; Mayor Pro Tem/Deputy Mayor Pro Tem
17. Ryan Bayron, Rowlett; water tower
18. Ben Voth, Rowlett; Council decisions
19. Jessica Harp, Rowlett; Proclamation
20. Jenni Velazquez, Rowlett; water tower
21. Zachery McFinnis, Rowlett; PRIDE
22. Kim Martinez, Rowlett; inclusion
23. Angie Anibire, Rowlett; water tower
24. Dalton Hinrichs, Rowlett; PRIDE
25. State Representative Rhetta Andrews Bowers, Rowlett; Proclamation/inclusion
26. Carl Pankratz, Dallas; Isaac Scruggs memorial dedication
27. Debbie Reese, Rowlett; PRIDE
28. Rory Gloth, Rowlett; PRIDE proclamation
29. Orval Moore, Rowlett; Council represents ALL
30. Beau Polley, Rowlett; PRIDE
31. Dusty Clem, Rowlett; inclusion
32. Robert McCarrier, Heath; RDEIC
33. Stephen Kanouse, Rowlett; PRIDE
34. Ashley Lubben, Rowlett; PRIDE month
35. Kurtis Smith, Rowlett; PRIDE month/water tower
36. Lisa Landry, Rowlett; water tower
37. Rev. Ann Dotson, Rowlett; comments to Council
38. Michelle Nouvel, Rowlett; Proclamation
39. Kathryn Crenshaw, Rowlett; Proclamation/water tower
40. Rev. Angela Stone-Campbell, Rowlett; Proclamation
41. Katherine Rinz, Rowlett; inclusion

During Citizen Input, a short break was taken at 9:03 p.m. and reconvened at 9:12 p.m. A short break was taken at 10:04 p.m. and reconvened at 10:13 p.m.

At the conclusion of the Citizen Input in-person speakers, Mayor Dana-Bashian, Mayor Pro Tem Grubisich and Laura Hallmark, City Secretary, read into the record 31 comments submitted via email from the following:

1. Bill Wright; trails in the take line
2. Daniel Arellana; trails in the take line
3. Natalie Pierson; Item 3E
4. Ellen Gilmore & Michele Vizzini; Item 3E
5. Kristin Bassett; Item 3E
6. Sonny Clark; Item 3E
7. Lindsey Bach; Item 3E
8. Barney Huie; Item 3E

9. Heather Works; Item 3E
10. Concerned wildlife of Rowlett voiced via Ann; Item 3E
11. Kathi & Jack Lyle; Item 3E
12. Kristin Freeborn; Item 3E
13. Kristen Guerra; Item 3E
14. Katie Babin; Item 3E
15. Kent Ross; Item 3E
16. Rev. Ken Ehrke; Item 3E
17. Luis G. Nieto; Item 3E
18. Trevor Rathbun; Item 3E
19. Reverend Dr. Neil G. Thomas; Item 3E
20. Cary Morris; Item 3E
21. Paul Klitzke; Item 3E
22. Dr. Christopher Meador; Item 3E
23. Joanna May; Item 3E
24. Jennifer Collins; Item 3E
25. Hank Hammett; Item 3E
26. Herman Perez; Item 3E
27. Greg Scarborough; Item 3E
28. Maddie Bevel; Item 3E
29. Rev. Ashley Abraham Hood; Item 3E
30. Tanya Hale; Item 3E
31. Lauren Bingham; Item 3E

**7. CONSENT AGENDA**

**7A. Consider approving the minutes.**

Consider action to approve minutes from the following City Council meeting(s): June 1, 2021 Regular Meeting.

**This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.**

**7B. Consider a resolution to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Garland.**

Consider action to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Garland for the administration of the COVID-19 vaccine.

**This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as RES-068-21.**

**7C. Consider a resolution authorizing the application and acceptance of grant funds.**

Consider action to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application for and, if awarded, accept \$27,208.97 in grant funding from the North Central Texas Council of Governments' (NCTCOG) 2022-2023 Solid Waste Grant Program for the purchase of a trailer and all-terrain vehicle for litter cleanup.

**This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as RES-069-21.**

**7D. Consider a resolution authorizing the purchase of backup power generators.**

Consider action to approve a resolution authorizing the purchase of backup power generators for secondary power for two water stations (Merritt and Liberty Grove) from L.J. Power, Inc. in the amount of \$371,953.00 through BuyBoard Quote #577-18.

**This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as RES-070-21.**

**Passed the Consent Agenda**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Margolis, seconded by Councilmember Laning, 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 Humberto Castillo, on behalf of property owners Jose and Yenny Amaya, regarding a Special Use Permit to allow for an accessory structure exceeding 500 square-feet on property zoned Single-Family Residential (SF-40) District. The approximately 9.21-acre site is located at 4701 Dexham Road, being Lot 1, Block A of the Dexham Creek Ranch Estates Addition, in the City of Rowlett, Dallas County, Texas.

Ms. Mauladad presented the information for this item. The public hearing opened and closed with no speakers.

**Motion by Councilmember Sherrill, seconded by Councilmember Brown, to approve the item as presented. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of those members present. This item was approved as ORD-027-21.**

- 8B.** Conduct a public hearing and take action on an ordinance regarding a request by Mitchell Erp, on behalf of property owner Roberto Palacios, regarding a Special Use Permit to allow an accessory structure exceeding 500 square-feet on property zoned Single-Family Residential (SF-40) District. The approximately 1-acre site is located at 3402 Westwood Circle, being Lot 4, Block A of the Westwood Estates Addition, in the City of Rowlett, Dallas County, Texas.

Ms. Mauladad presented the information for this item. The public hearing opened and closed with no speakers.

**Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Grubisich, seconded by Councilmember Laning, to approve the item as presented. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of those members present. This item was approved as ORD-028-21.**

- 8C. Consider action to approve a resolution appointing a Mayor Pro Tem as prescribed in the City Charter.

**Motion by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bell, seconded by Councilmember Sherrill, to appoint Matt Grubisich as Mayor Pro Tem. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of those members present. This item was approved as RES-071-21.**

- 8D. Consider action to approve a resolution appointing a Deputy Mayor Pro Tem as prescribed in the City Charter.

**Motion by Councilmember Margolis, seconded by Councilmember Laning, to appoint Blake Margolis as Deputy Mayor Pro Tem. The motion FAILED with a vote of three in favor and four opposed (Sherrill, Grubisich, Bell, Brown).**

**Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Grubisich, seconded by Councilmember Brown, to appoint Brownie Sherrill as Deputy Mayor Pro Tem. The motion passed with a vote of four in favor and three opposed (Margolis, Laning, Dana-Bashian). This item was approved as RES-072-21.**

Council continued discussion of Work Session Item 3E. After a short break at 11:29 p.m., Council reconvened in Executive Session as authorized by Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, for the purpose of seeking confidential legal advice from the City Attorney.


In Executive Session at 11:30 p.m. Out at 12:04 a.m.

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

There was no action taken.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 12:06 a.m.

  
Tammy Dana-Bashian, Mayor

  
Laura Hallmark, City Secretary

Approved on: July 6, 2021

