



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, July 20, 2021

5:15 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 Sherrill, Councilmember Margolis, Councilmember Laning, Councilmember Bell and Councilmember Brown

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dana-Bashian called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There are no items for this agenda.

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

3A. Joint meeting with the Animal Shelter Advisory Board. (30 minutes)

For lack of a quorum, their portion of the meeting was not called to order. Deana Seigler, Board Chair, introduced Michele Orahoad – Board member, Asher Moore – Animal Services Manager and Victoria Barham – Animal Placement Specialist. She presented the statistics for the shelter, shelter renovation plans, donations and an update on the Trap/Neuter/Return program, which is managed by Friends of Rowlett Animals (FRAs).

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

Alex Koenig – Planning Manager, introduced Susan Nix – CDBG Administrator, and Jo Carroll – CDBG consultant, who presented the proposed plan, CDBG national directives, income parameters based on number in household, eligible allocations, alternate funding proposal, public meetings, next steps and recommendation to move forward. Council discussion regarding after school outreach program. It was the consensus of Council to move forward with consideration at a future meeting.

- 3C.** Hear a presentation from Chris Kizziar on a proposed alternative use for Scenic Point Park for Heroes Bridge Memorial Park. (45 minutes)

Chris Kizziar, with Brad Moulton with la terra studios presented the background on the concept, post-traumatic injuries information, reasoning behind the park and a visual concept/rendering of the proposal. Karen Solomon – Blue H.E.L.P. Foundation, commented on the importance of this concept and provided additional information. Council discussion regarding existing plans for Scenic Point Park versus proposed concept. Council requested additional details be provided in order to make any determination. Mr. Kizziar will be in contact with staff in the meantime.

- 3D.** Hear an update from FCC Environmental Services (FCC) on Solid Waste Collection Operations and procedural changes. (30 minutes)

Gary Enna – Director of Public Works, introduced Jonathan Sanders – FCC Operation Performance Manager and Interim Manager for Rowlett and Justin Gallagher – FCC General Manager of Operations – Omaha, Nebraska. Mr. Sanders provided an update on the status of collections, steps taken to catch up on backlog of services and implementations going forward. Council discussion regarding customer education to facilitate services and possible bulk item processes.

4. DISCUSS CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Brown requested that item 7D be pulled for Individual Consideration.

After a short break at 7:25 p.m., Council reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

INVOCATION – Thomas Oyebisi, Redeemed 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 to Tyler Remediz as part of the Rowlett Veterans Recognition Program.

Mayor Dana-Bashian presented the proclamation to Mr. Remediz, who was accompanied by his wife, Celeste. Brian Wilburn with VROC and Third Watch LEMC outlined Mr. Remediz's service record and presented a quilt made for him by Quilts of Valor.

- 5B.** Recognition of Rowlett resident Ariane Gibbons – 2021 Miss Juneteenth Ft. Worth/Miss Freedom (runner up) and also Miss Teen All World Beauties U.S.

Councilmember Bell recognized Ms. Ariane Gibbons, who was accompanied by her mother, A'Mera Frieman.

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

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Sherrill read the following announcements:

Parks and Recreation is hosting a listening session for the Garner-Fuqua Trail Connection on Thursday, July 22nd. There will be three sessions at the Rowlett Community Centre, beginning on the hour at 6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

The ROBUST Grant Program is now accepting applications from nonprofits. These grants provide short-term, immediate financial aid to area nonprofits who meet certain criteria and have sustained economic losses due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Citizen Police Academy is now open for registration – the next session begins August 26th.

Rowlett Farmers Market in Village of Rowlett Downtown every Saturday through the end of August from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

Are you looking for ways to volunteer in your community? One of our boards and commissions might have what you're looking for. Deadline for applications is August 14th.

Nominate a neighbor for Yard of the Season. Now taking nominations for the summer season.

For more information on these and all other City-related events, please visit the City's website at Rowlett.com or call the Action Center at 972-412-6100.

6. CITIZENS' INPUT

1. Debra Shinder, Rowlett; trails
2. Linda Garber, Wylie; extension of sewer line to Trails of Cottonwood Creek
3. Regino Martinez, Wylie; extension of sewer line to Trails of Cottonwood Creek
4. Bill Wright, Rowlett; trails security
5. Dave Holl, Rowlett; trails
6. Betsy White, Rowlett; Item 7D

Mayor Dana-Bashian read email comments from the following:

1. Dr. Steven Horwitz, Rowlett; trails

7. CONSENT AGENDA

7A. Consider approving the minutes.

Consider action to approve minutes from the following City Council meeting(s): July 6, 2021 Regular Meeting.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

7B. Consider an ordinance to amend Chapter 22 of the Code of Ordinances.

Consider and take action to approve an ordinance amending Article IX Public Swimming Pools and Spas of Chapter 22 of the Code of Ordinances, by adopting Title 25, Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 265, Subchapter K, L and M, ("Artificial Swimming Lagoons," "Public Swimming Pools and Spas," "Interactive Water Features and Fountains").

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as ORD-031-21.

7C. Consider an ordinance for approval of a Tree Removal Permit application.

Consider and take action on an ordinance regarding a request by Lee Radley, JBI Partners, on behalf of property owners Trail Creek Partners, Ltd., for approval of a Tree Removal Permit application on property zoned Planned Development (PD) District for Form-Based New Neighborhood (FB-NN) Uses. The approximately 71.4-acre site is situated in the William Blevins Survey, Abstract Number 95, approximately 1,130 feet northeast of the intersection of Vinson and Stonewall Roads in the City of Rowlett, Dallas County, Texas.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as RES-081-21.

7D. Consider a resolution approving the purchase of a laser 3D scanner.

Consider action to approve a resolution to execute a purchase order with FARO Technologies, Inc., in the amount not to exceed \$103,852.66 for the purchase of FARO Laser 3D Scanner for the Rowlett Police Department.

This item was pulled for Individual Consideration.

Michael Godfrey, Police Chief, presented the information for this item. Lt. Anthony Castiglione provided additional information.

Motion by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Sherrill, to approve the item as presented. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of those members present. This item was approved as RES-082-21.

7E. Consider a resolution authorizing an expenditure for emergency assistance funding.

Consider action to approve a resolution authorizing the expenditure of \$30,000 for emergency assistance funding through the Rowlett Community Organizations Active in Disaster Committee.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as RES-083-21.

7F. Consider a resolution reappointing Board members.

Consider a resolution to reappoint three board members to the Rowlett Housing Finance Corporation Board of Directors.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as RES-084-21.

Passed the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Grubisich, 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 the first of two public hearings to consider administrative amendments to the City of Rowlett Home Rule Charter.


Laura Hallmark, City Secretary, presented the information for this item. The public hearing opened and closed with no speakers. The second public hearing and consideration of this item will be at the next City Council meeting on August 3, 2021.

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

There was no action taken.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



Tammy Dana-Bashian, Mayor



Laura Hallmark, City Secretary

Approved on: August 3, 2021