



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, August 17, 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 Sherrill, Councilmember Margolis (arrived 5:02 p.m.), Councilmember Laning (arrived 5:02 p.m.), Councilmember Bell 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.)

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. (15 minutes)

In Executive Session at 5:01 p.m. Out at 5:44 p.m.

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

3A. Discuss COVID 19 and take any necessary action. (20 minutes)

Mayor Dana-Bashian read public comment submitted via email from Tom Shinder, Rowlett; regarding mask mandate.

Angela Smith, Deputy City Manager, provided an update on the current status of COVID cases in the counties and City and what the City is currently doing. Council discussion regarding efficacy of vaccines against variances; hospital capacities and staffing levels; policy for employees when symptomatic and testing.

3B. Joint meeting with the Rowlett Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission and the City Council. (30 minutes)

Mayor Dana-Bashian read public comment submitted via email from Sam Lowe, Rowlett; regarding diversity. Public comment by Michelle Wigington, Rowlett; diversity.

Diana Moore, Chair, called their portion of the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. Members in attendance introduced themselves and spoke about how they came to the Commission: Michael Hernandez, Denise Younge, Susan Urrutia, April Wise, Alena Jefferson-Shelbia, Cynthia Manning, JoAnna Phalon and Ryal Khalil. Other members not present: Phaleria Hollins, Bonnie Martinez, Michelle Stoute-Smith and Terrence Kessee. Ms. Moore reviewed the Commission's accomplishments, budget requests and future concerns. Council discussion regarding cooperation with other boards/commissions, surveys conducted, investigation of GLAAD accreditation and pole banner policy. Ms. Moore adjourned their portion of the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

3C. Discuss the City Council's Work Plan for FY2022. (30 minutes)

This item was discussed last.

Public comment by Michelle Wigington, Rowlett; staffing for the jail.

Brian Funderburk, City Manager, presented the background information on the list provided. It was the consensus of Council to discuss this topic at a future meeting.

3D. Presentation Regarding the Texas Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program. (30 Minutes)

This item was discussed out of agenda order.

Libbey Tucker, Assistant Director of Economic Development, introduced the concept/uses of program and Dub Taylor, Director of Texas PACE Authority, presented information on this item. Council discussion regarding origins of program, funding, process for PACE financing. It was the consensus of Council to proceed with the steps necessary to put a PACE program in place.

4. DISCUSS CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

After a short break at 7:21 p.m., Council reconvened at 7:30 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 recognizing August 26, 2021 as Women's Equality Day.

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

5B. Presentation of Comprehensive Monthly Financial Report (CMFR) for the period ending June 30, 2021.

Robert Cone, Budget Officer, presented the report.

5C. Presentation of the third quarter investment report for June 30, 2021.

Mr. Cone 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.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Sherrill read the following announcements:

The City of Rowlett and the Carter BloodCare Center are hosting a blood drive in honor of the 20th anniversary of 9/11 at three Rowlett locations on Wednesday, August 18. Please consider making an appointment and donating. You will receive a card valid for one free game of bowling at Rowlett Bowl-A-Rama for donating.

You have two more chances to enjoy the Summer Concert Series. Every Friday in August, beginning at 7:30 p.m., we will host a live band at the Village of Rowlett Downtown. Join us for food vendors, kids' attractions, and much more!

Mosquito season is upon us! Do your part to control them – 2 FREE dunks are available, while supplies last, to Rowlett residents with a current utility bill or I.D. Stop by Community Development, located at 5702 Rowlett Road, Mon-Fri 8a – 4p to get yours!

While we're discussing mosquitoes...Dallas County reported a positive mosquito testing sample from Zone 7. As a result, ground spraying will take place tonight and tomorrow night during the overnight hours between 9:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. – weather conditions permitting. This is ground spraying only.

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.

Councilmember Brown announced the following:

Keep Rowlett Beautiful's 5th annual Tri-City Cleanup on October 2nd.
Electronics recycling/document shredding event on October 16th.

For more information: www.keepprowlettbeautiful.org.

6. CITIZENS' INPUT

1. Ken Stanley, Wylie; Trails of Cottonwood Creek and potential flooding
2. Regino Martinez, Wylie; Trails of Cottonwood Creek and potential flooding
3. Scott Rozinsky, Wylie; Trails of Cottonwood Creek and potential flooding
4. Debra Shinder, Rowlett; COVID protocols and trails
5. Brad Cruse, Rowlett; take line trails
6. Dave Holl, Rowlett; public safety on the lake
7. Buddy Fuda, Rowlett; Trails of Cottonwood Creek and potential flooding

Mayor Dana-Bashian read a comment submitted via email from Kirk Selling, Rowlett: take line trails.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

7A. Consider approving the minutes.

Consider action to approve minutes from the following City Council meeting(s): August 3, 2021 Regular Meeting.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

7B. Consider a resolution executing a Facility Agreement.

Consider an action to approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Facility Agreement between the City of Rowlett, Texas, and Meenu, LLC, in the amount of \$12,075 for the installation and construction of a concrete sidewalk at 8315 Chiesa Road in the City of Rowlett, Dallas County, Texas.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as RES-087-21.

7C. Consider a resolution awarding a contract for the Rowlett Animal Shelter Renovation Project.

Consider action to approve a resolution accepting the bid of and awarding a contract to MPAK Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$147,000 for the Rowlett Animal Shelter Renovation Project.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as RES-088-21.

Passed the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Sherrill, 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.** Consider action to approve a resolution calling for a public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2022 proposed tax rate for Monday, September 20, 2021, and to consider approval of a maximum tax rate of \$0.792537 for the 2021 tax year.

Mr. Cone presented the information for this item.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Grubisich, 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-089-21.

- 8B.** Receive public comment on the proposed budget and tax rate for Fiscal Year 2022.

Mr. Cone presented this item. There were no public comments received.

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

There was no action taken.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.



Tammy Dana-Bashian, Mayor



Laura Hallmark, City Secretary

Approved on: September 7, 2021