



CITY OF ROWLETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING 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, March 15, 2022

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 Pro Tem Grubisich, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Sherrill, Councilmember Margolis, Councilmember Bell and Councilmember Brown

Absent: Councilmember Laning

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Grubisich called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION (5:15 P.M.)* Times listed are approximate.

- 2A.** The City Council shall convene into executive session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) to seek legal advice from the City Attorney and to deliberate and discuss pending or contemplated litigation relating to the Comfort Suites Ray Hubbard hotel and Prayosha Enterprises. (15 minutes) **THIS ITEM WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE END OF THE REGULAR SESSION.**

In Executive Session at 6:51 p.m. Out at 7:04 p.m.

- 2B.** The City Council shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code, §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) and §551.087 (Economic Development) to seek legal advice from the City Attorney and to discuss commercial or financial information that the City has received from a business prospect that the Council seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in the City and with which the City is conducting economic development negotiations, regarding a new restaurant to be located at 3410 Main Street. (15 minutes) **THIS ITEM WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE END OF THE REGULAR SESSION.**

In Executive Session at 7:04 p.m. Out at 7:29 p.m.

- 2C.** The City Council shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code, §551.074 (Personnel) to hear and discuss a charge of violations of the City's Code of Ethics by Councilmember Place 1. (45 minutes) **THIS ITEM WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE END OF THE REGULAR SESSION.**

In Executive Session at 8:29 p.m. Out at 9:19 p.m.

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

City Council may receive public input on the following items:

- 3A.** Hear a presentation from Garver Engineering on a traffic study for two existing horizontal curves on Dalrock Road between Briarcrest Drive and Champion Drive. (45 minutes)

Angie Smith, Deputy City Manager, and Quinn Span with Garver, provided the recommendations going forward and an update on what has been done thus far. Council discussion regarding timeline for implementation, steps for installation, how the drain pipe functions and the "crash" rating for the metal beam guard fence. It was the consensus of Council to proceed with the recommended updates.

- 3B.** Discuss the long-term use of the City owned facility (formerly Fire Station #2) and surrounding property located at 5100 Dalrock Road. (45 minutes)

Public comment received from Erik Ernst, Rowlett.

Ms. Smith provided background on the building and reviewed the requests from the Rowlett Citizen Corps Council (RCCC). Mr. Ernst provided additional information. Discussion regarding the costs, funding issues and possible increased City funding to RCCC to cover the additional annual costs. Staff will confer with RCCC and iron out more details to bring back to Council at a future date.

- 3C.** Hear a presentation from staff regarding the costs to remove and replace a fence and concrete parking at Kayak Instruction & Kayak Crossing Outpost located at 6917 Miller Road to allow for the installation of a storm pipe and relocation of utility power poles as part of the Miller Road reconstruction project. (30 minutes)

Public comments received from: 1) Dave Holl, Rowlett; 2) Deb Shinder, Rowlett; 3) Brian Galuardi, Rowlett.

Jeff Cohen, Interim Director of Engineering, provided a review of the project background and estimated costs for the work. Brian Funderburk, City Manager, provided additional information. Discussion regarding the process, future work and access and the inclusion of verbiage that this is a one-time process for the City and any future tear out and replacement is the responsibility of the property owner. Staff will coordinate necessary scope of work to be done and obtain pricing to be brought back to Council for review.

4. DISCUSS CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

After a short break at 7:29 p.m., Council reconvened at 7:35 p.m.

INVOCATION – Carolina Miller, Church in the City

PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

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

5. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- 5A.** Presentation of the 2021 Texas Municipal Library Directors Association Achievement of Excellence in Libraries Award.

Presented by: Councilmember Bell to library staff.

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

Presented by: Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Sherrill

If you are in need of a quick solution to no internet service at home, your Rowlett Public Library has FREE wi-fi hotspots available for checkout for three weeks at a time.

The Rowlett Chamber of Commerce will be hosting two candidate forums for an in-person opportunity to hear candidate platforms and ask questions of those running for Mayor and the four Councilmember positions. Monday, April 4th will be for Mayoral candidates and Monday, April 11th for Councilmember candidates.

Lunch on the Lawn is back! One of our most popular events is held Mondays from 11-2 beginning March 21st. Each week, a variety of food trucks will be located downtown.

How about a night under the stars with your family and s'mores? Rowlett's Family Campout is Saturday, March 26th at Pecan Grove Park. Camping activities during the day, your set up begins at sundown, with burgers and hot dogs for dinner. Registration is required.

Get ready for an Eggstraordinary Saturday of fun on April 9th – the Easter Eggstravaganza at Pecan Grove Park and Pup-a-Palooza at Scentral Bark Dog Park, along with leashes, registration and proof of rabies vaccination is required.

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

Councilmember Brown announced the following Keep Rowlett Beautiful (KRB) events:

- Electronics recycling/shredding event, Saturday, April 9th from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Rowlett High School.
- Earth Day Celebration, Saturday, April 22nd from 6-9 p.m. Downtown. There will be food trucks, exhibits and activities.

For more information, visit www.keepprowlettbeautiful.org.

Councilmember Bell announced the following Seniors activities – do not have to be a “senior” to attend:

- St. Patrick’s Day Pot o’ Gold, March 17th at 11:30 (fee charged)
- Trip to Ft. Worth, March 22nd (fee charged)
- Murder Mystery event, March 23rd (fee charged)

For more information, call the Rowlett Community Centre at 972-412-6170.

Councilmember Margolis made personal remarks regarding Executive Session Item 2C.

6. CITIZENS’ INPUT

1. Deb Shinder, Rowlett; possible November bond election
2. Brian Galuardi, Rowlett; truck routes

7. CONSENT AGENDA

7A. Consider approving the minutes.

Consider action to approve minutes from the following City Council meeting(s): March 1, 2022 Meeting.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

7B. Consider a resolution approving a contract renewal for screening wall repairs.

Consider action to approve a resolution executing the first of four one-year contract renewals for screening wall repairs with Waterton Construction Group in the annual estimated amount of \$150,000.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as RES-020-22.

7C. Consider a resolution approving a bid for mowing services.

Consider action to approve a resolution awarding the bid for Section II mowing services to D & D Commercial Landscape Management in the unit amounts bid with an estimated annual amount of \$172,876.58 for the Parks and Recreation Department.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as RES-021-22.

7D. Consider appointments for the Stakeholder Engagement Group.

Appoint members for a Stakeholder Engagement Group to guide, solicit and review public input for the update of the Rowlett Development Code and Form-Based Code.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

7E. Consider approval of an Election Services Contract.

Consider action to approve a resolution approving an Election Services Contract with the Rockwall County Elections Administrator to provide election services for the May 7, 2022, General and Special Elections and with Rockwall Independent School District to share costs of said services.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as RES-022-22.

7F. Consider appointments to the CIP Task Force.

Consider action to approve a resolution appointing members to the Community Investment Program Task Force (CIPTF) and designating the Chair and Vice-Chair.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as RES-023-22.

Passed the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Sherrill, 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 a request by the City of Rowlett to: 1) Rezone the subject property from Planned Development (PD) District for Limited Commercial (C-1) Uses to Single-Family Residential (SF-8) District; 2) Amend the Comprehensive Plan; and 3) Amend the Zoning Map of the City of Rowlett. The approximately 2.32-acre property is located approximately 140 feet west of the intersection of Navigation Drive and Miller Road, situated in the Charles D. Merrell Survey, Abstract Number 957, in the City of Rowlett, Dallas County, Texas.

Alex Koenig, Planning Manager, presented the information for this item. The public hearing opened and closed with no speakers.

A motion was made by Councilmember Margolis, 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-007-22.

Public input for Executive Session Item 2C received from the following:

1. Bill Wright, Rowlett
2. Deb Shinder, Rowlett
3. Michelle (last name withheld), Rowlett

Mayor Pro Tem Grubisich read into the record emailed comments received from the following:

1. Kellie McKee, Rowlett
2. Malik Dashin

After a short break at 8:23 p.m., Council reconvened at 8:28 p.m. in the Conference Room for Executive Session Item 2C.

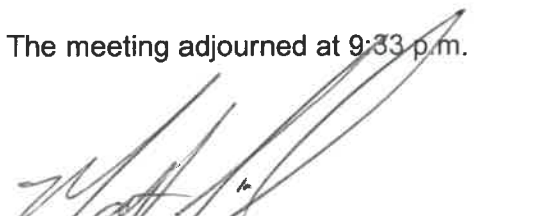
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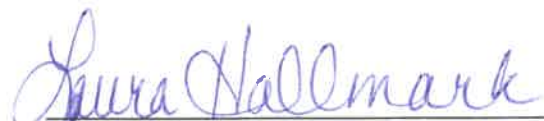
After a short break at 9:19 p.m., Council reconvened at 9:22 p.m. in the Council Chambers to take action on Executive Session Item 2C.

A motion was made by Councilmember Bell, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Sherrill Brown, that the Council find and determine that Councilmember Margolis has violated sections 4, 14, and 16 of Section 2-463 of the Code of Ethics and that Council publicly reprimand him. The motion passed with a vote of four in favor and one abstention (Margolis).

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.



Matt Grubisich, Mayor Pro Tem

Laura Hallmark, City Secretary

Approved on: April 5, 2022