City Council receives presentation from Bayside Land Partners on proposed changes to Bayside development.

Changes Do Not Reflect Bayside Vision, Changes to Vision Require City Approval

ROWLETT, TEXAS— In a special meeting of the Rowlett City Council yesterday afternoon, Bayside Land Partners presented proposed changes for Bayside, a 262-acre, $1 billion mixed-use development. The public-private partnership between the City and Bayside Land Partners includes a series of development agreements previously entered into that ensure the implementation for Bayside’s vision including:

- 500 room resort and conference center
- World class marina
- Mixed use entertainment/restaurants
- Mixed use office/retail
- 8-acre Crystal Lagoon
- One-acre show fountain
- Open-style bench trolley
- 45 acres of programmed parks
- 4+ miles of hike-and-bike trails

“Bayside is a public-private partnership, and our development partner is obligated to adhere to the vision for Bayside; any changes to the vision require City approval,” Mayor Tammy Dana-Bashian said. “We know our residents are very excited about Bayside, and the proposed changes do not meet expectations.”

Among other changes, the plan presented to Council yesterday eliminates the three most important differentiators and public attractions for Bayside: the eight-acre lagoon, one-acre show fountain, and the trolley. The new proposal also significantly reduces the entertainment, restaurant, and retail opportunities, and increases the amount of land area dedicated to residential uses. As such, the revised plan does not reflect the parameters set forth in the public-private partnership.

The City of Rowlett is considering its next steps to ensure the development adheres to the original vision for Bayside. For more information, go to www.rowlett.com/FAQ.

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