



City of Rowlett

Meeting Minutes

City Council

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Tuesday, March 15, 2011

5:30 P.M.

Municipal Building – 4000 Main Street

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 Harper, Mayor Pro Tem Gottel, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jackson, Councilmember Davis, Councilmember Kilgore and Councilmember Gallops

Absent: Councilmember Phillips

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Harper called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Convened into Executive Session at 5:30 p.m.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION (5:30 P.M.)

- 2A.** The City Council shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to the TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) and §551.087 (Economic Development) to seek legal advice and to deliberate on economic development incentives and financial prospects for property located at or around the southwest corner of State Highway 66 and President George Bush Turnpike. (15 minutes)

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

Reconvened into open session at 5:45 p.m.

3. WORK SESSION ITEMS (5:45 P.M.)

3A. Richardson Councilmember Amir Omar will make a presentation regarding Regional Urban Forestation Initiative. (15 minutes)

Councilmember Omar presented a PowerPoint regarding the Regional Urban Forestation Initiative.

Stated by pledging to Tree North Texas, the City will need to do three things:

- Set a goal as to the number of trees that will be planted
- Educate the City's residents
- Promote tree planting

Stated the kick-off for Tree North Texas is scheduled for April 7th; this effort is the largest tree planting endeavor in the country.

A member of Council asked how this project works with Tree City USA.

Councilmember Omar stated this project is focused on the region setting a tree goal number and working to achieve that goal.

Consensus was reached for the Mayor to sign a pledge on behalf of the City for Tree North Texas.

3B. Debut of the new City iPhone app. (10 minutes)

In an effort to establish instant communication and customer service, the City of Rowlett introduced the first version of the free City iPhone app. Staff suggested the City move forward with developing apps for the Android and Blackberry phones. Stated all iPhone hits to the City's website will be counted towards the website statistics.

3C. Provide background and discuss naming the President George Bush Turnpike Frontage roads. (15 minutes)

Staff discussed the naming of the frontage roads for the turnpike. Stated the preferred name for the frontage roads is President George Bush Highway. Stated keeping the Liberty Grove and Kirby Road names will cause confusion.

A consensus was reached to move forward with changing the frontage road name.

3D. Discuss the Master Interlocal Agreement with Dallas County governing transportation projects. (15 minutes)

Staff gave a brief history of the agreement with Dallas County. Stated the agreement has a ten year expiration clause and a new Master Interlocal Agreement must be approved in 2011 to continue the program.

Stated the City is responsible for 50% cost of paving, drainage, sidewalk costs, City utility relocations and right-of-way.

A consensus was reached to move forward with this item.

- 3E.** Presentation and discussion on the Cross Connection Control Letter and Survey that the Water Quality Division mailed out to all homeowners and businesses the first of March, 2011. (15 minutes)

Staff spoke concerning the Cross Connection Control Letter and Survey. Stated the goal of the City is to ensure all residents have clean safe water; due to the potential for additions or alterations of an irrigation system possibly performed by unlicensed individuals or by main break or flushing of hydrants, the City of Rowlett Water Utilities staff feel that the possibility of a health hazard incident exists and could occur through a irrigation system.

Staff stated Texas Commission on Environmental Quality requires inspections of cross connection controls and at the last inspection; the auditor questioned the City's inspections of the controls.

A member of Council questioned staff as to the low number of cities requiring and surveying connection controls. Another member of Council suggested staff could perform the inspection and certify the controls annually.

Staff will provide the Council with a survey of what other area cities are doing and learn from them; research ways to utilize volume buying to ensure the citizens will be charged reasonably and have reputable inspectors; and provide more communication with the citizens.

- 3F.** City Manager's Operational Update to include: Street Construction Projects. (10 minutes)

City Manager gave a brief update to the Council on Street Construction Projects including an update meeting with the businesses on Martin Drive; southbound service roads for the President George Bush Turnpike from Highway 66 to Main Street will be open the beginning of May; May 8th is the tentative date for the 7-day Rowlett Road closure for the DART construction; the bid openings for the Merritt Road and Rowlett Road Phase II and stated the construction costs could increase with the destruction in Japan.

- 3G.** Hear presentation of the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending January 31, 2011. (20 minutes)

Staff presented the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending January 31, 2011.

4. DISCUSS CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Item 7J was removed from the Consent Agenda to be considered individually.

CONVENE INTO THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS (7:30 P.M.)

Convened into the Council Chambers at 7:30 p.m.

INVOCATION

The invocation led by Gary Andrews, Crossroads Church.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Harper.

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The Texas Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Harper.

5. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- 5A.** Update from the Mayor: Financial Position, Major Projects, Operational Issues, Upcoming Dates of Interest and Items of Community Interests.

Mayor Harper gave a brief update to the Council on the various activities in the City including the Rockwall County Town Hall Meeting tentatively set for April 28th at the Rowlett Community Centre; probable State budget cuts; earmarked Federal monies set aside for our region; the April 7th Rowlett Town Hall Meeting at the Rowlett Community Centre; the R.O.C.K non-profit organization will continue the dreams of the late Judge Belinda Loveland; the Toler Road speed cushions will be installed soon; the Tree North Texas Project; Early Voting for the May 14th Election begins May 2nd; the March 23rd DART Groundbreaking Celebration; the March 26th Diversity Day Event at the Rowlett Community Centre; and the April 16th Eggstraordinary Egg Hunt.

6. CITIZENS' INPUT

No one spoke during Citizens' Input.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Item 7J was removed from the Consent Agenda to be considered individually.

The City Secretary read the items into the record.

- 7A.** Consider approving minutes from the February 28, 2011 Special City Council Work Session and the March 1, 2011 City Council Regular Meeting.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- 7B.** Consider an ordinance approving discontinuing participation in the supplemental death benefits fund of the Texas Municipal Retirement System, and providing for increased prior and current service annuities under the act governing the Texas Municipal Retirement System for retirees and beneficiaries of deceased retirees of the City of Rowlett and providing an effective date.

This item was approved as ORD-005-11 on the Consent Agenda.

- 7C.** Consider a resolution authorizing execution of a grant application for the 2011 Criminal Justice Division (CJD) Grant Program awarded through the Governor's Office for the purchase of an Accident Investigation System in the amount of fourteen thousand four hundred seventy dollars (\$14,470).

This item was approved as RES-033-11 on the Consent Agenda.

- 7D.** Consider a resolution authorizing execution of a grant application for the 2011 Criminal Justice Division (CJD) Grant Program awarded through the Governor's Office for the purchase of Mobile Data Software in the amount of seventy-three thousand dollars (\$73,000).

This item was approved as RES-034-11 on the Consent Agenda.

- 7E.** Consider a resolution authorizing execution of a grant application for the 2011 Criminal Justice Division (CJD) Grant Program awarded through the Governor's Office for the purchase of Mobile Observation Platform in the amount of eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000).

This item was approved as RES-035-11 on the Consent Agenda.

- 7F. Consider a resolution to approve a Master Interlocal Agreement with Dallas County governing transportation projects.

This item was approved as RES-036-11 on the Consent Agenda.

- 7G. Consider a resolution awarding a bid for Section IV mowing services to The Teter Group, Incorporated in the unit amounts bid with an estimated annual amount of one hundred twenty thousand eight hundred thirty-one dollars and eighty cents (\$120,831.80) for the Parks and Recreation Department.

This item was approved as RES-037-11 on the Consent Agenda.

- 7H. Consider a resolution awarding a bid for Section V mowing services to 3-D Mowing Services in the unit amounts bid with an estimated annual amount of nine thousand four hundred twenty dollars (\$9,420) for the Water and Wastewater Departments.

This item was approved as RES-038-11 on the Consent Agenda.

- 7I. Consider a resolution rejecting the bids for Section I mowing services and authorizing staff to re-bid for the Community Services Code Enforcement Division.

This item was rejected on the Consent Agenda.

- 7J. Consider a resolution approving a Tree Survey/Preservation Plan and accompanying Tree Removal Permit associated with Lake Valley Estates Phase II, a single-family residential development located at the southwest Corner of Chiesa Road and Liberty Grove Road.

Mayor Harper read the item into the record.

A member of Council voiced concern about the clearing of the trees in the development; questioned if the City fulfilled the purpose of the tree preservation ordinance.

A representative from the developer responded to the clearing of the trees.

The Developer Manager for the developer spoke concerning the various drainage issues with the property and what was necessary to prevent foundation failure.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Gottel, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jackson, to approve the resolution as presented. This item was approved as RES-039-11. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 – Mayor Harper, Mayor Pro Tem Gottel, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jackson, Councilmember Davis, Councilmember Kilgore and Councilmember Gallops

Absent: 1 – Councilmember Phillips

- 7K.** Consider a resolution approving alternative building materials for a structure located at 8408 Lakeview Parkway.

This item was approved as RES-040-11 on the Consent Agenda.

- 7L.** Consider a resolution authorizing a purchase order to Fuquay, Inc. for the Sanitary Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation Project in the amount of five hundred sixty-five thousand dollars (\$565,000), and authorizing the Mayor to execute the Standard Public Works Construction Contract and authorizing the issuance of purchase orders pursuant to approval.

This item was approved as RES-041-11 on the Consent Agenda.

- 7M.** Consider a resolution approving Task Order Number 17-GA to the approved Professional Services Agreement with Grantham & Associates, Incorporated for the engineering design of the Kyle Road Box Culvert Reconstruction in the amount of one hundred eighteen thousand eight hundred twenty dollars (\$118,820).

This item was approved as RES-042-11 on the Consent Agenda.

Passed The Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jackson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gottel, including all the preceding items marked as having been approved on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 – Mayor Harper, Mayor Pro Tem Gottel, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jackson, Councilmember Davis, Councilmember Kilgore and Councilmember Gallops

Absent: 1 – Councilmember Phillips

8. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

No items were considered for Individual Consideration.

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

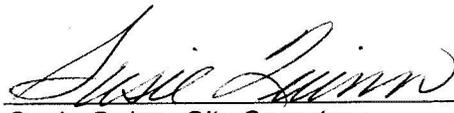
No action followed the Executive Session.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Harper adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.



Todd Gottel, Mayor Pro Tem



Susie Quinn, City Secretary

Date Approved: April 5, 2011