



City of Rowlett

Meeting Minutes

City Council

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Tuesday, July, 17, 2012

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 Gottel, Mayor Pro Tem Phillips, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Gallops, Councilmember Davis, Councilmember Pankratz, Councilmember Miller and Councilmember Kilgore

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gottel called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Convened into Executive Session at 5:31 p.m.

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

- 2A. The City Council shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to the TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, §551.074 (Personnel) and §551.071 (Legal Consultation with City Attorney), to seek legal advice and consider the employment of a City Secretary. (30 minutes)
- 2B. The City Council shall convene into closed Executive Session pursuant to TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, §551.071 (Consultation with City Attorney) regarding the application of Form Based Codes to the special districts identified in the Realize Rowlett 2020 plan. (60 minutes)

Discussion continued following Item 3B.

- 2C.** The City Council shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to the TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, §551.071 (Consultation with City Attorney) to seek legal advice pertaining to economic development opportunities and transportation access to the Signature Gateway area. (30 minutes)

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

Reconvened into open session at 7:30 p.m. (convened directly into the Regular Session).

3. WORK SESSION ITEMS

- 3A.** Update and discussion regarding the operations of the Animal Shelter. (60 minutes)

This item was tabled to a future meeting.

- 3B.** Fiscal Years 2012-13 Employee Benefit Renewal Projections. (15 minutes)

This item followed Item 8C (9:35 p.m.).

Staff gave a brief presentation regarding the employee benefit renewal projections including: Compass; medical trends; and renewal projections. Stated the benefits agreements will be brought before the Council on August 21st.

Members of the Council thanked staff and echoed the comment that insurance stability is important.

The Council reconvened into Executive Session (Item 2B) following this item.

- 3C.** Discuss Anti-idling Implementation Plan. (10 minutes)

This item was tabled to a future meeting.

- 3D.** Staff from the Planning Division will provide an update regarding the Realize Rowlett 2020 Phase II process. (10 minutes)

The item was tabled to a future meeting.

4. DISCUSS CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

No items were 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 was led by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Gallops.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro Tem Phillips.

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The Texas Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Kilgore.

5. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- 5A.** Presentation of 2011 Achievement of Excellence in Libraries Award from the Texas Municipal Library Directors Association.

Councilmember Davis presented Kathy Freiheit, Director of Library Services, staff, the Chair of the Library Advisory Board and members of the Friends of the Rowlett Library with the 2011 Achievement of Excellence in Libraries Award.

- 5B.** Hear presentation of the Monthly Financial report for the period ending May 31, 2012.

Staff gave a presentation regarding the Monthly Financial report for the period ending May 31, 2012. Spoke regarding Revenues, Sales Taxes; Property Taxes; Water Fees; Sewer Fees; Expenditures and various Funds.

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

Members of Council and Management gave a brief update to the Council on the various activities in the City including the July 26th Board and Commission Volunteer Fair to be held at the Rowlett Community Centre beginning at 7:00 p.m.; Early Voting for the July 31, 2012 Primary Runoff Election will begin Monday, July 23rd; the Wet Zone is now open through August 19th; the Wet Zone will host Flick and Float Friday on August 3rd beginning at 8:30 p.m.; the Summer Reading Club at the Rowlett Library will end on July 28th; the Library will host a Movie and Popcorn Day on July 19th and three Library Camps on August 3rd, August 10th and August 17th.

6. CITIZENS' INPUT

1. Jeffrey Sheldon, 7242 Liberty Grove Road, Rowlett – Spoke regarding the seaway pipeline.
2. Celia Barshop, 9405 Royal Burgess, Rowlett - Spoke regarding the seaway pipeline.
3. Laurieann Dygowski, 7242 Liberty Grove Road, Rowlett - Spoke regarding the seaway pipeline.
4. Wes Magruder, 3301 Newkirk Drive, Plano - Spoke regarding the seaway pipeline.
5. Shari Martin, 7206 Centenary Drive, Rowlett - Spoke regarding the seaway pipeline.
6. Rae Longoria Hartley, 6214 Faringdon Lane, Rowlett - Spoke regarding the seaway pipeline.
7. Jennifer Glick, 3010 Weems Way, Rowlett - Spoke regarding the seaway pipeline.
8. Dick Guldi, 7228 LaSobrina Drive, Dallas - Spoke regarding the seaway pipeline.
9. Chris Guldi, 7228 LaSobrina Drive, Dallas - Spoke regarding the seaway pipeline.
10. Gloria Longoria, 6214 Faringdon Lane, Rowlett - Spoke regarding the seaway pipeline.
11. Val Richardson, 4510 Amanda Court, Rowlett - Spoke regarding the seaway pipeline.
12. Karen Scholz, 7706 Timberline Drive, Rowlett - Spoke regarding the seaway pipeline.
13. Kenneth Williams, 7406 Dartmouth Drive, Rowlett - Spoke regarding the seaway pipeline.
14. Rita Beving, 13214 Glad Acres, Farmers Branch - Spoke regarding the seaway pipeline.
15. Lisa Parker Mackay, 7301 Airline Drive, Rowlett - Spoke regarding the seaway pipeline.
16. Katherine Savers McGovern, 4364 Royal Ridge Drive - Spoke regarding the seaway pipeline.
17. Daryn DeZengotita, 9405 Royal Burgess, Rowlett - Spoke regarding the seaway pipeline.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

No items were removed from the Consent Agenda to be considered individually.

The Interim City Secretary read the items into the record.

- 7A. Consider approving minutes from the June 29, 2012 and June 30, 2012 City Council Retreat and the July 3, 2012 City Council Regular Meeting.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- 7B. Consider and take appropriate action on a request for alternative building materials for a commercial drive-in establishment located at 6601 Dalrock Road, being Lot 4A, Block 1 of the Dalrock Sixty Six Addition (DP12-596).

This item was approved as RES-074-12 on the Consent Agenda.

- 7C. Consider a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign on behalf of the City as the property owner on a final plat of property described as Lot 1, Block 1, Rowlett Merritt Addition.

This item was approved as RES-075-12 on the Consent Agenda.

Passed The Consent Agenda

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

Ayes: 7 Mayor Gottel, Mayor Pro Tem Phillips, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Gallops, Councilmember Davis, Councilmember Pankratz, Councilmember Miller and Councilmember Kilgore

The Council recessed from 8:43 p.m. to 8:47 p.m. and proceeded with Item 8A.

8. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- 8A. Conduct a public hearing and consider approving an ordinance to rezone property located at 5404 Kenwood Drive from an existing General Commercial (C-2) zoning district to a Planned Development zoning district with an underlying zoning district of C-2 to allow for an age restricted Senior Independent Living Center. (PD12-592)

Mayor Gottel read the item into the record.

Staff gave a brief overview of this item.

A member of Council voiced concern regarding the Fair Housing Act.

The City Attorney spoke regarding the final approval language for the deed restrictions.

A member of Council spoke regarding the landscape provisions.

The public hearing opened and closed at 9:08 p.m. with no one speaking.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Phillips, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Gallops, to approve the item as read with the following conditions: preserve the 30-foot tree spacing on the right-of-way buffer; to include a compatible living screen on the incompatibility buffer with the commercial pad sites; and to approve the modified Exhibit E with the flipping of the main building. This item was adopted as ORD-018-12. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 Mayor Gottel, Mayor Pro Tem Phillips, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Gallops, Councilmember Davis, Councilmember Pankratz, Councilmember Miller and Councilmember Kilgore

- 8B. Present the Community Development Block Grant Program – 2012 Annual Plan and conduct a public hearing requesting citizen input on participation in the program.

Mayor Gottel read the item into the record.

Jo Carroll DeStefano with Community Development and Training Network, presented a PowerPoint presentation for the Proposed 2012 Annual Plan.

Staff acknowledged the interest that was expressed last year for the funds to be used for things other than construction. Stated the goals have been to rebuild the streets of Downtown and Larry Street is the last street to be completed.

A member of Council referred to the minutes from the August 2, 2011 City Council meeting. Spoke regarding the use of grant money in the past years. Questioned if the money is being used as intended – to assist low income residents or to prepare the area for commercial development. Spoke regarding the ability to have other agencies in the area to create and administer programs to assist low income residents.

The public hearing opened and closed at 9:25 p.m. with no one speaking.

Council gave direction to staff to put an item on the agenda for next year (2014 Plan) for discussion of the use of the CDBG money.

- 8C. Conduct a public hearing regarding the local grant program for Scenic Point Park and consider action to approve a resolution regarding the local grant program application for Scenic Point Park.

Mayor Gottel read the item into the record.

Staff gave a brief history of the item.

The public hearing opened at 9:26 p.m. and closed at 9:27 p.m. with no one speaking.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Phillips, seconded by Councilmember Pankratz, to approve the item as read. This item was adopted as RES-076-12. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 Mayor Gottel, Mayor Pro Tem Phillips, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Gallops, Councilmember Davis, Councilmember Pankratz, Councilmember Miller and Councilmember Kilgore

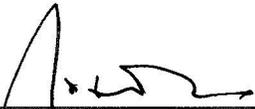
Following Item 8C, the Council reconvened into the Work Session beginning with Item 3B (9:35 p.m.).

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

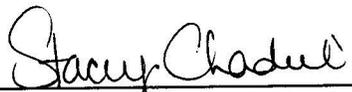
No actions were taken following the Executive Session.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Gottel adjourned the meeting at 12:39 a.m.



Todd W. Gottel, Mayor



Stacey Chadwick, Interim City Secretary

Date Approved: August 7, 2012