



City of Rowlett

Work Session Minutes

City Council

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Tuesday, January 27, 2015

5:00 P.M.

Rowlett Community Centre – Room C/D
5300 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

Council Present: Mayor Gottel, Mayor Pro Tem Gallops, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Pankratz, Councilmember Bobbitt, Councilmember Dana-Bashian, Councilmember Sheffield and Councilmember van Bloemendaal

CIPTF Present: Martha Brown, Jeff Sheldon, James Moseley, Rhetta Bowers, Diane Lemmons, Erik Ernst, Trevor Reed

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gottel called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

2. WORK SESSION (5:00 P.M.)

- 2A.** Hold a Joint Meeting of the City Council and the Community Investment Program Task Force to discuss the proposed slate of projects for the May 2015 Bond Election as recommended by the Community Investment Program Task Force. (240 minutes if needed)

Mayor Gottel thanked the CIPTF members and staff for all their hard work.

Jim Proce, Assistant City Manager, reviewed freed up bond capacity and important milestones and dates.

Brian Funderburk, City Manager, provided clarification of the number of bond issues that would appear on the ballot. Upon the advice of bond counsel, there will be more than one issue listed on the ballot.

Mr. Proce reviewed the entire list of projects reviewed by the CIPTF, those recommended and not recommended. Discussion regarding the suggestion points of each item. CIPTF members provided insight into the discussions that took place regarding each item and how the decision was reached for recommendation or not. Some street items, for example, might not have been recommended for inclusion due to the possibility of other funding sources such as NCTCOG or TxDOT grants. Other items were not included due to timing and were recommended for the next round of bonds.

Because of the freed up bond and debt capacity, discussion centered on the total dollar amount for the bond submission, including contingencies and allowance for increased pricing. It was determined that \$25,000,000 was the target figure.

There was discussion regarding street improvements and the desire to improve the outcome of the entire streetscape once completed – inclusion of trees, better walkways, and improved lighting. This was noted especially in areas adjacent to downtown or older areas with traditional streetscape.

Some items received recommendation not only based on suggestion points, but how it would affect the City as a whole; such as the Advanced Traffic Management System, which helps move traffic throughout the City – not just today, but five to ten years in the future.

There was lengthy discussion regarding the Alley Reconstruction Program and the clarification of the number of alleys that would be included, the total number of alleys in need of repair/reconstruction, and the variables that determine what affects costs.

After a short break at 7:01 p.m., the meeting reconvened at 7:12 p.m.

Review of the list continued with some items flagged for further discussion at the end of the list to reach the target amount.

The Hike and Bike Trail discussion focused on the design only concept versus design and construction. It was the consensus of the group to provide additional funds to ensure a construction portion. There was some discussion regarding the possible combination of this plan with the proposed sidewalk connection plans.

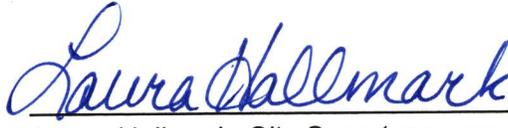
Once the entire list was reviewed, flagged items were revisited with additional discussion. Upon completion of this review, consensus was reached for the list of items to be included. This list will be provided to bond counsel, who will then help determine ballot language. That information will be presented to Council at the February 3, 2015 meeting.

3. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.



Todd W. Gottel, Mayor



Laura Hallmark, City Secretary

Date Approved: February 3, 2015