



# City of Rowlett

## Meeting Minutes

### City Council

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Tuesday, August 17, 2010

5:30 P.M.

Municipal Building – 4000 Main Street

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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 Phillips, Councilmember Davis, Councilmember Kilgore and Councilmember Gallops**

**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**

- 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 Pecan Grove Park. (10 minutes)
- 2B.** The City Council shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to the TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, §551.072 (Deliberation regarding Real Property) to seek legal advice and to deliberate on Right-of-way acquisition for Miller Road, Phase 2; Rowlett Road, Phase 2; and Martin Drive CIP Projects. (15 minutes)

## RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

Reconvened into open session at 6:00 p.m.

### 3. WORK SESSION ITEMS (6:00 P.M.)

#### 3A. Joint meeting with DART Representative Mark Enoch. (20 minutes)

Mr. Enoch was not available to attend this meeting and has rescheduled for September 7, 2010.

#### 3B. Discussion of City's 5-Year Benefit Strategy. (60 minutes)

Staff and consultants gave a presentation regarding the City's 5-Year Benefit Strategy. Stated the City must find a balance on what it can afford and its ability to pay. Stated the City must contain the escalating costs of employee benefits.

As part of the benefits strategy, four items will be focused on:

- each employee must become a stakeholder
- must provide benefits that the employees will use
- recognize the impact of change in deductible for employees
- discuss providing a cafeteria approach in the future

Staff stated the City's past approach has been a reactive approach rather than a proactive approach. Stated the City will provide educational sessions with the employees. Stated the education will provide flexibility for employees.

The concepts of partial self-funding approach, stop-loss insurance and aggregate stop-loss insurance were explained.

Council suggested funds should be set aside marked as 'healthcare' so that the fund will be separate; suggested the funds be set aside in a reserve fund as a safety net should a catastrophic year occur.

Council recommended desired funds to be set aside; the use of incentives and disincentives; and the need to move the education program a year ahead of schedule.

At this time, Mayor Harper left the meeting to meet with Webelos Pack 244.

#### 3C. Hear Third Quarter Investment Report for June 30, 2010. (10 minutes)

Staff made a brief presentation regarding the Third Quarter Investment Report for June 30, 2010.

**4. DISCUSS CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Item 10C 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.

**5. INVOCATION**

The invocation was led by Reverend Matthew Sumrall, Upper Room Church.

**6. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Harper and Webelos Pack 244.

**7. TEXAS PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Texas Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Harper and Webelos Pack 244.

**8. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

**8A. Proclamation recognizing Wynton Brewster for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.**

Mayor Harper presented Wynton Brewster with a proclamation recognizing his achievement.

**8B. Proclamation recognizing National Library Card Month, September 2010.**

Mayor Pro Tem Gottel presented Kathy Cockcroft, Library Services Director, with a proclamation recognizing National Library Card Month.

**8C. Presentation of the Texas Comptroller Gold Leadership Circle Award.**

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jackson presented Brian Funderburk, Assistant City Manager and Ann Honza, Assistant Finance Director with the Texas Comptroller Gold Leadership Circle Award.

**8D. Update on the funding for the DART Art and Design Project.**

Staff gave a brief presentation regarding the funding for the DART Art and Design Project. Stated the residents of Rowlett took ownership with this project.

The citizens who made up the DART Art and Design Committee were thanked for their time and contributions to the Design Team.

Members of the DART Design Team gave brief overview of the phases and process of the design of the project. Stated the actual station construction will begin at the first part of the year and will take approximately 12 months to complete. Spoke regarding the color pallets and the types of vegetation to be used.

The chosen artist, Viola Delgado, spoke regarding the different art panels for the project.

A member of Council stated the project is an opportunity to market the City of Rowlett; the project was to be about family, water, color, and the future of Rowlett.

**8E. Hear presentation of the Third Quarter Financial Report for the period ending June 30, 2010.**

Staff presented the Third Quarter Financial Report for the period ending June 30, 2010.

Council applauded the conservative approach the City has taken.

**8F. 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 attending the Mass Transit Summit last week; the 24<sup>th</sup> ranking received from *Money Magazine*; the budget preparation process is in full swing with the next Budget Work Shop scheduled for August 23<sup>rd</sup>; Budget hearings are scheduled for tonight's meeting as well as September 7<sup>th</sup>; Budget adoption is planned for September 21<sup>st</sup> with no tax increase proposed; the next taping of *Rowlett on the Move* is scheduled for August 26<sup>th</sup>; all lane closures and project construction details are found in *Word on the Street*; Geneology Workshops begin on September 3<sup>rd</sup>; ESL classes begin on September 7<sup>th</sup>; GED classes begin on September 13<sup>th</sup>; water pressure engineering reports will be presented on September 28<sup>th</sup>; a Volunteer Fair is scheduled for September 13<sup>th</sup> at the Rowlett Community Centre; and the annual dog swim will be held on August 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Wet Zone beginning at 6:30 p.m.

**9. CITIZENS' INPUT**

No one spoke during Citizens' Input.

**10. CONSENT AGENDA**

Item 10C was removed from the Consent Agenda to be considered individually.

City Secretary read the items into the record.

- 10A.** Consider approving minutes from the August 3, 2010 Regular Council Meeting.

**This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.**

- 10B.** Consider an ordinance adopting and enacting Supplement Number 9, Volume I and Volume II, dated April, 2010, to the Code of Ordinances.

**This item was approved as ORD-018-10 on the Consent Agenda.**

- 10C.** Consider a resolution accepting a donation of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to the Rowlett Public Library from the Friends of the Rowlett Library, Inc., to sponsor 2010 library programs.

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda to be considered individually.

Mayor Harper read the item into the record.

Mayor Harper read the thank you letter from Library Director Cockcroft to the Friends of the Rowlett Library.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Phillips, seconded by Councilmember Gallops, to approve the resolution as read. This item was approved as RES-072-10. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes: 7 – Mayor Harper, Mayor Pro Tem Gottel, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jackson, Councilmember Phillips, Councilmember Davis, Councilmember Kilgore and Councilmember Gallops**

- 10D.** Consider a resolution supporting Rowlett's participation in the Rockwall County Emergency Services Corporation.

**This item was approved as RES-073-10 on the Consent Agenda.**

**Passed The Consent Agenda**

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

**Ayes: 7 – Mayor Harper, Mayor Pro Tem Gottel, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jackson, Councilmember Phillips, Councilmember Davis, Councilmember Kilgore and Councilmember Gallops**

**11. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

**11A. Conduct a public hearing on the ad valorem tax rate for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.**

Mayor Harper read the item into the record.

Staff stated this is the 6<sup>th</sup> consecutive year that the City has proposed the tax rate of 0.747173¢ per \$100 in valuation. Stated the effective tax rate is 0.77489¢ and the rollback rate is 0.835231¢.

The public hearing opened and closed at 8:33 p.m. with no one speaking.

**11B. Conduct a public hearing on the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.**

Mayor Harper read the item into the record.

Staff stated the proposed budget is \$81.7M and the proposed budget is available on the City's website, in the City Secretary's Office and in the Rowlett Public Library.

The public hearing opened at 8:35 p.m. One person spoke during the public hearing.

1. Nicholas Kreekon, 6502 Warwick, Rowlett – Voiced concerns regarding the Operating Budget and the available funds for the cost of repairs for the water pressure issues.

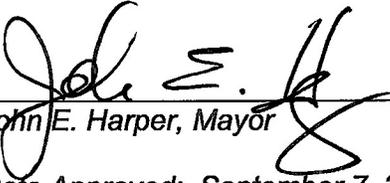
Mayor Harper closed the public hearing at 8:40 p.m.

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

No actions followed the Executive Session items.

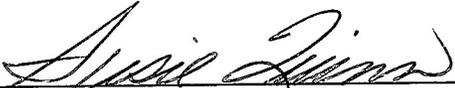
12. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Harper adjourned the meeting at 8:41 p.m.



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John E. Harper, Mayor



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Susie Quinn, City Secretary

Date Approved: September 7, 2010