



City of Rowlett

Meeting Minutes

City Council

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Tuesday, July 3, 2012

6:30 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, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Gallops, Councilmember Davis, Councilmember Pankratz, Councilmember Miller and Councilmember Kilgore

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Phillips

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Gottel called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

2. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There were no Executive Session items.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

Convened into the Work Session at 6:30 p.m.

3. **WORK SESSION ITEMS (6:30 P.M.)**

3A. Discuss Special Call for Application for local Park Outdoor Grant. (15 minutes)

Staff stated the Texas Parks and Wildlife (Recreation Grants Branch) has announced a special call for applications to include the Outdoor Recreation and Urban Outdoor Recreation grant programs. Stated program assistance is provided on a 50/50 matching basis to individual projects which are submitted to the Department for approval. Staff stated Scenic Point Park Phase 1 is an excellent candidate for this grant application.

Council gave consensus to focus the grant on the Scenic Point Park Phase 1 and to bring a forth a resolution at the July 17th Council meeting.

- 3B.** Presentation of the transfer and acquisition of land from the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) organization between the City of Rowlett and DART, related to the Blue Line extension of Light Rail Transit to Downtown Rowlett. (10 minutes)

Staff spoke regarding the transfer of land and stated the property exchange is necessary. Stated the City would receive 1.25 acres of land and DART would receive 0.27 acres. Further stated that DART would pay for all costs associated with surveying, title transfers and deeds.

- 3C.** Staff from the Planning Division will provide an update regarding the Realize Rowlett 2020 Phase II process. (20 minutes)

Staff spoke regarding the concern that were voiced during June 23rd and June 25th Property Owner and Public Meetings. The feedback received concerning the Woodside Living Plan included: the Open Space and street lighting requirements; water restrictions and availability; alignment of Princeton Road; access to Community Park; the Muddy Creek floodplain; street types and standards; setback standards; marketing; increased traffic along Liberty Grove Road; Mixed Residential Units; the transition zone; realigning the Merritt/Liberty Grove Connector; the need for more 3-D elevations and facades; and adding a higher level of detail for building materials and better quality construction. The feedback received concerning the Healthy Living Plan included: the need for adequate hospital parking; monitoring code enforcement and aesthetics of the older neighborhoods; sign regulations; showing more trail connections and connectivity to other areas in the City; need for public transportation; Mixed Residential Units; the quality of homes in the area and potential crime risk and strains on City services and infrastructure; traffic; decrease in home values; the look of the final product. The feedback received concerning the Signature Gateway Plan included: access; transition zone; streets; building heights; marketability; the proposed Form-Based Code Standards; the new neighborhood being incorporated into the existing HOA; parking; access to the trail connection; width of the street; lights; need for sound barriers; safety concerns; and types of restaurants allowed. The feedback received concerning the Downtown Plan included: the non-conformity issue; the expansion of the City Hall; Herfurth Park; the downtown historic buildings; traffic; connectivity through a trolley and trail systems; housing needs for a younger generation; the Farmer's Market; the need for open space; and the need to change the name of Industrial Street.

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 7:38 p.m.

INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Pastor Doug Schmidt, Stillwater Community Church.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Gottel.

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The Texas Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Kilgore.

5. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

5A. Proclamation recognizing National Parks and Recreation Month.

Councilmember Miller presented Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks and Recreation, and staff with a proclamation recognizing National Parks and Recreation Month.

Item 5C followed this item.

5B. Update on Scenic Point Park Master Plan.

This item followed Item 6.

Staff stated this was an exciting recreational and economic opportunity for the City. Stated the Healthy Living aspect of the plan has made it possible to utilize the park beyond the vision. Stated the Realize Rowlett 2020 Plan was incorporated into the project, as well as the branding of the park.

Chris Barkley, representative from LaTerra Studios, stated the park will be about innovation and sustainability. Spoke regarding the three specific spaces. Stated the spaces use the same concept, from higher density to lower density to a site specific scale with the park; gave a visual journey through the Master Development Plan. Spoke regarding the Phasing Development Plan.

Staff stated the next step will be to organize the construction documents to begin construction in the early Fall.

Item 7A followed this item.

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

This item followed Item 5A.

Members of Council and Management gave a brief update to the Council on the various activities in the City including the twice a week watering restrictions; the Fireworks on Main! Event will occur on July 4th in Downtown Rowlett beginning at 5:00 p.m.; the Wet Zone is now open through August 19th; the Wet Zone will host Flick and Float Fridays on July 6th and August 3rd beginning at 8:30 p.m.; the Low Cost Animal Vaccination Clinic will be held on July 14th at the Animal Shelter beginning at 12:30 p.m.; the Summer Reading Club is in progress at the Rowlett Library; Movie and Popcorn Days returns to the Library every Thursday in the month of June; and City offices will be closed on July 4th to observe Independence Day.

6. CITIZENS' INPUT

No one spoke during Citizens' Input.

Item 5B followed this item.

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 19, 2012 City Council Regular Meeting.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- 7B. Consider a resolution indicating concurrence with the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) organization to a land swap agreement between the City of Rowlett and DART, related to the Blue Line extension of Light Rail Transit to Downtown Rowlett.

This item was approved as RES-069-12 on the Consent Agenda.

- 7C. Consider action to approve a resolution awarding a bid to Irricon Construction for drainage and sidewalk construction improvements on Chiesa Road at Penridge Circle and at Schrade in the amount of four hundred ninety-nine thousand six hundred and thirty-six dollars (\$499,636) and authorizing the Mayor to execute the Standard Public Works Construction Contract for said services.

This item was approved as RES-070-12 on the Consent Agenda.

- 7D. Consider action to approve a resolution awarding the bid to Harley-Davidson of Dallas in Allen for the purchase of three new Harley-Davidson Electra Glide (FLHTP) police motorcycles with five-year extended warranty in the amount of fifty-three thousand six hundred ninety-one dollars and twenty-four cents (\$53,691.24) and trade-in credit for four existing motorcycles in the amount of twenty-eight thousand four hundred dollars (\$28,400) for a net amount of twenty-five thousand two hundred ninety-one dollars and twenty-four cents (\$25,291.24).

This item was approved as RES-071-12 on the Consent Agenda.

- 7E. Consider action to approve a resolution that allows Dallas County to proceed with the widening and construction of the lanes and bridge on Miller Road and its impact on Rowlett Nature Trail Park between Rowlett and Garland.

This item was approved as RES-072-12 on the Consent Agenda.

- 7F. Consider action to approve a resolution for professional services for plan review and inspections to Bureau Veritas North American Incorporated in an annual amount not to exceed \$100,000.

This item was approved as RES-073-12 on the Consent Agenda.

Passed The Consent Agenda

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

Ayes: 6 Mayor Gottel, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Gallops, Councilmember Davis, Councilmember Pankratz, Councilmember Miller and Councilmember Kilgore

Absent: 1 Mayor Pro Tem Phillips

8. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

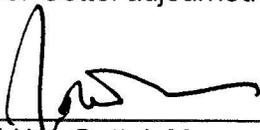
There were no items for Individual Consideration.

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

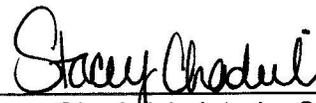
There were no Executive Session items.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Gottel adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.



Todd W. Gottel, Mayor



Stacey Chadwick, Interim City Secretary

Date Approved: July 17, 2012