



City of Rowlett

Meeting Minutes

City Council

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Thursday, February 28, 2013

7:30 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 Pankratz, Councilmember Miller and Councilmember Kilgore

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Gottel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Gottel thanked the Charter Review Commission members for their service and outlined the process including multiple meetings, sub-committee meetings, as well as joint meetings with the City Council.

2. **Discuss and consider action to include Number of Terms Proposition amending the Rowlett City Charter on the May 11 2013 Election Ballot.**

Council discussion regarding favoring term limits and three terms is average, overall objection to this measure applying to currently seated members, and one members opposition to term limits in general.

Mr. Pankratz arrived at 7:44 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Kilgore with second by Mr. Phillips to not include the term limits measure on the ballot. This motion passed with a vote of three in favor (Phillips, Pankratz, Kilgore) and two opposed (Gottel, Miller).

3. **Discuss and consider action to include Recall Provision Proposition amending the Rowlett City Charter on the May 11 2013 Election Ballot.**

Council discussion regarding the almost unattainable process of the current charter provision and the proposed process.

Motion by Mr. Phillips with second by Mr. Pankratz to include the recall measure on the ballot with a friendly amendment by Mr. Kilgore to include the phrase "file a written verified statement", which was accepted by Mr. Phillips and Mr. Pankratz. This motion passed with a unanimous vote of those members present.

4. Discuss and consider action to include Prosecutor Proposition amending the Rowlett City Charter on the May 11 2013 Election Ballot.

Council discussion regarding memorializing what is the current procedure.

Motion by Mr. Phillips with second by Mr. Kilgore to include the City Prosecutor measure on the ballot. This motion passed with a unanimous vote of those members present.

5. Discuss and consider action to include Ombudsman Proposition amending the Rowlett City Charter on the May 11 2013 Election Ballot.

Council discussion regarding opposition to this position citing the size of the city, the position would report to the City Council who would handle the outcome just as it does now, this position is typically found in larger cities with typically Strong Mayor and are heavily unionized, and the issue of funding the position.

Motion by Mr. Phillips with second by Mr. Kilgore to not include the Ombudsman measure on the ballot. This motion passed with four in favor (Gottel, Phillips, Pankratz, Kilgore) and one opposed (Miller).

6. Discuss and consider action to include State Law and Constitutional Conflict Propositions amending the Rowlett City Charter on the May 11 2013 Election Ballot.

Council discussion regarding the ability to make State Law corrections without having to amend the Charter with an election and the 13 day run-off item.

Motion to include all items with the exception of the 13 day run-off item by Mr. Phillips with a second by Mr. Pankratz. This motion passed with a unanimous vote of those members present.

7. Discuss ballot language for any propositions amending the Rowlett City Charter on the May 11, 2013 Election Ballot.

David Berman, City Attorney, will compose the language for the proposed measures and this will be submitted for consideration at the Regular City Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 5, 2013.

Mr. Gallops arrived at 8:32 p.m.

8. Consider an ordinance calling a Special Election to consider propositions amending the Rowlett City Charter to be held on Saturday May 11, 2013.

Motion by Mr. Phillips with second by Mr. Gallops to call a Special Election to consider the propositions as stated above. This motion passed with unanimous vote of those members present.

This item was approved as ORD-002-13.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Götzel adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.



Todd Götzel, Mayor



Laura Hallmark, City Secretary

Date Approved: March 19, 2013