



City of Rowlett

Work Session Agenda

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.

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
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)
3. **ADJOURNMENT**

Laura Hallmark

Laura Hallmark, City Secretary

I certify that the above notice of meeting was posted on the bulletin boards located inside and outside the doors of the Municipal Center, 4000 Main Street, Rowlett, Texas, as well as on the City's website (www.rowlett.com) on the 22nd day of January 2015, by 5:00 p.m.



City of Rowlett
Staff Report

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AGENDA DATE: 01/27/15

AGENDA ITEM: 2A

TITLE

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STAFF REPRESENTATIVE

Jim Proce, Assistant City Manager

SUMMARY

The City Council and the Community Investment Program Task Force (CIPTF) will hold a joint meeting to continue discussions from January 13, 2015, regarding the potential slate of projects to be considered for the May 2015 ballot. Additional discussions are scheduled on future Council agendas for the next steps in the process, inclusive of development and adoption of the ballot language.

Staff members from each of the functional areas will be available to discuss any project details or to answer any questions pertaining to project scopes, estimates, project phasing, strategies, or cost breakdowns.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On August 19, 2014, the City Council established the CIPTF to provide recommendations to the Council for the proposed May 2015 bond election. The Task force has been meeting since August of 2014 working on a slate of projects for Council discussion and consideration.

On January 13, 2015, the City Council and the CIPTF held a joint meeting to discuss the potential slate of projects for the Bond Election. This meeting is intended to continue further discussions on the projects lists.

DISCUSSION

The process of developing the slate of projects included many steps that were initiated by the Task Force and Staff from several functional departments and involved solicitation of public input through a series of meetings with citizens, civic groups and advisory boards and commissions. Public input has been received through public meetings, social media, interactive website, RTN16 broadcasts, hand written suggestions from citizens, and face-to-face conversations.

The process of project development included:

- Committee tours of facilities and infrastructure
- Committee development of ranking criteria

- Committee evaluation of proposed projects
- Committee ranking and prioritizing of proposed projects
- Determination of implementation strategies
- Review of financial capacities
- Planning for future bond initiatives for 2018

Projects were categorized in three strategic topics for the purpose of addressing the balanced needs of the community. These categories are:

- Infrastructure Needs
- Planning for Growth & Capacity Needs
- Quality of Life Initiatives

These strategic categories enabled the Task Force to provide recommendations that provide a balance of community needs and wants, which will provide value to the citizens of Rowlett.

FINANCIAL/BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

In June of 2014, the City Council provided direction to Staff to develop a plan within the bonding capacity, with the goal of accomplishing the program without a tax increase. The initial targeted estimate for the bond amount was between \$22M and \$25M based on the projections provided at that time. Since then, the financial forecasts have been refined and the projections have been revised to be between \$25M and \$27M. The CIPTF recommendations are within the revised forecast. The recommended projects can be achieved without any impact to the current tax rate.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Provide input and direction to staff on the draft slate of projects to be brought forward for public ballot in May of 2015.