



City of Rowlett
Work Session Minutes
City Council

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Tuesday, February 10, 2015

5:30 P.M.

City Hall Conference Room
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

Council Present: Mayor Gottle (arrived after the meeting began), Mayor Pro Tem Gallops, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Pankratz, Councilmember Bobbitt, Councilmember Dana-Bashian and Councilmember van Bloemendaal

Council Absent: Councilmember Sheffield

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Gallops called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

2. WORK SESSION (5:30 P.M.)

2A. Discuss Fundraising Goals for Kids Kingdom. (30 minutes)

Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks and Recreation, presented the results of the Design Day for Kids Kingdom and the final design for the playground. He also presented the recommendation of the Parks Advisory Board for the poured in place rubber surfacing and phase in specific amenities through fundraising. Concern was expressed about the larger size of the final design compared to original playground. Staff explained the design and cost was based on the requested elements by the children during the design intake process.

Council discussion regarding the need to replace equipment over time and arranging for that funding. Further discussion regarding fundraising opportunities such as fence pickets, bricks, monetary donations, possible corporate donations, and volunteer time contributions. Concern was expressed about the challenges of fundraising and potential burnout or slow down as a result of bond election.

It was the consensus of Council to proceed with the recommendation of the PAB for the poured in place rubber surfacing and the phase in of elements through fundraising efforts.

- 2B.** Discuss the drafting of an ordinance calling for a May 2015 Bond Election as recommended by the Community Investment Program Task Force. (45 minutes)

Jim Proce, Assistant City Manager, reviewed the total amount of projects that was reached after lengthy discussions with Council and the CIPTF. He also reviewed the three propositions.

Marti Shew with First Southwest explained the costs associated with the bond issuance.

Leroy Grawunder, bond counsel, reviewed the contract with the voters and ethics issues regarding the use of public funds to support/oppose bond measures.

- 2C.** Discuss proposed Community Enhancement Projects Program (\$0.0075). (45 minutes)

Mr. Proce, along with Mr. Stevenson, and Tim Rogers, Director of Public Works, reviewed proposals for screening walls, medians, monuments, signing, and entry features. They provided suggestions for key areas to focus initial efforts.

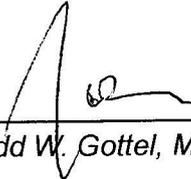
Council discussion regarding focus on one area the first year rather than spread out across City, the possibility of working in conjunction with TxDOT grant funds already received, and a possible matching funds program with homeowners.

- 2D.** Discuss Community Development Block Grant RFP for 2-15-2019 Consolidated Plan. (20 minutes)

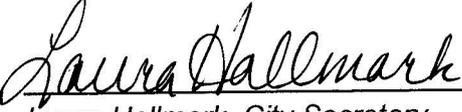
Brian Funderburk, City Manager, explained this discussion will be delayed to the following year due to it being ahead of schedule – based on information obtained in a conversation with a HUD representative.

3. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.



Todd W. Gottel, Mayor



Laura Hallmark, City Secretary

Date Approved: March 3, 2015