



City of Rowlett

Special Meeting Minutes

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City Council

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Tuesday, December 10, 2013

6:15 P.M.

Municipal Building – 4000 Main Street

5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Council will participate in the Tree Lighting Ceremony held on the Rowlett Public Library Lawn.

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 Kilgore, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Gallops, Councilmember Pankratz, Councilmember Dana-Bashian, and Councilmember Bobbitt

Absent: Councilmember Phillips

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gottel called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

2. WORK SESSION ITEMS

- 2A.** Update on the "Rowlett. My Community. My Money. My Choice" Campaign. (45 minutes)

City Manager Brian Funderburk provided a review and background on the My Community, My Money, My Choice 2011 campaign including educating the public on what each department did, optional services, important facts about each department and the City, asked attendees a series of questions regarding the services provided and the impression of the tax rate and he provided a time frame for the upcoming campaign.

Council discussion regarding the importance of stressing the point of nine straight years of the same tax rate, possible ramifications of the timeline concurrent with the City

election campaign, stressing the importance of the educational component, and clarification of the senior tax freeze.

Further discussion regarding the importance of transparency for the process, addressing upcoming development and outlook three to five years down the road, desired service levels and their associated costs, and reinforcing the importance of educating the citizens.

2B. Discuss Town Hall Meeting. (45 minutes)

Mr. Funderburk provided information on how Town Hall Meetings have been conducted in the past. Council discussion regarding the desired format and content and previous attendance.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM

- 3A.** The City Council shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Government Code §551.074, Personnel, and §551.071, Consultation with Attorney, to deliberate the duties of the city manager. (90 minutes)

After a short break at 7:23 p.m., Council convened in Executive Session at 7:29 p.m.
Out of Executive Session at 9:04 p.m.

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

4. ADJOURN

There being no further business and no further action taken, the meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.



Todd W. Gottel, Mayor



Laura Hallmark, City Secretary

Date Approved: January 7, 2014