



City of Rowlett

City Council Minutes

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Tuesday, August 18, 2015

5:40 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 Gallops, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Dana-Bashian, Councilmember van Bloemendaal, Councilmember Bobbitt and Councilmember Sheffield

Absent: Councilmember Pankratz

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gottel called the meeting to order at 5:41 p.m.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 2A.** The City Council shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, §551.087 (Economic Development) and §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) to receive legal advice from the City Attorney and to discuss and deliberate the offer of financial or other incentives to business prospects that the City may seek to have locate on property at 3913 Main Street. (45 minutes) [THIS EXECUTIVE SESSION SHALL OCCUR AFTER THE REGULAR MEETING]

In at 9:10 p.m. Out at 10:14 p.m.

3. WORK SESSION (5:40 P.M.) * Times listed are approximate.

3A. Discuss FY2016 Budget (90 minutes)

Jim Proce, Assistant City Manager, reviewed the Capital Improvement Program as proposed for FY16, which included: Utility Fund projects, capital maintenance program, community enhancement projects, 2015 bond projects, Master Plans, pavement infrastructure – streets and

alleys, 2018 potential bond projects, and off-site infrastructure improvements needed to support the Bayside development.

Brian Funderburk, City Manager, provided information on additional funds requested by CERT for a passenger van, which could be utilized by other City departments as well. It was the consensus of Council to include that request in the upcoming budget.

- 3B.** Review final submittal of Hwy 66 east and west median design to be funded through the Texas Department of Transportation Governor's Community Achievement Award \$250,000 Grant. (20 minutes)

This item was discussed first.

Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks and Recreation, along with Martha Brown, Director of Keep Rowlett Beautiful, described the award parameters, regulations, and next steps.

4. DISCUSS CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Council took a short break at 7:19 p.m.

CONVENE INTO THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS (7:30 P.M.)*

Council reconvened at 7:32 p.m.

INVOCATION – Cole Hedgecock, First Baptist Rowlett

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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5. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- 5A.** Presentation of Proclamation to Teri Jenkins, Keep Texas Beautiful Sadie Ray Graff Educator Award.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Dana-Bashian presented the proclamation.

- 5B.** Presentation of the Rowlett Police Department's Lifesaving Award to Officer Patrick Ray.

Chief Mike Brodnax presented the award to Officer Ray.

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

Mayor Gottel announced the following: Council meetings – Council will hold special meetings on Tuesday – Thursday, August 25th, 26th and 27th to interview Board & Commission applicants. Next regular Council meetings will be held on Tuesday, September 1st & 15th. Notice – no Council

meeting on the first Tuesday in October – 10/6, so that Council may attend National Night Out events throughout the City. Council meetings in October will be Tuesday, October 13th and 20th. P & Z meetings – Tuesday, August 25th – held in the City Hall Conference Room at 6:30pm. Mosquito season - Dallas County sprayed for mosquitoes in the southeast quadrant of the City last Thursday night, Friday night and Monday nights as a result of a mosquito testing positive for West Nile Virus. The City contracts with Dallas County for testing, abatement and spraying for all of Rowlett (portion in Rockwall County too). Be proactive to help in the fight – practice the four D's: Dress, Deet, Drain, Dusk & Dawn. Still available! – City of Rowlett providing “dunks” for free at the Development Services Building located at 3901 Main St, 8am to 5pm Monday thru Friday (first come, first served basis). Rowlett Library - the library is located at 5702 Rowlett Road. Upcoming events: library camps – all held @ RCC: Rule the School – Saturday, August 21st @ 2pm. Arts & Humanities Photography Contest. 2015 theme – Whatever Floats Your Boat. Entries accepted @ the RCC on Saturday, September 5th from 10am to noon. Visit Arts & Humanities page at Rowlett.com for more information. Police Department - Citizen Police Academy - registration for 36th class is open throughout August. Beginning September 3rd, this 12-week course is held every Thursday evening from 7-10pm. To learn more about the program, contact Officer Chad Caldwell @ 972-412-6242. Parks and Recreation - Isaac Scruggs Park rededication by family. Saturday, August 22nd at 9am. Speech from Isaac Scruggs' granddaughter. Improvements to the park from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and upcoming additions to the park. “I love Isaac Scruggs Park” pledge – asking community to sign a promise to participate in only “positive recreation” in this park or any park. Kids Kingdom - Kids Kingdom playground committee meets weekly, all meetings open to public – Held on Tuesday evenings at RCC; for more information check on the City's website on the home page, rebuild Kids Kingdom! Selling fence pickets now – for the price \$50 each. Volunteers sign up now for “build week” – Nov. 30 – Dec. 6. Activities for Seniors: Senior potluck lunch social - second Thursday of the month; 11:30am at RCC. September 10th and October 8th are the next lunches. Lunch around town - fourth Tuesday of the month @ 11:30 am; August 25th next date. Animal Shelter - low cost vaccine clinic at animal shelter – Saturday, August 22nd, 1 – 3pm. Located at 4402 Industrial St. Shelter is open Monday – Saturday, 10am – 5pm. The Clear the Shelter event on Saturday, August 15th was successful with 24 adoptions.

Animal Shelter staff member brought Bonnie, one of the dogs available for adoption at the shelter.

Cub Scouts acknowledged park staff and a special thanks to Angie Smith and the City for providing a place for the cub scouts to hold their annual Cub Scout Twilight Camp for all scouts in Rowlett, Garland and Sachse. Purchased six (6) fence pickets for Kids Kingdom with money raised during the camp. Thanks to Councilmember Robbert van Bloemendaal for the idea. These pickets represent the superb cooperation our district has experienced in bringing the scouting program to approximately 1,000 kids during the three year relationship with Twilight Camp and Cub Fun Day.

6. CITIZENS' INPUT

1. Diane Perkins, 4414 Dexham, Rowlett; spoke in opposition to the Creekside development.

2. Sam Seidel, 1901 Palomino Drive, Rowlett; spoke in opposition to the Creekside development.
3. Mark Hemphkins, 1613 Palomino Drive, Rowlett; spoke in opposition to the Creekside development.
4. Zabrina Martinson, 4313 Pecan Grove Lane, Rowlett; provided an update on the Kids Kingdom fundraising efforts.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

- 7A.** Consider action to approve minutes from the August 4, 2015, City Council Regular Meeting.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- 7B.** Consider a resolution to accept the petition and call a Public Hearing on creation of the Bayside Public Improvement District (PID) submitted on behalf of Bayside Land Partners LLC for the property known as Bayside.

This item was approved as RES-096-15 on the Consent Agenda.

- 7C.** Consider action to approve a resolution accepting the bid of and awarding a contract to Pavecon LTD in the amount of \$326,261.00 for the total base bid with a ten percent (10%) contingency for \$32,626.10 and up to \$7,500.00 for an early completion bonus, resulting in a total project amount of \$366,387.10 for the Roadway Improvements on President George Bush Turnpike (PGBT) Northbound Frontage Road and State Highway 66 (Lakeview Parkway) Right Turn Lane Project, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the necessary documents for said services.

This item was approved as RES-097-15 on the Consent Agenda.

Passed the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Gallops, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Dana-Bashian, including all the preceding items marked as having been approved on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of those members present.

8. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- 8A.** Consider an ordinance to rezone from Single Family-40 Zoning District to the New Neighborhood Form-Based Zoning District, with Major Warrants to allow modification to the lighting and open space standards for buildings fronting on open space, for properties located at 4401, 4413, 4501, 4509, 4513, 4601, 4609, 4613 and 4701 Dexham Road. (Case FW14-740)

Marc Kurbansade, Director of Development Services, provided some background information as a refresher for Council. Councilmembers provided comments on the item.

A motion was made by Councilmember Sheffield, seconded by Councilmember van Bloemendaal, to approve the item as presented. The motion failed due to a lack of majority with a vote of three in favor (van Bloemendaal, Gallops, Sheffield) and three opposed (Bobbitt, Gottel, Dana-Bashian).

8B. Conduct a public hearing (1st) on the ad valorem tax rate for FY 2015-16.

Terri Doby, Budget Officer, presented information on the proposed tax rate, effective tax rate, and the rollback rate.

The public hearing opened and closed with no speakers.

8C. Conduct a public hearing (1st) on the proposed budget for FY 2015-16.

Terri Doby, Budget Officer, provided highlights of the proposed budget.

The public hearing opened and closed with one speaker:
Craig Williams, 1709 Palomino Drive, Rowlett.

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

There was no action taken.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Gottel adjourned the meeting at 10:14 p.m.



Todd W. Gottel, Mayor



Laura Hallmark, City Secretary

Date Approved: September 1, 2015

