



City of Rowlett

Meeting Minutes

City Council

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Tuesday, October 20, 2015

5:45 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, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Dana-Bashian, Councilmember van Bloemendaal, and Councilmember Sheffield

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Gallops, Councilmember Bobbitt and Councilmember Pankratz

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gottel called the meeting to order at 5:47 p.m.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION (5:45 P.M.) * Times listed are approximate.

- 2A.** The City Council shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) to receive legal advice from the City Attorney and to discuss and deliberate legal issues relating to 4505 Skyline Drive. (30 minutes)

In 5:47 p.m. Out 6:18 p.m. After a short break, they reconvened in the Work Session at 6:23 p.m.

3. WORK SESSION (6:20 P.M.)

- 3A.** Discuss the Economic Development Advisory Board's recommendation for amending the City's Policy Statement for Economic Development incentives. (45 minutes)

Jim Grabenhorst, Director of Economic Development, introduced members of the Economic Development Advisory Board (EDAB) who were present. He reviewed previous Council discussions regarding EDAB's involvement in incentive deliberations, additional funding for Economic Development, review of incentive policy, and the role of the EDAB. He reviewed the current incentive policy, surrounding communities' incentives and surrounding communities' funding mechanisms.

He then presented the EDAB recommendations: incentives should be considered on a case-by-case basis, include EDAB in incentive review process, establish additional funding sources for economic development, and add targeted incentives such as job creation with salary requirements and specialty retail and restaurant.

Council discussion regarding tweaking the verbiage throughout the document and previous experience, accomplishments, and net worth/liquidity of applicants to be considered. It was the consensus of Council to consider the proposed policy along with the recommended changes at a future meeting.

3B. Discuss City Hall monument sign. (25 minutes)

Due to time constraints, this item will be rescheduled for the November 3rd meeting.

4. DISCUSS CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Council asked for clarification of item 7D. Mr. Grabenhorst and Kathy Freiheit, Director of Library Services, provided further explanation of the costs for the proposed item.

Council took a short break at 7:30 p.m.

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

Council reconvened at 7:37 p.m.

INVOCATION – Cole Hedgecock, First Baptist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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5. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

5A. Proclamations recognizing the 2015 winners of the City of Rowlett Arts and Humanities Commission's Photography Contest.

Councilmember van Bloemendaal presented proclamations to the first place winners in each category as well as the Best of Show winner:

First Place, People Category:	Fay Stout
First Place, Places Category:	Daniel Work
First Place, Things Category:	Christian Newkirk

Best of Show:	Don Bittinger
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5B. 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 - Next regular Council meetings will be held on Tuesday, November 3rd and 17th. P & Z meetings - Next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, October 27th in the City Hall Conference Room at 6:30pm. Charter Review Commission - Next meeting on Wednesday, October 21st at 6pm in the City Hall Conference Room. Early voting for the constitutional amendment and joint elections on November 3rd Starts Monday, October 19th and goes through Friday October 30th. Check the City Secretary's page on our website for full details concerning dates, times and locations for Dallas and Rockwall Counties. Rowlett Library - Library Visioning Task Force meets Wednesday, October 28th, 6:30pm in the City Hall Conference Room. Conducting a survey to collect opinions for the future library all month. Survey is short and simple; located @ <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/rowlettplsurvey>. Upcoming events: Teen Read Week, October 19th – 23rd; contests & prizes available that week @ library. Halloween treats @ the library – all day Saturday, October 31st – come in your costume! Parks and Recreation: Kids Kingdom - Come by Applebee's on Saturday, October 24th for all you can eat pancakes and help build Kids Kingdom. From 8 – 10am; \$10 @ the door; helps to purchase the quad-pod. Kids Kingdom Playground Committee meets weekly 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 needed!! Sign up now for "Build Week" – Nov. 30 – Dec. 6. Veterans Day ceremony – Wednesday, November 11th @ 11am @ RCC. Main Street Fest and Holiday parade – Saturday, December 5th from 3pm – 7pm in Pecan Grove Park. Rowlett Chamber of Commerce hosts Taste and Trade, Thursday, October 22nd starts at 5:30pm at Rowlett High School. Activities for Seniors: Senior potluck lunch social - Second Thursday of the month; 11:30am at RCC, November 12th is the next lunch. Lunch Around Town - Fourth Tuesday of the month @ 11:30 am; October 27th is the next date. Village of Rowlett groundbreaking ceremony. Wednesday, October 28th, starts @ 9:30am Downtown at former library site. Animal Shelter - Low cost vaccine clinic at animal shelter – Saturday, November 20th, 1 – 3pm. Located at 4402 Industrial St. Shelter is open Monday – Saturday, 10am – 5pm.

Councilmember van Bloemendaal announced a free job fair to be held at the RCC on November 20th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

6. CITIZENS' INPUT

There were no speakers

7. CONSENT AGENDA

7A. Consider action to approve minutes from the October 13, 2015, City Council Regular Meeting.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- 7B.** Consider action to approve a resolution directing the publication of notice of intent to issue certificates of obligation; provide for the reimbursement of project expenses; and resolve all matters relating to the Police/Fire radio system interlocal agreements.

This item was approved as RES-124-15 on the Consent Agenda.

- 7C.** Consider a resolution approving a tree mitigation plan and related tree removal permit application for more than three trees associated with the Evergreen at Rowlett Addition for property located at 5500 Old Rowlett Road. (Case Number: 2015-33)

This item was approved as RES-125-15 on the Consent Agenda.

- 7D.** Consider action to approve a resolution for professional services with 720 Design Inc. in the amount of \$47,360 for Rowlett Public Library relocation planning and building design services and authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

This item was approved as RES-126-15 on the Consent Agenda.

- 7E.** Consider action to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an interlocal agreement with Dallas County for Household Hazardous Waste for FY2016.

This item was approved as RES-127-15 on the Consent Agenda.

- 7F.** Consider action to approve a resolution authorizing the final acceptance and release of retainage for the North Shore Sanitary Sewer Project (SS2103) in the amount of \$157,077.99 to Dowager Utility Construction, LTD and authorize the Mayor to execute the necessary documents for said services.

This item was approved as RES-128-15 on the Consent Agenda.

- 7G.** Consider action to approve a resolution accepting the bid of and awarding a contract to Waterton Construction Group in the amount of \$77,322.74 for the installation of a masonry wall and fencing for the Westside Lift Station and authorize the Mayor to execute the necessary documents for said services.

This item was approved as RES-129-15 on the Consent Agenda.

Passed the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Sheffield, 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. Conduct a public hearing and take action on a request for a Special Use Permit to allow an accessory structure that does not meet the height and side setback requirements of Section 77-303 of the Rowlett Development Code for property located at 4810 Scenic Drive. (SUP26-2015)

Erin Jones, Senior Planner, provided the background information on this item.

The public hearing opened and closed with no speakers.

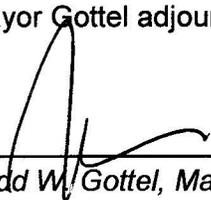
A motion was made by Councilmember van Bloemendaal, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Dana-Bashian, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of those members present. This item was approved as ORD-035-15.

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

There was no action taken.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Gottel adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.



Todd W. Gottel, Mayor



Laura Hallmark, City Secretary

Date Approved: November 3, 2015