



City of Farmers Branch Action Meeting Minutes City Council

Farmers Branch City Hall
13000 Wm Dodson Pkwy
Farmers Branch, TX 75234

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

The full video of this meeting is available on the City website at <https://farmersbranch.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>.

Council Present: Mayor Terry Lynne, Mayor Pro Tem Tina Bennett-Burton, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Roger Neal, Councilwoman Lupe Gonzalez, Councilmember David Reid, Councilmember Elizabeth Villafranca

City Staff Present: City Manager Ben Williamson, Deputy City Manager Jawaria Tareen, Senior Management Analyst Erin Flores, City Attorney David Berman, Director of Administrative Services Stacy Henderson, Director of Finance Jay Patel, Director of Parks and Recreation Rob Diaz, Deputy Director of Economic Development Darren Harris, Interim Director of Community Services Scott Webster, Police Chief Kevin McCoy, Director of Innovation and Technology Joey Brock, Director of Human Resources Jeffrey Ross, and other City staff

CALL TO ORDER - STUDY SESSION (4:00 P.M.)

Mayor Lynne called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON STUDY SESSION ITEMS

There were no members of the public wishing to address the Council.

STUDY SESSION ITEMS

C.1 Review and discuss Consent and Regular agenda items.

Council had no questions regarding the Consent and Regular agenda items.

C.2 Discuss and receive a presentation on the FY 2026-27 Budget Kickoff, including budget priorities, strategic investment focus areas, and an introductory budget video presentation.

Director of Finance Jay Patel gave a presentation on the following:

- Presented a video that gave an overview of the City budget process.
- Review of the City budget goals.
- The budget timeline.
- The budget discussion topics.

The Council requested the following future agenda items:

- Requested one-on-one meetings with City Manager Ben Williamson and Director of Finance Jay Patel to discuss the budget. (Councilwoman Gonzalez)

- Requested the budget video to be posted on the City website. (Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Neal)

C.3 Receive a presentation from Commissioner Andy Sommerman on unhoused initiatives and deflection centers in Dallas County.

Dallas County District 2 Commissioner Andy Sommerman gave a presentation on the following:

- Overview of the detaining process with the Dallas County jail and court.
- Review of the unhouse population going through the booking process in Dallas County.
- Overview of the proposed deflection centers and goals.
- The current and proposed deflection center locations.

Council requested the following information:

- Requested to make Farmers Branch local business Envision an election site on election day, May 2, 2026. (Councilmember Villafranca)
- Requested Commissioner Andy Sommerman to give the same presentation at a future Metrocrest Hospital Authority Board meeting. (Mayor Lynne)

C.4 Receive an update from the Mayor and Council Members regarding board liaison information from outside organizations and other meetings attended.

Council gave updates regarding outside organizations and other meetings attended.

C.5 Review and discuss future agenda items.

The Council requested the following future agenda items:

- Research implementing the UNIDOS program in Farmers Branch. (Councilmember Villafranca)
- Research installing speed humps on Ridgeoak Way between Marsh Lane and Templeton Trail. (Councilmember Villafranca)

Mayor Lynne convened in Executive Session at 4:54 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session items were discussed in the following order:

D.1 The City Council will convene into closed executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) to discuss, consult with and receive legal advice from the City Attorney regarding council interactions, rules of procedure, and matters in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

D.2 The City Council will convene into a closed Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074, Personnel matters, to receive and deliberate information and updates from the City Manager regarding director positions and operational matters.

D.3 The City Council will convene into a closed Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, Consultation with Attorney, to seek legal advice regarding complaints alleging a violation of the City's Code of Ethics pursuant to Section 2-284 of the City's Code,

filed April 8, 2026.

CALL TO ORDER - REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Lynne called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Christ United Methodist Church Reverend Sandy Herd led the invocation, and Mayor Lynne led the pledge of allegiance.

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

There were no ceremonial items during this meeting.

ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Director of Administrative Services Stacy Henderson presented items of community interest.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

- Vanessa Smith, Vintage Place Townhomes, Farmers Branch, expressed concerns regarding Council interactions and behavior.
- Rese Van Noy Smith, Mustang Station Apartments, Farmers Branch, expressed concerns regarding Council interactions and behavior.
- Andy Jones, 12561 Prescott Place, Farmers Branch, discussed the legal code of conduct and how it can apply to the City Council.
- Rinkesh Desai, 1753 Hanover Court, Farmers Branch, discussed the locations of voting centers in the City.
- Barbara Currier, 4010 Kerr Circle, Farmers Branch, discussed the local elections, government transparency, and the ethics complaints.
- Al Mahesh, 3302 Water Oak Court, Farmers Branch, discussed the function of government and City Council partisanship.
- Max Broderick, 13538 Rawhide Parkway, Farmers Branch, expressed concerns regarding Council interactions and behavior.
- Theresa Odom, Harrisburg Circle, Farmers Branch, discussed City Council behavior.
- Arely Guerrero, 13769 Heartside Place, Farmers Branch, expressed concerns regarding Council interactions and behavior.
- Terry Anderson, 2644 Mount View Drive, Farmers Branch, expressed concerns regarding Council interactions and behavior.
- Doug Cucovatz, 2650 Marietta Drive, Farmers Branch, expressed concerns regarding Council interactions and behavior.
- Brenda Brodrick, 13531 Rawhide Parkway, Farmers Branch, discussed requests of individual residents and concerns regarding Council interactions and behavior.
- Cynthia Landis, 13147 Glenside Drive, Farmers Branch, expressed concerns regarding Council interactions and behavior.
- Kevin Caldwell, 14127 Tanglewood Drive, Farmers Branch, discussed concerns related to the ethics complaints.
- Robert Cole, 13228 Mount Castle Drive, Farmers Branch, discussed concerns related to the ethics

complaints and concerns regarding Council interactions and behavior.

- William Glancy, 3808 Wooded Creek Drive, Farmers Branch, discussed forgiveness, governance, and City Council relationships.
- Tom Cusick, 13901 Midway Road, Suite 102-274, Farmers Branch, discussed an ongoing project with the City.
- David Koch, Brincrest Drive, Farmers Branch, expressed concerns regarding Council interactions and behavior, and the integrity of local elections.

CONSENT AGENDA

- J.1 Consider approving the following City Council meeting minutes; and take appropriate action.**
- **April 7, 2026, City Council Meeting Minutes**
 - **April 10, 2026, City Council Special Called Meeting Minutes**
- J.2 Consider approval of Resolution No. 2026-041 authorizing the purchase of materials and equipment for a school flasher beacon system upgrade from radio to cellular communication from Consolidated Traffic Controls, Inc., in the amount of \$112,670; and take appropriate action.**
- J.3 Consider approving Resolution No. 2026-050 reaffirming the City Manager’s execution of a renewal agreement for annual firewall licensing, support, and maintenance for the City’s network security systems, in an amount not to exceed \$76,000; and take appropriate action.**
- J.4 Consider approving Resolution No. 2026-054 authorizing the City Manager to execute an Interlocal Agreement with the North Central Texas Council of Governments to provide updated aerial maps and related data, in an amount not to exceed \$21,000; and take appropriate action.**
- J.5 Consider approving Ordinance No. 4000, amending Chapter 86, “Utilities,” of the City’s Code of Ordinances to enable the City to pursue recovery of unpaid utility balances through property-based enforcement mechanisms; and take appropriate action.**
- J.6 Consider approving Resolution No. 2026-047 authorizing the City Manager to execute an Advance Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) Off-System Project in the amount of \$495,255; and take appropriate action.**
- J.7 Consider approving Resolution No. 2026-053 authorizing the submission of a grant application and agreement with the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority under the Catalytic Converter Theft Prevention Grant Program to support the Farmers Branch Police Department in preventing economic motor vehicle theft for an amount of \$200,000 with a \$40,000 City match; and take appropriate action.**
- J.8 Consider approving Resolution No. 2026-052 authorizing the submission of a grant application and agreement with the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority under the Taskforce Grant Program to support law enforcement agencies to combat motor vehicle theft, burglary from a motor vehicle, and fraud-related motor vehicle crime, in the amount of \$700,000 with a City match of \$46,667; and take appropriate action.**

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Neal, seconded by Councilmember Reid, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried with the following vote:

Aye: Mayor Pro Tem Bennett-Burton, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Neal, Councilwoman Gonzalez, Councilmember Reid, Councilmember Villafranca

PUBLIC HEARING

There were no public hearings during this item.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

There were no items to discuss during the Regular Agenda.

Mayor Lynne convened in Executive Session at 6:58 p.m.

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Mayor Lynne reconvened the regular meeting at 8:42 p.m.

TAKE ANY ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

- D.3 The City Council will convene into a closed Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, Consultation with Attorney, to seek legal advice regarding complaints alleging a violation of the City's Code of Ethics pursuant to Section 2-284 of the City's Code, filed April 8, 2026.**

A motion was made by Councilmember Reid, seconded by Councilmember Villafranca, to not move forward with the complaint filed on April 8, 2026. The motion passed with the following vote:

Aye: Mayor Pro Tem Bennett-Burton, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Neal, Councilwoman Gonzalez, Councilmember Reid, Councilmember Villafranca

Councilmember Gonzalez and Councilmember Reid gave statements regarding the complaints alleging a

violation of the City's Code of Ethics pursuant to Section 2-284 of the City's Code, filed April 8, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Lynne adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Interim City Secretary Stacy Henderson, TRMC

Mayor Terry Lynne