

City of Farmers Branch Action Meeting Minutes Special City Council Meeting

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

Tuesday, May 16, 2024

6:00 PM

Study Session Room

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 Richard Jackson, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Omar

Roman, Councilmember Martin Baird, Councilmember David Reid, Councilmember

Roger Neal

City Staff Present: City Manager Ben Williamson, Director of Administrative Services/City Secretary Stacy Henderson, City Attorney David Berman

A. CALL TO ORDER (6 P.M.)

Mayor Lynne called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

B. EXECUTIVE SESSION

B.1 City Council will convene into closed executive session pursuant to Section 551.074 Personnel Deliberation and Section 551.071 (2) of the Texas Government Code to discuss and review a Code of Ethics complaint against Mayor Terry Lynne and receive a report from the City Attorney regarding said complaint.

The City Council convened into Executive Session at 6:00 p.m.

C. TAKE ANY ACTION AS A RESULT OF THE CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Pro Tem Jackson reconvened the City Council from Executive Session at 8:58 p.m. the following action was taken.

City Attorney David Berman explained that he had submitted a report to the City Council regarding the two ethics complaints against Mayor Terry Lynne. His findings indicated that no ethics violations existed; however, his review was restricted only to the complaints and documents submitted. Per the Charter, it was not his duty to conduct any formal investigation.

To promote public trust and transparency, a motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Jackson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Roman, that the City Council commission the City Attorney to contract outside counsel to conduct an investigation. The motion passed with the following vote:

Aye: Mayor Pro Tem Richard Jackson, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Omar Roman, Councilmember Martin Baird, Councilmember David Reid, Councilmember Roger Neal.

The City Council meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

City Secretary Stacy Henderson, TRMC

Mayor Terry Lynne