



City of Farmers Branch Action Meeting Minutes City Council

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

Tuesday, June 18, 2024

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

City Staff Present: City Manager Ben Williamson, Deputy City Manager Jawaria Tareen, Assistant to the City Manager Jennifer Rainey, Director of Administrative Services Stacy Henderson, City Attorney David Berman, Director of Public Works Ray Silva-Reyes, Director of Parks Rob Diaz, Director of Economic Development Perla Tavera, Director of Finance Tammy Zimmerman, Director of Communications Jeff Brady, and other City staff

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

Mayor Lynne called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and announced that the meeting would be moved to the Council Chambers due to the large gathering of citizens present.

Mayor Lynne recessed the Study Session at 4:00 p.m. and reconvened the Study Session at 4:06 p.m.

Mayor Lynne announced Item C.2 would be moved to the first item discussed.

C.2 Receive an update from the Trinity River Authority of Texas (TRA) regarding the rehabilitation and replacement project and site acquisition at the southeast corner of Luna Road and Valley View Lane.

Director of Economic Development Perla Tavera introduced Tom Davies with the Trinity River Authority, who gave a presentation explaining the background of the proposed project, the purpose of the project, details regarding the storage and staging area for the construction materials, the schedule for construction, and details regarding public outreach.

Tim Ramsey, 1735 Wittington Place, Unit 3304, spoke in opposition to the proposed project.

Lynn Chaffin, 1735 Wittington Place, Building 3, Apartment 3106, spoke in opposition to the proposed project.

Ananth Sirimalla, 12987 Vinson Drive, spoke in opposition to the proposed project.

Jason Ennis, 12523 Royal Oaks Lane, spoke in opposition to the proposed project.

Chris Philip, 1889 Wittington Place, spoke in opposition to the proposed project.

Brendon Taylor, 12864 Perrin Lane, spoke in opposition to the proposed project.

Patrick Trapp, 1750 Brighton Place, spoke in opposition to the proposed project.

Joshua Smith, 1579 William Way, spoke in opposition to the proposed project.

Anirudh Penukonda, 1782 Prescott Place, spoke in opposition to the proposed project.

Leslie Westland, 1813 Lande Street, spoke in opposition to the proposed project.

Nicholas James, 1715 Harlan Avenue, spoke in opposition to the proposed project.

Vihang Pirikh, 1806 Mindehall Drive, spoke in opposition to the proposed project.

Aditi Desai, 1766 Brighton Place, spoke in opposition to the proposed project.

Kauika Maheshwari, 12965 Averi Lane, spoke in opposition to the proposed project.

Rinkesh Desai, 1753 Hanover Court, spoke in opposition to the proposed project.

Manimozhi Monica Thevar, 1763 Hanover Court, spoke in opposition to the proposed project.

Sherly Tomcy, 1912 Cathedral Drive, spoke in opposition to the proposed project.

Deborah Malveaux, 1423 William Way, spoke in opposition to the proposed project.

Neel Patel, 12174 Hesse Drive, spoke in opposition to the proposed project.

Olivia Owen, 1561 Wittington Place, spoke in opposition to the proposed project.

Ajaybir Singh, 1669 Ashington Trail, spoke in opposition to the project.

Sydney Wagner, 12963 Wimbledon Way, spoke in opposition to the project.

Mayor Lynne recessed the Study Session at 5:52 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER - REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Lynne called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:17 p.m.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jackson led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

G.1 Consider accepting a \$75,717 funding request from the Metrocrest Hospital Authority for the Farmers Branch Fire Department to purchase four (4) Stryker Xpedition-powered stair chairs.

Mayor Lynne gave information regarding the funding request from Metrocrest Hospital Authority for the purchase of the stair chairs.

Mayor Lynne announced that the Council would adjourn into Executive Session.

A point of order was called by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Roman for the agenda to continue as presented. The point of order was seconded by Councilmember Neal. The motion carried with the following vote:

Aye: Mayor Pro Tem Roman, Councilmember Baird, Councilmember Neal

Nay: Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jackson, Councilmember Reid

G.2 Presentation of a Proclamation declaring June 18, 2024, as Pride Day in Farmers Branch.

Mayor Pro Tem Roman presented the Pride Proclamation and received comments from former Councilwoman Tina Bennett-Burton.

G.3 Presentation of a 20-year Service Award to Linda Gaucin, Administrative Assistant, with the Parks and Recreation Department.

Mayor Lynne Presented Linda Gaucin with the 20-year Service Pin.

G.4 Presentation of the Employee of the Month Award for the month of May to Louise Means of the Community Services Department.

Mayor Lynne presented Louise Means with the Employee of the Month Award.

G.5 Presentation of the Texas Municipal Clerks Association's Office of Excellence Award to the City Secretary's Office for the City of Farmers Branch.

Mayor Lynne presented the City Secretary's Office with the Texas Municipal Clerks Association's Office of Excellence Award.

ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Communications Director Jeff Brady presented items of community interest.

REPORT ON STUDY SESSION ITEMS

Mayor Lynne reported on items discussed during the Study Session.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Walt Nickel, 12927 Burninglog Lane, spoke in opposition to having a Pride Proclamation.

Brenda Brodrick, 13531 Rawhide Parkway, spoke in opposition to having a Pride Proclamation.

George Brodrick, 13531 Rawhide Parkway, spoke in opposition to having a Pride Proclamation.

Colleen Rulien, 3223 Whispering Oak, spoke in favor of having a Pride Proclamation.

James Lockridge, Mira Lago Lane, spoke on issues with Code Compliance.

CONSENT AGENDA

- K.1 Consider approving the following City Council meeting minutes; and take appropriate action.**
 - **June 4, 2024, City Council Meeting**
- K.2 Consider excusing the absence of Mayor Pro Tem Omar Roman from the Regular meeting portion of the June 4, 2024 City Council meeting; and take appropriate action.**
- K.3 Consider approving Resolution No. 2024-109, establishing the dates and times for City Council study session meetings, repealing Resolution No. 2016-039; and taking appropriate action.**
- K.4 Consider approval of Ordinance No. 3872 amending the Code of Ordinances, repealing all requirements for Certificates of Occupancy for Residential Dwellings by amending various provisions of Chapter 22, Chapter 26, Chapter 46, Chapter 56, and by amending the Master Fee Schedule, Appendix “A” to the Code of Ordinances; and take appropriate action.**
- K.5 Consider approving Resolution No. 2024-103 authorizing the purchase of four (4) Xpedition powered stair chairs from Stryker in the amount of \$75,716.28; and take appropriate action.**
- K.6 Consider approving Ordinance No. 3870, amending the Farmers Branch Code of Ordinance, Section 82-95 “No Parking Zones” to add a no parking zone on Wooded Creek Drive; and take appropriate action.**
- K.7 Consider approving Resolution No. 2024-108, authorizing the reallocation of American Rescue Plan Act Grant Funds; and take appropriate action.**

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

Aye: Mayor Pro Tem Roman, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jackson, Councilmember Baird, Councilmember Reid, Councilmember Neal

PUBLIC HEARING

- L.1 Conduct a public hearing and consider adopting Ordinance No. 3865 approving an industrial development on approximately 3.5 acres located at 12197 Denton Drive within the Planned Development District No. 32 (PD-32) zoning district approving Resolution No. 2024-100 authorizing a Trail Improvement Deferral Agreement in the amount of \$40,798.40; and take appropriate action.**

Lily Sutton, Planner, gave a presentation explaining the current site overview, the proposed improvements and uses to the property, and the recommendations from the Planning and Zoning Commission.

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

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Roman, seconded by Councilmember Reid, to close the public hearing and approve Ordinance No. 3865 and Resolution No. 2024-100 as presented. The motion carried with the following vote:

Aye: Mayor Pro Tem Roman, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jackson, Councilmember Baird, Councilmember Reid, Councilmember Neal

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

M.1 Receive an update from The Family Place.

Vanessa Baum, Director of Prevention Education of The Family Place, gave a presentation on the services offered by the organization, the advocacy services offered, education services offered, support groups available, and the projected outcome of their projects.

M.2 Receive an update from Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce.

Michael Gallops, President of Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce, gave a presentation on the mission of the organization, the business pillars of the organization, the membership breakdown, the statistics of Farmers Branch participants, a timeline of events, and the future goals of the organization.

M.3 Consider approving Resolution No. 2024-111 authorizing the City Manager to purchase a K-9 Unit Vehicle with Reliable Chevrolet and the equipment package from Defender Supply through an Interlocal Cooperative Purchasing Agreement for the Police Department; and take appropriate action.

Economic Development Director Perla Tavera gave a presentation explaining the need for the K9 unit vehicle and the percentage spent on the existing K9 unit vehicle to date.

A motion was made by Mayor Lynne, seconded by Councilmember Neal, to approve the Resolution No. 2024-111 as presented. The motion carried with the following vote:

Aye: Mayor Pro Tem Roman, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jackson, Councilmember Baird, Councilmember Reid, Councilmember Neal

M.4 Consider approving Resolution No. 2024-105 authorizing the City Manager to approve a contract with Supreme Roofing Systems to repair and replace roofs located at City Hall and the Branch Connection in the amount of \$956,114; and take appropriate action.

Economic Development Director Perla Tavera gave a presentation on the need for the roof replacements for both buildings and showed examples of damage that needs to be fixed.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jackson, seconded by Councilmember Reid, to approve Resolution No. 2024-105 as presented. The motion carried with the following vote:

Aye: Mayor Pro Tem Roman, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jackson, Councilmember Baird, Councilmember Reid, Councilmember Neal

Mayor Lynne recessed the Regular Meeting and reconvened into Study Session at 7:41 p.m.

STUDY SESSION

C.1 Discuss regular agenda items.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jackson discussed the requirements for proclamations.

C.3 Discuss budgeting funds for the maintenance of medians in the Oakbrook and Mercer subdivisions and provide direction to City staff.

Parks Director Rob Diaz gave a presentation highlighting the background of discussion on the medians and the cost of service with and without contracting out the work.

The Council gave direction with moving forward with the discussions on the maintenance of medians.

C.4 Discuss topics of Fees and Positions for the Proposed Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget

Finance Director Tammy Zimmerman gave a presentation on the proposed changes to the current fee structure and on the proposed additional positions for staff.

The Council gave direction to schedule a Special Meeting of the City Council to further discuss the budget and to move forward with imposing a credit card processing fee.

C.5 Receive an update from the Mayor and Council Members regarding board liaison information from outside organizations and other meetings attended.

The Council gave their updates on outside organizations.

C.6 Discuss future agenda items.

Councilmember Reid requested an item on the status of Mercer Park.

Mayor Lynne requested an item related to Council absences and a discussion on behavior, conduct, and truth in communication.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

D.1 The City Council will convene into a closed Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072 (Real Property Deliberations) to discuss the real property located at 13309 Josey Lane.

D.2 The City Council will convene into a closed Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 for the purpose of seeking legal advice from the City Attorney.

Mayor Lynne adjourned the Study Session and convened into Executive Session at 9:41 p.m.

Mayor Lynne reconvened the Regular Meeting at 10:45 p.m.

TAKE ANY ACTION AS A RESULT OF THE CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Lynne adjourned the Regular Meeting at 10:45 p.m.

City Secretary Stacy Henderson, TRMC

Mayor Terry Lynne