



City of Farmers Branch Action Meeting Minutes City Council

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

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

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 (*present for Regular Meeting and the second portion of the Executive Session*), Mayor Pro Tem Omar Roman, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Richard Jackson, Councilmember David Reid, Councilmember Roger Neal, Councilwoman Tina Bennett-Burton

City Staff Present: City Manager Ben Williamson, Deputy City Manager Jawaria Tareen, Director of Administrative Services Stacy Henderson, City Attorney Whitt Wyatt, Director of Public Works Ray Silva-Reyes, Director of Parks and Recreation Rob Diaz, Director of Economic Development and Tourism Perla Tavera, Police Chief Kevin McCoy, Fire Chief Daniel Latimer, Interim Finance Director Lee Ann Dumbauld, Director of Community Services Danielle Summers, and other City staff

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

Mayor Pro Tem Roman 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.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jackson requested that Item J.3 related to a landscape maintenance agreement with Mercer Crossing North Master Property Owner's Association, Inc. be moved to the Regular Agenda.

C.2 Receive a presentation from Code Enforcement and discuss an amendment to the Code of Ordinances related to parking regulations for oversized vehicles in residential areas.

Code Enforcement Manager Christina Raemhild gave a presentation explaining the objectives of the proposed ordinance, the history of ordinances related to oversized parking, details regarding the proposed ordinance, and surrounding cities' ordinances related to oversized parking.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jackson recommended to include types of vehicles in the ordinance.

Mayor Pro Tem Roman suggested coordinating legal services on an ordinance regarding oversized vehicles and an ordinance on storing junk in vehicles.

Mayor Lynne reconvened into Executive Session at 6:57 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- D.5 The City Council will convene into closed Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.071(2) to seek legal advice from the City Attorney regarding the powers of the City Council under Section 2.06 of the City Charter.**

TAKE ANY ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no action taken as a result of Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Lynne adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:59 p.m.


City Secretary Stacy Henderson, TRMC


Mayor Terry Lynne

Councilmember Neal suggested there be a grace period for residents to relocate their vehicles.

C.3 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 meetings.

C.4 Review and discuss future agenda items.

Councilwoman Bennett-Burton requested a discussion on the life cycle of city-owned buildings, including solar panels, and requested adding the actions being taken for drinking water and sewage to the public works map.

Mayor Pro Tem Roman requested an item to conduct an annual review of the City's contracted legal services.

Mayor Pro Tem Roman convened into Executive Session at 4:27 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

D.1 The City Council will convene into a closed Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.087 to discuss economic incentives for Farmers Branch Project 2025.005.

D.2 The City Council will convene into closed Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072 to discuss the real property located at 1349-1399 Valley View Lane.

D.3 The City Council will convene into closed Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071(2) to seek legal advice from the City Attorney regarding the implications of pending Texas House and Senate bills on the City's current law enforcement policies and procedures and public outreach regarding the same.

D.4 The City Council will convene into closed Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071(2) of the Texas Government Code to receive a legal update from the City Attorney regarding campaigning and municipal elections.

CALL TO ORDER - REGULAR MEETING

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

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Lynne led the invocation and the pledges of allegiance.

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

There were no Ceremonial Items presented at this meeting.

ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Public Information Officer Christian Grisales presented items of community interest.

CONSENT AGENDA

- J.1 Consider approving the following City Council meeting minutes; and take appropriate action.**
- **March 18, 2025, City Council Meeting**
- J.2 Consider adopting Ordinance No. 3921 amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 26, Fee Schedule, and correcting the fees for Multi-Family Inspections; and take appropriate action.**
- J.3 ~~Consider Resolution No. 2025-023 approving an amended and restated landscape maintenance agreement with the Mercer Crossing North Master Property Owners Association, Inc.; and take appropriate action.~~ (Moved to Regular Agenda Item L.1)**
- J.4 Consider approving Resolution No. 2025-059 approving the first amended and restated Consulting Services Agreement between the City and Strategic Government Resources (SGR) for interim Finance Director services; and take appropriate action.**
- J.5 Consider approving Resolution No. 2025-047 authorizing the City Manager to execute agreements and authorize payments for the purchase of Flock Safety Software, License Plate Readers, Video Management System, and other related equipment and services from Flock Group Inc., using MVCPA Grant Funds and other approved City Funds; and take appropriate action.**

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Roman, seconded by Councilwoman Bennett-Burton, to approve the Consent Agenda with the modification that J.3 will move to the Regular Agenda. The motion carried with the following vote:

Aye: Mayor Pro Tem Roman, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jackson, Councilwoman Bennett-Burton, Councilmember Reid, Councilmember Neal

CITIZEN COMMENTS

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

PUBLIC HEARING

- K.1 Conduct a public hearing and consider adopting Ordinance No. 3919 granting a Specific Use Permit - Interim Use for outside storage on approximately 13.6 acres located at 1801 Valley View Lane within Planned Development District No. 77 (PD-77); and take appropriate action.**

Deputy Director of Planning Sarah Bergman gave a presentation explaining the background of the site, the purpose of the requested Specific Use Permit (SUP), the specifications of the SUP if approved, and the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jackson suggested there be some security measures taken to avoid crime in the area.

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

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Roman, seconded by Councilmember Neal, to close the public hearing and adopt Ordinance No. 3919 as presented. The motion carried with the following vote:

Aye: Mayor Pro Tem Roman, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jackson, Councilwoman Bennett-Burton, Councilman Reid, Councilman Neal

K.2 Conduct a public hearing and consider approving Resolution No. 2025-050 for a detailed site plan with special exceptions related to signage for property located at 1801 Valley View Lane within Planned Development District No. 77 (PD-77); and take appropriate action.

Deputy Director of Planning Sarah Bergman gave a presentation explaining the proposed signage for the location and the recommendations from the Planning and Zoning Commission.

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

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Roman, seconded by Councilwoman Bennett-Burton, to close the public hearing and adopt Resolution No. 2025-050 as presented. The motion carried with the following vote:

Aye: Mayor Pro Tem Roman, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jackson, Councilwoman Bennett-Burton, Councilman Reid, Councilman Neal

K.3 Conduct a public hearing and consider adopting Ordinance No. 3920 granting a specific use permit for a self-storage facility on approximately 5.6 acres addressed as 4545 Spring Valley Road within the Light Industrial (LI) zoning district; and take appropriate action.

Deputy Director of Planning Sarah Bergman gave a presentation explaining the background of the property, the proposed development, and the exceptions requested for outdoor storage.

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

A motion was made by Councilmember Neal, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jackson, to close the public hearing and adopt Ordinance No. 3920 as presented. The motion carried with the following vote:

Aye: Mayor Pro Tem Roman, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jackson, Councilwoman Bennett-Burton, Councilman Reid, Councilman Neal

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

L.1/J.3 Consider Resolution No. 2025-023 approving an amended and restated landscape maintenance agreement with the Mercer Crossing North Master Property Owners Association, Inc.; and take appropriate action.

Parks and Recreation Director Robert Diaz gave a presentation explaining the background of the Mercer Median Maintenance Transition, the next steps in the process of transferring maintenance responsibility to the City, and the costs of the project.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Roman, seconded by Councilmember Reid, to approve Resolution No. 2025-023 as presented. The motion carried with the following vote:

Aye: Mayor Pro Tem Roman, Councilwoman Bennett-Burton, Councilmember Reid, Councilmember Neal

Nay: Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jackson