



## City of Farmers Branch City Council Minutes

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Tuesday, December 11, 2018Farmers Branch City Hall  
13000 William Dodson Pkwy  
Farmers Branch, TX 75234Council Chambers

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- Presiding:** 1 - Mayor Robert C. Dye
- Present:** 5 - Mayor Pro Tem John Norwood; Council Member Bronson Blackson; Council Member Terry Lynne; Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Mike Bomgardner, Council Member Reyes
- Staff:** - John Land, Acting City Manager; Amy Piukana, City Secretary; Braden Metcalf, City Attorney; Ben Williamson, Assistant to the City Manager, Hugh Pender, Building Official; David Hale, Police Chief; Steve Parker, Fire Chief; Shane Davis, Director of Sustainability and Environmental Services; Sherrelle Evans-Jones, Director of Finance; Brian Beasley, Director of Human Resources; Allison Cook, Director of Economic Development

**A. CALL TO ORDER – STUDY SESSION (3 P.M.)**

Mayor Dye opened the meeting at 3 p.m.

**A.1 18-246 Discuss regular City Council meeting agenda items.**  
No discussion.

**A.2 18-252 Discussion and presentation regarding potential city-initiated zoning amendments related to Planned Development (PD) districts within the IH-35 corridor**  
Planning and Development Director Tina Firgens briefed City Council regarding this item. She explained the City Council requested staff to review Planned Development (PD) zoning districts located within the IH-35 corridor. Ms. Firgens introduced Kyra McCardle, an independent contractor hired by the City to provide I35 Corridor research. Ms. McCardle reviewed the purpose, study area, policy context and recommendations noting the proposal is to amend the following Planned Development Districts: PD 25, PD 24, PD 97, and PD 70.

The City Council discussed interim changes, public input, public hearing process, and existing non-conforming uses.

Ms. Firgens explained by approving these amendments, it allows staff to manage uses. She noted a full Comprehensive Plan review would be conducted within the next two years.

Council Member Lynne recommended allowing stakeholders to provide public input.

**A.3 18-253 Receive an update on Economic Development activity**

Economic Development Director Allison Cook provided an overview and video of recent Economic Development activities and introduced the City's Retention Specialist Amy Mueller to the City Council.

**A.4 18-251 Receive Bi-Annual Report from the Senior Advisory Board**

Senior Advisory Board Chair Matt Rice provided an update on recent board accomplishments.

Mayor Pro Tem Norwood asked if there have been any issues in regards to fees with the Square Dance Club.

Mr. Wayne Weirich representing the Square Dance Club replied stating the rental fees impacted his club being able to use the facilities due to high costs.

After discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Norwood suggested allowing grandfathered use of the facilities to existing members that utilized the facility prior to the new fee implementation.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bomgardner agreed with Mayor Pro Tem Norwood.

Assistant to the City Manager Ben Williamson explained the current policy is written with options that allows the City Manager to adjust the fee policy, as necessary.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bomgardner explained this should only apply to existing groups that were in place at the time prior to the fee implementation.

City Attorney Braeden Metcalf stated this group (Square Dance Club) would become "grandfathered in" and City Administration would advise the Council if any other groups have been affected.

**A.5 18-245 Receive a report regarding garbage cart opt-in options (Listen to Summary)**

Director of Sustainability and Environmental Services Shane Davis briefed City Council regarding this item.

The City Council discussed cost, opt in and opt out processes, bulk, billing options through the Water Utilities Department, and bin size options.

Mayor Pro Tem Norwood stated this is not a one-size fits all solution, stating the City's job is to provide services.

Council Member Blackson recommended the City conduct a pole that allows residents to decide if they want a roll out cart for trash services.

Mayor Dye recessed for a break at 5:20 p.m.

*Due to time constraints, the following agenda items were discussed after the regular meeting.*

**A.6 18-254 Discuss Farmers Branch Creek emergency stabilization efforts.**

Director of Public Works Marc Bentley provided an update on emergency stabilization efforts for the Farmers Branch Creek.

The City Council discussed improvement costs, funding sources; short term verses long-term solutions, and the possibility of City funding assistance.

Council Member Lynne challenged City Staff to review and find ways to deal with the funding issues.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bomgardner suggested utilizing reserve funds.

Acting City Manager John Land stated funding discussed tonight would aid with immediate emergency stabilization along the creek. He further stated City Administration will review and provide alternate funding options at the January 8, 2019 City Council meeting.

**A.7 18-256 Receive an overview of the trail system and future trail projects**

Director of Environmental and Sustainability Services Shane Davis introduced Patrick Hart with Kimley-Horn who provided an overview of the Trail Master Plan, focusing on east side, central area and west side trail projects.

**A.8 18-259 Discussion regarding the future of the Manske Library**

Acting City Manager John Land explained this agenda item was placed on the agenda as a placeholder. He further stated the Library Board plans to hold a second public input meeting on Tuesday, December 18, 2018.

The City Council discussed targeting a May 2019 Bond election verses November, public input, targeting and identifying future Library needs for the community as it grows.

**A.9 18-247 Discuss agenda items for future City Council meetings**

There were no future discussion topics.

**B. CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR MEETING (6 P.M.)**

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

**C. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Dye provided the Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance and led the Pledge to the Texas Flag.

**D. CEREMONIAL ITEMS**

**D.1 18-242 Recognition of Farmers Branch Fire Department Medic 133 and Carrollton Engine 115 for their actions in saving the life of a cardiac arrest victim on October 9, 2018**

The Las Colinas Medical Center recognized Farmers Branch Fire Department Firefighter/Paramedics Isaac Chan and Richard Snell (Medic 133) and Scott Farler, Marcus Watson, and Michael Pease of Carrollton Fire Rescue's E-115 who assisted with saving the life of a patient.

**D.2 18-239 Recognition of Wes Capperton.**

Mayor Dye recognized Wes Capperton for his years of service and wished him the best in his retirement.

**E. REPORTS ON STUDY SESSION ITEMS**

Council Member Blackson provided a report of Study Session items.

**F. MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER'S REPORT ON ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST**

Acting City Manager John Land provided the following announcements:

- Christmas in the Branch continues this week with outdoor Skating Under the Stars at the StarCenter and this Saturday's **Holiday Marketplace** in The Grove @ Mustang Crossing, from 4 until 8 p.m. Residents can shop for handmade and homemade items from more

than 30 vendors or have refreshments from the concessionaries on hand. Musical entertainment will be provided by Vocal Magic, The One Band and performances by local schools and theater groups. Children's activities will include trackless train rides, bounce houses, balloon artists, crafts and visits with Santa & Mrs. Claus. Again, the address for more info is [christmasinthebranch.com](http://christmasinthebranch.com).

- **Skating Under the Stars** continues every night through January 6 (except for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day). From now through December 20, Monday through Friday hours will be from 5 until 10 p.m. with noon to 10 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. From December 21 through January 6, hours will be from 12 noon to 10 p.m. seven days a week. Find out more at, one more time, [christmasinthebranch.com](http://christmasinthebranch.com).
- The Farmers Branch Manske Library will host their annual **Santa & Cookies** extravaganza on Wednesday, December 12 at 6 p.m. Mayor Robert Dye will be on hand to read *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*, followed by a special holiday craft and, of course, Santa will be there. Call 972.247.2511 for more information.
- Speaking of the Library, there will be a second **Visioning Meeting**, hosted by the Library Board, where the public can weigh in on the future of the Library, including the prospect for a 2019 bond election to fund construction of a new building. That meeting will be Tuesday, December 18 from 7 until 8 p.m. at the Farmers Branch Community Recreation Center.
- In other non-seasonal news, please remember that registration is now open for a new Power Switch where residents can pool their buying power to obtain a lower rate on electricity. More than 300 residents took advantage of the first Power Switch earlier this year, saving an average of \$500 on their electric bills over the next year. Find out more at [farmersbranchtx.gov/fbpowerswitch](http://farmersbranchtx.gov/fbpowerswitch).
- There is so much going on this season, so be sure to sign up for eNews at [farmersbranchtx.gov](http://farmersbranchtx.gov) to have current City news and information delivered directly to your eMail box.

Council Member Lynne thanked City Staff for the successful tree lighting event, and recognized the Fire Department for a newspaper compliment.

Mayor Dye provided a review of top accomplishments from all City Departments and thanked all City Staff for all their hard work.

**G. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

The Firehouse Theatre provided a performance featuring Betty and Jonie Hayes.

**H. CONSENT AGENDA**

- H.1 18-248 Consider approving minutes of the regular City Council meeting held on November 27, 2018; and take appropriate action.**
- H.2 ORD-3544 Consider adopting Ordinance No. 3544 approving a boundary adjustment agreement with the City of Farmers Branch and the Town of Addison; and take appropriate action.**

Motion made by Council Member Blackson to approve Consent Items H.1 through H.2. Motion seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bomgardner. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

**Ayes: 5 -** Mayor Pro Tem Norwood, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bomgardner, Council Member Blackson, Council Member Lynne, Council Member Reyes

I. **TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY AS A RESULT OF CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

No discussion.

The City Council recessed at 6:46 p.m. and reconvened at 6:55 p.m. to discuss Agenda Item A.6.

J. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Pro Tem Norwood made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Council Member Reyes. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

**Ayes: 5 -** Mayor Pro Tem Norwood, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bomgardner, Council Member Blackson, Council Member Lynne, Council Member Reyes

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Secretary