



City of Farmers Branch City Council Minutes

Tuesday, January 29, 2019

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

Council Chambers

- Presiding:** 1 - Mayor Robert C. Dye
- Present:** 4 - Mayor Pro Tem John Norwood; Council Member Bronson Blackson; Council Member Terry Lynne; Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Mike Bomgardner
- Absent:** 1 - Council Member Reyes
- Staff:** - Charles Cox, City Manager; John Land, Deputy City Manager; Amy Piukana, City Secretary; Kevin Laughlin, City Attorney; Ben Williamson, Assistant to the City Manager; Tina Firgens, Director of Development

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

Mayor Dye opened the meeting at 3 p.m.

A.1 19–10 Discuss and review Boards and Commissions

City Secretary Amy Piukana provided a presentation showing the current standing board types, reviewed history, surrounding cities, and board updates to City Council.

After discussion, City Council agreed to make the orientation a requirement and replace members that are not in compliance during the regular appointments in June. This may entail a provision of automatic removal after a reasonable amount of time to complete required trainings. For appointments out of the norm, those members may watch a recording of the orientation under the supervision of the City Secretary to answer questions and validate training received.

In addition, City Council has directed to uniformly reduce boards in phases as terms expire to reach a membership of 7 regular members and 2 alternates for advisory boards except the Quasi-Judicial boards, Planning & Zoning Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Council agreed to receive biannual updates by the Sustainability Committee, Parks and Recreation Board, and Planning & Zoning (PZ) Commission with a joint meeting for PZ.

Council Member Blackson requested these changes be reflected and combined into Chapter 2, Article II of the Boards and Commissions chapter within the Code of Ordinances.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bomgardner asked that subcommittees have a sunset provision, which allows automatic dissolution after the committee has completed tasks.

A.2 19-29 Receive an update on the responses to the RFQ for a new Farmers Branch Library.

Assistant to the City Manager Ben Williamson briefed City Council regarding this item reviewing the RFQ timeline, responses, concepts and designs received.

After discussion, City Council agreed to review the RFQ's received prior to making a final determination on setting a Bond Election date.

B. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Dye made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Council Member Blackson. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Mayor Pro Tem Norwood, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bomgardner, Council Member Blackson, Council Member Lynne

The meeting adjourned at 5:11p.m.

Signed: _____
Mayor

Attest: _____
City Secretary