



**CITY COUNCIL**  
**WORKSHOP & REGULAR MEETING**  
**City of Dripping Springs**  
**Council Chambers, 511 Mercer St, Dripping Springs, TX**  
**Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at 6:00 PM**

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**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

With a quorum of the City Council present, Mayor Foulds, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**City Council Members present were:**

Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.  
Mayor Pro Tem Taline Manassian  
Council Member Place 2 Wade King (*arrived @ 6:18 p.m.*)  
Council Member Place 4 Travis Crow  
Council Member Place 5 Sherrie Parks

**Council Member absent was:**

Council Member Place 3 Geoffrey Tahuahua

**Staff, Consultants & Appointed/Elected Officials present were:**

City Administrator Michelle Fischer  
Deputy City Administrator Ginger Faught  
Interim Deputy City Administrator Shawn Cox  
People & Communications Director Lisa Sullivan  
Deputy City Secretary Cathy Gieselman  
IT Director Jason Weinstock  
Parks & Community Services Director Andy Binz  
DSRP Manager Emily Nelson  
Special Counsel Marianne Landers Banks

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council Member Crow led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Foulds, Jr. took Items 2 and 3 out of order and returned to the Workshop after the Presentation of Citizens.

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**PRESENTATIONS**

- 2. Texas Hotel & Lodging Association Legislative Update**  
*Scott Joslove, President & CEO, Texas Hotel & Lodging Association*

Scott Joslove provided a Legislative Update and was available to address questions from City Council.

**3. Brinson Benefits 2023-2024 Healthcare Plan Presentation**

Lisa Sullivan and Nick Love with Brinson Benefits gave a presentation which is on file.

**PRESENTATION OF CITIZENS**

*A member of the public who desires to address the City Council regarding any item on an agenda for an open meeting may do so at presentation of citizens before an item or at a public hearing for an item during the City Council's consideration of that item. Citizens wishing to discuss matters not contained within the current agenda may do so, but only during the time allotted for presentation of citizens. Speakers are allowed two (2) minutes to speak during presentation of citizens or during each public hearing. Speakers may not cede or pool time. Members of the public requiring the assistance of a translator will be given twice the amount of time as a member of the public who does not require the assistance of a translator to address the City Council. It is the request of the City Council that members of the public wishing to speak on item(s) on the agenda with a noticed Public Hearing hold their comments until the item(s) are presented for consideration. Speakers are encouraged to sign in. Anyone may request a copy of the City's policy on presentation of citizens from the city secretary. By law no action may be taken during Presentations of Citizens.*

Kevin Corlett and Monica Corlett spoke regarding safety concerns related to the closure of intersection at Golden Eagle and Shady Lane.

Ma'ayan Lif, Landscape Architect, spoke regarding concerns about topography issues and planning for development without consideration of topography.

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**WORKSHOP**

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*Workshop items are for discussion only and no action will be taken.*

**1. Presentation and discussion regarding the proposed Municipal Budget for Fiscal Year 2024.**

Shawn Cox introduced the budget discussion and Andy Binz gave a presentation which is on file.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

*The following items are anticipated to require little or no individualized discussion due to their nature being clerical, ministerial, mundane or routine. In an effort to enhance the efficiency of City Council meetings, it is intended that these items will be acted upon by the City Council with a single motion because no public hearing or determination is necessary. However, a City Council Member or citizen may request separate deliberation for a specific item, in which event those items will be removed from the consent agenda prior to the City Council voting on the consent agenda as a collective, singular item. Prior to voting on the consent agenda, the City Council may add additional items that are listed elsewhere on the same agenda.*

**4. Approval of the July 5, 2023, City Council workshop and regular meeting minutes.**

**5. Approval of the June 2023 City Treasurer's Report.**

**6. Approval of a Resolution Appointing City Administrator Michelle Fischer to Place 4 of the Driftwood Economic Development Municipal Management Board of Directors.**

**Filed as Resolution No. 2023-R26**

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian to approve Consent Agenda Items 4 - 6. Council Member Parks seconded the motion which carried unanimously 4 to 0.

## **BUSINESS AGENDA**

- 7. Discuss and consider approval of an Eclipse Display at Veterans Memorial Park.**  
*Sponsor: Council Member Sherrie Parks*

Lisa Sullivan presented staff report which is on file. Staff recommends approval.

City Council directed staff to speak with the VFW and the Farmers Market and to bring this item to the Parks & Recreation Commission for consideration to ensure all are aware of what is proposed. No action was taken.

- 8. Discuss and consider approval of an Ordinance by the City of Dripping Springs Requesting a Speed Limit Change on RM 12 from South of Goodnight Trail to North of Event Center Drive to a prima facie maximum speed limit of fifty (50) miles per hour in both directions.** *Sponsor: Council Member Travis Crow*

Ginger Faught presented staff report which is on file. Staff recommends approval.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian to approve an Ordinance by the City of Dripping Springs Requesting a Speed Limit Change on RM 12 from South of Goodnight Trail to North of Event Center Drive to a prima facie maximum speed limit of fifty (50) miles per hour in both directions. Council Member Crow seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 4 to 0.

**Filed as Ordinance No. 2023-22**

Staff requested postponement of Business Agenda Items 9 and 10 to the August 1, 2023, regular City Council meeting.

- 9. Discuss and Consider Approval of a Lease Agreement with AUC Group, LLC. for a Wastewater Plant Expansion at Arrowhead Ranch.** *Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.*
- 10. Discuss and consider possible action regarding construction of the east interceptor related to the Line Extension Agreement with Gateway Village Subdivision.** *Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.*

## **REPORTS**

*Reports of Staff, Boards, Commissions, Committees, Boards and Agencies are on file and available for review upon request. The City Council may provide staff direction; however, no action may be taken.*

Report is on file and available for review upon request.

### **11. Planning Department Report**

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tern Manassian to adjourn into Executive Session under Texas Government Code Sections 551.071, Consultation with City Attorney; 551.072, Deliberations about Real Property; and 551.074, Personnel Issues and regarding Executive Session Agenda Items 12, 14, and 15. Council Member Crow seconded the motion which carried unanimously 4 to 0.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA**

*The City Council for the City of Dripping Springs has the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any matter as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), and 551.086 (Economic Development). The City Council for the City of Dripping Springs may act on any item listed in Executive Session in Open Session or move any item from Executive Session to Open Session for action.*

- 12. Consultation with Attorney regarding settlement of litigation related to code enforcement and open government.** *Consultation with Attorney, 551.071*
- 13. Consultation with Attorney regarding legal issues related to the South Regional Water Reclamation Project, Wastewater, and Amendment 2 Permits, Wastewater Service Area and Agreements, Water Service, and related items.** *Consultation with Attorney, 551.071*
- 14. Consultation with Attorney and Deliberation of Real Property regarding legal and real estate issues related to potential facility sites and street extensions and expansions.** *Consultation with Attorney, 551.071; Deliberation Regarding Real Property, 551.072*
- 15. Deliberation regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, compensation, and duties of Penny Appleman, Roman Baligad, Andrew Binz, Kevin Campbell, Tory Carpenter, Shawn Cox, Andrea Cunningham, Brandon Elliott, Melanie Engels, Fletcher Engstrom, Mark Escobedo, Manny Espinosa, Jose Esquivel, Ginger Faught, Michelle Fischer, Sesario Garza, Cathy Gieselman, Katherine Griego, Kyle Hagen, Wacey Hanger, Stephanie Hartnett, Johnathon Hill, Caylie Houchin, Robert Hutson, Alison Jamieson, Sheri Kapanka, Amy Kappler, Johnna Krantz, Charles Gray Lahrman, Samantha Larghe, Heron Longoria, Ryane Maceyra, Laura Mueller, Emily Nelson, Anthony Pennell, Shane Pevehouse, Cameron Queen, Aaron Reed, Charles Reed, Craig Rice, Warlan Rivera, Jessica Selina Segovia, Mackenzie Rusick, Teresa Sanders, Lily Sellers, Nick Spillar, William Stevens, Riley Sublett, Lisa Sullivan, Andrew Thompson, and Jason Weinstock.** *Deliberation of Personnel Matters, 551.074*

The City Council met in Executive Session from 7:50 p.m. – 8:27 p.m.

No vote or action was taken. Mayor Founds, Jr. returned the meeting to Open Session at 8:27 p.m.

## **OPEN SESSION**

A motion was made by Council Member Parks to consider Executive Session Agenda Items 12 and 14 in Open Session. Council Member Crow seconded the motion which carried unanimously 4 to 0.

- 12. Consultation with Attorney regarding settlement of litigation related to code enforcement and open government.** *Consultation with Attorney, 551.071*

A motion was made by Council Member Parks to approve settlement with Bent Sky as presented in executive session with direction staff to finalize agreement; and to authorize the Mayor to execute agreement. Council Member Crow seconded the motion which carried unanimously 4 to 0.

14. **Consultation with Attorney and Deliberation of Real Property regarding legal and real estate issues related to potential facility sites and street extensions and expansions.** *Consultation with Attorney, 551.071; Deliberation Regarding Real Property, 551.072*

A motion was made by Council Member Crow to authorize the Mayor and Deputy City Administrator to negotiate and finalize an agreement related to the Roger Hanks Parkway project, subject to the approval as to form of the City Attorney, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreement. Council Member King seconded the motion which carried unanimously 4 to 0.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### City Council & Board of Adjustment Meetings

August 1, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. (CC & BOA)

August 15, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. (CC)

September 5, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. (CC & BOA)

September 19, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. (CC)

### Board, Commission & Committee Meetings

July 20, 2023, Emergency Management Commission at 12:00 p.m.

July 24, 2023, Transportation Committee at 3:30 p.m.

July 25, 2023, Planning & Zoning Commission at 6:00 p.m.

August 2, 2023, DSRP Board at 11:00 a.m.

August 3, 2023, Historic Preservation Commission at 4:00 p.m.

## ADJOURN

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian to adjourn the meeting. Council Member King seconded the motion which carried unanimously 4 to 0.

This regular meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

**APPROVED ON:** August 1, 2023

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Bill Foulds, Jr., Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Andrea Cunningham, City Secretary