



# City Council Budget Workshop & Regular Meeting

City of Dripping Springs Council Chambers

511 Mercer Street - Dripping Springs, TexasTexas

Tuesday, June 04, 2024, at 6:00 PM

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## MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

With a quorum of the City Council present, Mayor Foulds, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**City Council Members present were:**

Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.

Mayor Pro Tem Taline Manassian

Council Member Place 2 Wade King

Council Member Place 3 Geoffrey Tahuahua (*arrived @ 6:14 p.m.*)

Council Member Place 4 Travis Crow

Council Member Place 5 Sherrie Parks

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

City Administrator Michelle Fischer

Deputy City Administrator Ginger Faught

Deputy City Administrator Shawn Cox

City Attorney Laura Mueller

Deputy City Attorney Aniz Alani

People & Communications Director Lisa Sullivan

IT Director Jason Weinstock

Deputy City Secretary Cathy Gieselman

Parks & Community Services Director Andy Binz

TIRZ Project Manager Keenan Smith

Deputy Constable Zach Miller

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

### BUDGET WORKSHOP

*Workshop items are for discussion purposes only and no action shall be taken. The City Council may provide direction to staff regarding workshop items.*

- 1. Presentation and discussion regarding the proposed Municipal Budget for Fiscal Year 2025.**

Shawn Cox provided a presentation which is on file.

## **PRESENTATION OF CITIZENS**

*A member of the public that wishes to address the City Council on any issue, regardless of whether it is posted on this agenda, may do so during Presentation of Citizens. It is the request of the City Council that individuals wishing to speak on agenda items with a public hearing hold their comments until the item is being considered. Individuals are allowed two (2) minutes each to speak regarding issues not on the agenda and two (2) minutes per item on the agenda and may not cede or pool time. Those requiring the assistance of a translator will be allowed additional time to speak. Individuals are not required to sign in; however, it is encouraged. Individuals that wish to share documents with the City Council must present the documents to the City Secretary or City Attorney providing at least seven (7) copies; if seven (7) copies are not provided, the City Council will receive the documents the following day. Audio Video presentations will not be accepted during Presentation of Citizens. By law no action shall be taken during Presentation of Citizens; however, the Mayor may provide a statement of specific factual information, recitation of existing policy, or direction or referral to staff.*

No one spoke during Presentation of Citizens.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

*Presentations are for discussion purposes only and no action shall be taken. The City Council may provide staff direction.*

### **2. Update on Old Fitzhugh Road Improvement Project Landscape Plans.**

*Keenan Smith, TIRZ Project Manager*

Keenan Smith noted the presentation was not received in time for the meeting and will be postponed for another date.

### **3. Update on Downtown Restrooms Project.**

*Keenan Smith, TIRZ Project Manager*

Keenan Smith and Laura Mueller provided a presentation and addressed questions from council members. Presentation is on file.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

*The following items will be acted upon in a single motion and are considered to be ministerial or routine. No separate discussion or action on these items will be held unless pulled at the request of a member of the City Council or City staff.*

### **4. Approval of the May 21, 2024, City Council regular meeting minutes.**

### **5. Approval of Cadel Beasley's Distinguished Conservation Service Award project to build a Composting Station at Dripping Springs Ranch Park. Sponsor: Council Member Wade King.**

### **6. Approval of a Resolution of the City of Dripping Springs appointing F.A. Bartlett Tree Expert Company as City Arborist. Sponsor: Council Member Travis Crow.**

**Filed as Resolution No. 2024-R07**

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian to approve Consent Agenda Items 4 – 6. Council Member Crow seconded the motion which carried unanimously 5 to 0.

## **BUSINESS AGENDA**

- 7. Presentation and consideration of approval of the City of Dripping Springs Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Audit.** *Presenter: Roger Tovar, Whitley Penn.*

Shawn Cox introduced the item and provided a handout, *Financial Statements and Other Financial Information for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2023*, which is on file. Roger Tovar, Partner with Whitley Penn, provided a presentation of the audit which is on file.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian to approve the City of Dripping Springs Fiscal Year 2022-23 Audit as presented. Council Member Tahuahua seconded the motion which carried unanimously 5 to 0.

- 8. Discuss and consider approval of a Supplemental Agreement Regarding Wastewater Service between the City of Dripping Springs and Development Solutions Carter, LLC for The Ranch at Caliterra.** *Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds.*

Ginger Faught requested this item be postponed until the June 18, 2024, meeting. No action taken.

- 9. Discuss and consider the Appointment of the Mayor Pro Tem to serve a term of one (1) year.**

A motion was made by Council Member Crow to approve the Reappointment of Taline Manassian as Mayor Pro Tem to serve a term of one year. Council Member King seconded the motion which carried unanimously 5 to 0.

- 10. Discussion and possible action regarding the Mayoral Appointment of Council Members to Council Areas of Oversight.** *Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.*

Mayor Foulds, Jr. appointed Council Members to the following Areas of Oversight and discussed the role of oversight which includes providing input to Mayor and City Staff:

**a. Parks:**

Primary: Mayor Pro Tem Manassian;  
Council Member Crow will help

*Dripping Springs Ranch Park & Farmers Market:*

Primary: Council Member Parks;  
Secondary: Mayor Pro Tem Manassian

**b. Public Health and Safety:**

Primary: Council Member Tahuahua;  
Secondary: Council Member King

- c. **Utilities:**  
Mayor Foulds, Jr.
- d. **Finance:**  
Mayor Pro Tem Manassian
- e. **Transportation and Streets:**  
Primary: Council Member Crow;  
Secondary: Council Member Tahuahua  
Council Member Parks will help
- f. **Community Events and Services:**  
Council Member Parks

Laura Mueller noted that it was important to be aware of a walking quorum due to the number of members appointed to each area of oversight.

**11. Discuss and consider possible action regarding the Mayoral Appointment of Council Members to Council Committees and to the Hays County Mental Health Coordinating Committee. Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.**

Mayor Foulds, Jr. appointed Council Members to the following Committees:

- a. **Economic Development Committee:**  
Mayor Foulds, Jr. noted that the Economic Development Committee will be paused to figure out a direction of the Committee moving forward. The Chamber will be reactivating their Economic Development Committee and would like to have a representative from City Council serve.  
Primary: Council Member Parks;  
Secondary: Mayor Pro Tem Manassian
- b. **Transportation Committee:**  
Council Member Crow
- c. **Farmers Market Committee:**  
Primary: Council Member Parks  
Secondary: Mayor Pro Tem Manassian
- d. **Emergency Management Committee:**  
Council Member Tahuahua
- e. **Hays County Mental Health Coordinating Committee**  
Mayor Foulds Jr. and Ginger Faught will attend the first virtual meeting with Hays County on June 12<sup>th</sup> and bring back more information about this committee to council members at the June 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## REPORTS

*Reports listed are on file and available for review upon request. The City Council may provide staff direction; however, no action shall be taken.*

**12. City Attorney Report**

*Laura Mueller, City Attorney*

**13. Planning Department Report**

*Tory Carpenter, Planning Director*

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian to adjourn into Closed Session under Item 14 pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071, Consultation with Attorney. Council Member Tahuahua seconded the motion which carried unanimously 5 to 0.

## CLOSED SESSION

*The City Council has the right to adjourn into closed session on any item on this agenda and at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any matter as authorized by law or by the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation With Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberation Regarding Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberation Regarding Prospective Gifts), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits), and 551.087 (Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations), and 551.089 (Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits). Any final action or vote on any Closed Session item will be taken in Open Session.*

**14. 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, Wastewater Fees, and related items. Consultation with Attorney, 551.071**

The City Council met in Closed Session from 7:03 p.m. to 7:22 p.m.

Council Member Crow recused from Closed Session during water discussion, exited the Closed Session and did not return until Open Session.

No vote or action was taken during Closed Session. Mayor Foulds, Jr. returned the meeting to Open Session at 7:22 p.m.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

**City Council & Board of Adjustment Meetings**

June 18, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. (CC)

July 2, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. (CC & BOA)

July 16, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. (CC)

August 6, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. (CC & BOA)

**Board, Commission & Committee Meetings**

June 6, 2024, Historic Preservation Commission at 4:00 p.m.

June 10, 2024, TIRZ No. 1 & No. 2 Board at 4:00 p.m.

June 12, 2024, DSRP Board at 11:00 a.m.

June 20, 2024, Parks & Recreation Commission at 6:00 p.m.

June 20, 2024, Farmers Market Committee at 10:00 a.m.

June 20, 2024, Emergency Management Committee at 12:00 p.m.

June 20, 2024, Utility Commission at 4:00 p.m.

June 24, 2024, Transportation Committee at 3:30 p.m.

June 26, 2024, Economic Development Committee at 4:00 p.m.

**ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Tahuahua seconded the motions which carried unanimously 5 to 0.

This regular meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

***APPROVED ON: June 18, 2024***

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*Bill Foulds, Jr., Mayor*

***ATTEST:***

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*Cathy Gieselman, Deputy City Secretary*