



CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION ITEM

CITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH, TEXAS

July 6, 2023

AGENDA TOPIC: Discussion and possible action to shape and frame the Q3 Town Hall meeting
DATE: July 6, 2023
DEPARTMENT: Administration
PRESENTED BY: Gregory C. Maxton, Mayor

INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND:

Service delivery in a comprehensive planning model begins with an understanding of how developing and administering policies and controls reflect the values of the community. Effective public engagement requires proactive leadership through the communication of information, seeking clarity of issues to address, ensuring familiarity with City operations, and a committed approach to discover the City's capacities and assets. A public engagement component provides local leaders with some level of comfort for their policy decisions and ensures stakeholders (citizens) are satisfied with delivery and outcomes. The intent of this planning model is to facilitate Planning *with* the citizenry rather than Planning *for* the citizenry. In this vein, the City Council has committed to leading one Town Hall meeting *per* quarter during FY 2022-23.

Q1 - A Transportation Town Hall was held on January 24, 2023, at Spring Creek United Methodist Church, and was attended by approximately 110 citizens.

Q2 - A Wastewater and Emergency Response & Disaster Recovery Town Hall was held on April 18, 2023, at Spring Creek United Methodist Church, and was attended by approximately 60 citizens.

At the May 18th City Council town hall recap workshop, the Council expressed the desire that future town halls be less formal to encourage citizen participation. To facilitate this, meetings will be attended by less than a quorum of council, eliminating the formalities to which a structured city council meeting must adhere.

Attendees at the April 18th meeting offered the suggestion of street maintenance as the next topic. At the Special City Council meeting held on June 23, 2023 the City Council also proposed "local mobility and Multi-Modal Connectivity" as a potential future topic. Other potential topics previously identified by Council include:

- Dietz Elkhorn Roadway Reconstruction
- Strategic Plan
- Budget
- Drainage
- Public Safety
- Communications and Citizen Outreach

The above list is not comprehensive but rather a starting point for Council discussion.

City staff has reached out to Spring Creek United Methodist Church. Assuming City Council would prefer an evening meeting and continuing with the Tuesday precedent, the following dates are proposed: July 18th and 25th; August 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th; and September 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th. Should City Council opt for the Dietz Elkhorn Roadway Reconstruction topic, the consultant company, Pape Dawson Engineers, Inc. is available August 1st, 22nd, and 29th and September 5th.

The purpose of this agenda item is to discuss and, if possible, select the topic and date for the next town hall meeting, and to establish council presence. Once the topic and date are determined, staff will begin to devote resources to shape and frame the town hall meeting and to develop the necessary supportive materials.

POLICY ANALYSIS/BENEFIT(S) TO CITIZENS:

Advances Strategic Action Plan Project 5.2.3 to Create Opportunities for Resident Engagement and Participation. Town hall events encourage communication between its citizens and their elected officials.

LONG-TERM FINANCIAL & BUDGETARY IMPACT:

TBD

LEGAL ANALYSIS:

No Legal analysis was required for this agenda item.

RECOMMENDATION/PROPOSED MOTION:

I move that the next town hall topic to be _____ and for the town hall to be held on _____. Council members _____, _____, and _____ will attend.