



CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION ITEM

CITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH, TEXAS

March 16, 2023

AGENDA TOPIC: Discussion and possible action to shape and frame the Q2 Town Hall meeting

DATE: March 16, 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 that 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 22-23.

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 - City Council has since submitted the following potential topics for the Q2 town hall meeting:

- Strategic Plan
- Budget
- Drainage
- Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Public Safety
- Communications and Citizen Outreach
- Disaster response

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 like another evening meeting, the following dates are available: March 27th, 28th, and 30th, and April 10th, 13th, 17th, and 18th. Staff will need to dedicate resources to develop materials for the Town Hall. Please note that depending on the topic selected, the March dates may not be feasible.

The purpose of this agenda item is to discuss and if possible, select the topic and date for the next town hall meeting. 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:

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 his agenda item.

RECOMMENDATION/PROPOSED MOTION:

I move that the next town hall topic to be _____ and for the town hall to be held on
_____.