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MINUTES
ROCKWALL CITY COUNCIL
Monday, January 04, 2016
4:00 p.m. Regular City Council Meeting
City Hall - 385 S. Goliad, Rockwall, Texas 75087

I. CALL PUBLIC MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Pruitt called the public meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Mayor Jim Pruitt, Mayor Pro Tem Dennis Lewis and Council Members David White, Mike Townsend, John Hohenshelt, Scott Milder and Kevin Fowler were present. Also present were City Manager Rick Crowley, Assistant City Managers Brad Griggs and Mary Smith and City Attorney Frank Garza.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY OF ROCKWALL CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING MATTERS AS AUTHORIZED BY CHAPTER 551 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE:

1. Discussion regarding land acquisition for South Community Park pursuant to Section § 551.072 (Real Property).
2. Discussion regarding purchase or lease of real property / land acquisition in the vicinity of the downtown area pursuant to Section § 551.072 (Real Property).
3. Discussion regarding process associated with City Manager performance evaluation pursuant to Section 551.074 (personnel matters)

III. ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session was adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

IV. RECONVENE PUBLIC MEETING (6:00 P.M.)

Mayor Pruitt reconvened the public meeting at 6:00 p.m. with all seven council members present.

V. TAKE ANY ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was announced that no action was needed as a result of Executive Session.

VI. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – COUNCILMEMBER HOHENSHELT

Councilmember Hohenshelt delivered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

49 VII. OPEN FORUM

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51 Mayor Pruitt explained how Open Forum is conducted and asked if anyone would like to
52 come forth to speak at this time. There being no one indicating such, he then closed
53 Open Forum.
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55 VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

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57 1. Consider approval of the minutes from the December 21, 2015 regular
58 city council meeting, and take any action necessary.
- 59 2. **Z2015-030** - Consider approval of an **ordinance** for a City initiated
60 request for a zoning amendment to Planned Development District 75 (PD-
61 75) being Ordinance No. 09-37, containing 329.53-acres of land,
62 identified as the Lake Rockwall Estates Subdivision, City of Rockwall,
63 Rockwall County, Texas, zoned Planned Development District 75 (PD-75)
64 for Single Family 7 (SF-7) District land uses, being situated east of Tubbs
65 Road and north of County Line Road, and take any action necessary.
66 **(2nd reading)**
- 67 3. **Z2015-032** - Consider a request by Lloyd Waldrop of Rockwall Gold &
68 Silver on behalf of the owner Donna Pritchard for the approval for renewal
69 of Specific Use Permit (SUP) No. S-115 (**Ordinance** No. 13-46) allowing
70 a pawn shop on a portion of a 0.423-acre parcel of land identified as Lot
71 1, Block 1 of the Garland Federal Savings & Loan Addition, City of
72 Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas, zoned Commercial (C) District,
73 situated within the SH-205 Overlay (SH-205 OV) District, address as
74 Suite 1 of 1901 S. Goliad Street, and take any action necessary. **(2nd**
75 **reading)**
- 76 4. **Z2015-033** - Consider a request by Stephen B. North for the approval of
77 an **ordinance** for a Specific Use Permit (SUP) for an accessory building
78 not meeting the standards stipulated by the Unified Development Code
79 on a 0.23-acre parcel of land identified as Lot 14, Block F, Harlan Park
80 Addition, Phase 1, City of Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas, zoned
81 Single Family 10 (SF-10) District, situated within the North SH-205
82 Overlay (N. SH-205 OV) District, addressed as 513 Windsor Way, and
83 take any action necessary. **(2nd reading)**
- 84 5. **Z2015-034** - Consider a request by Pat Atkins of Saddle Star Land
85 Development Inc. on behalf of the owner Randa Hance of R&R Hance
86 Investment LP for the approval of an **ordinance** for a zoning change from
87 an Agricultural (AG) District to a Planned Development District for Single
88 Family 8.4 (SF-8.4) District land uses for a 45.318-acre tract of land
89 identified as Tract 2-03 of the P. B. Harrison Survey, Abstract No. 97, City
90 of Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas, zoned Agricultural (AG) District,
91 situated within the SH-205 By-Pass Overlay (SH-205 BY-OV) District,
92 located on the north side of John King Boulevard south of FM-552, and
93 take any action necessary. **(2nd reading)**
- 94 6. **Z2015-035** - Consider a request by Pat Atkins of Saddle Star Land
95 Development Inc. on behalf of the owner Larry Hance for the approval of
96 an **ordinance** for a zoning change from an Agricultural (AG) District to a

97 Planned Development District for Single Family 8.4 (SF-8.4) District land
98 uses for a 44.56-acre tract of land identified as Tract 3 of the T. R. Bailey
99 Survey, Abstract No. 30, City of Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas,
100 zoned Agricultural (AG) District, situated within the SH-205 By-Pass
101 Overlay (SH-205 BY-OV) District, located at the northwest corner of FM-
102 552 and John King Boulevard, and take any action necessary. (2nd
103 reading)

104 Councilmember Milder made a motion to approve the entire Consent Agenda (#s 1, 2, 3,
105 4, 5, and 6). Mayor Pro Tem Lewis seconded the motion. The ordinance captions were
106 read into the record as follows:

107 CITY OF ROCKWALL
108 ORDINANCE NO. 16-01
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110 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL,
111 TEXAS, AMENDING PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT 75
112 [ORDINANCE NO. 09-37] AND THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE
113 [ORDINANCE NO. 04-38] OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, AS HERETOFORE
114 AMENDED, BY AMENDING EXHIBIT 'B' AND EXHIBIT 'C' OF ORDINANCE
115 NO. 09-37, BEING A 329.53.00-ACRE TRACT OF LAND IDENTIFIED AS
116 THE LAKE ROCKWALL ESTATES SUBDIVISION, CITY OF ROCKWALL,
117 ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS AND MORE FULLY DESCRIBED HEREIN
118 BY EXHIBIT 'A'; PROVIDING FOR SPECIAL CONDITIONS; PROVIDING
119 FOR A PENALTY OF FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF TWO
120 THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) FOR EACH OFFENSE; PROVIDING
121 FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER CLAUSE;
122 PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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124 CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS
125 ORDINANCE NO. 16-05
126 SPECIFIC USE PERMIT NO. S-142
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128 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL,
129 TEXAS, AMENDING THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE OF THE CITY OF
130 ROCKWALL, TEXAS, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED, SO AS GRANT A
131 SPECIFIC USE PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR A "PAWNSHOP" ON A PORTION
132 OF A 0.423-ACRE PARCEL OF LAND, AND MORE SPECIFICALLY
133 IDENTIFIED AS "SUITE 1" AS DEPICTED IN EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED
134 HERETO, AND LOCATED AT 1901 S. GOLIAD STREET, AND ZONED
135 COMMERCIAL (C) DISTRICT, AND DESCRIBED AS LOT 1, BLOCK 1 OF
136 THE GARLAND FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN ADDITION, CITY OF
137 ROCKWALL, ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS; PROVIDING FOR SPECIAL
138 CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY OR FINE NOT TO EXCEED
139 THE SUM OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) FOR EACH
140 OFFENSE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR
141 A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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143 CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS
144 ORDINANCE NO. 16-06
145 SPECIFIC USE PERMIT NO. 143
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147 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL,
148 TEXAS, AMENDING THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE OF THE CITY OF
149 ROCKWALL, TEXAS, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED, SO AS TO GRANT A
150 SPECIFIC USE PERMIT WITHIN THE SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (SF-

151 10) DISTRICT ALLOWING FOR AN ACCESSORY BUILDING NOT MEETING
152 THE STANDARDS STIPULATED BY THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE,
153 ON THE PROPERTY ADDRESSED AS 513 WINDSOR WAY, BEING A 0.23-
154 ACRE PARCEL OF LAND IDENTIFIED AS LOT 14, BLOCK F, HARLAN
155 PARK ADDITION, CITY OF ROCKWALL, ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS;
156 PROVIDING FOR SPECIAL CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY
157 OR FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS
158 (\$2,000.00) FOR EACH OFFENSE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY
159 CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR AN
160 EFFECTIVE DATE.

161 CITY OF ROCKWALL
162 ORDINANCE NO. 16-07
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164 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL,
165 TEXAS, AMENDING THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE [*ORDINANCE*
166 *NO. 04-38*] OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, AS HERETOFORE AMENDED,
167 SO AS TO CHANGE THE ZONING FROM AN AGRICULTURAL (AG)
168 DISTRICT TO PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT 79 (PD-79) FOR
169 SINGLE FAMILY 8.4 (SF-8.4) DISTRICT LAND USES ON THE SUBJECT
170 PROPERTY, BEING A 45.318-ACRE TRACT OF LAND IDENTIFIED AS
171 TRACT 2-03 OF THE P. B. HARRISON SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 97, CITY
172 OF ROCKWALL, ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS AND MORE FULLY
173 DESCRIBED HEREIN BY *EXHIBIT 'A'*; PROVIDING FOR SPECIAL
174 CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY OF FINE NOT TO EXCEED
175 THE SUM OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) FOR EACH
176 OFFENSE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR
177 A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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179 CITY OF ROCKWALL
180 ORDINANCE NO. 16-08
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182 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL,
183 TEXAS, AMENDING THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE [*ORDINANCE*
184 *NO. 04-38*] OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, AS HERETOFORE AMENDED,
185 SO AS TO CHANGE THE ZONING FROM AN AGRICULTURAL (AG)
186 DISTRICT TO PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT 80 (PD-80) FOR
187 SINGLE FAMILY 8.4 (SF-8.4) DISTRICT LAND USES ON THE SUBJECT
188 PROPERTY, BEING A 44.56-ACRE TRACT OF LAND IDENTIFIED AS
189 TRACT 3 OF THE T. R. BAILEY SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 30, CITY OF
190 ROCKWALL, ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS AND MORE FULLY
191 DESCRIBED HEREIN BY *EXHIBIT 'A'*; PROVIDING FOR SPECIAL
192 CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY OF FINE NOT TO EXCEED
193 THE SUM OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) FOR EACH
194 OFFENSE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR
195 A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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197 **The motion to approve the full Consent Agenda passed by a vote of 7 yeas to 0 nays.**

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199 **IX. APPOINTMENTS**
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- 201 1. Appointment with the Planning and Zoning Chairman to discuss and
202 answer any questions regarding cases on the agenda and related issues
203 and take any action necessary.

204 **Mayor Pruitt indicated that it is not necessary to address this item this evening.**

205 2. Appointment with Steven Nosworthy to hear presentation regarding his
206 completed Eagle Scout project, and take any action necessary.

207 **Steven Nosworthy came forth and made a short presentation to the City Council**
208 **regarding his completed Eagle Scout project. He explained that for his project he located**
209 **gravestones belonging to war veterans in local cemeteries and collected associated data**
210 **to provide to the City for its own use / information. The City Council thanked Mr.**
211 **Nosworthy for the work he and his fellow scouts performed on this project. No action**
212 **was taken following the presentation.**

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214 **X. ACTION ITEMS**

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216 1. Discuss and consider adoption of a resolution regarding cost of treated
217 water from the North Texas municipal water District, and take any action
218 necessary.

219 **Mayor Pruitt stated that Councilmember Milder requested this agenda item. Mayor Pruitt**
220 **made a motion to table this item until which time as the City Council has an opportunity**
221 **to discuss the proposed resolution with its two appointed representatives who serve on**
222 **the NTMWD board. Mayor Pro Tem Lewis seconded the motion, which passed by a vote**
223 **of 7 ayes to 0 nays.**

224 2. **Z2015-031** - Discuss and consider a request by John and Lenny James
225 on behalf of the owner Rockway Partners for the approval of an
226 **ordinance** for a Specific Use Permit (SUP) for a carwash on a 0.688-acre
227 parcel of land identified as Lot 1, Block D, La Jolla Pointe Addition, Phase
228 2, City of Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas, zoned Commercial (C)
229 District, situated within the Scenic Overlay (SOV) District, located at the
230 northwest corner of La Jolla Pointe Drive and Ridge Road [FM-740], and
231 take any action necessary. **(2nd reading)**

232 **Councilmember White made a motion to approve Z2015-031. Mayor Pro Tem Lewis**
233 **seconded the motion. The ordinance was read as follows:**

234 CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS
235 ORDINANCE NO. 16-02
236 SPECIFIC USE PERMIT NO. S-141
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238 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL,
239 TEXAS, AMENDING THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE [*ORDINANCE NO.*
240 *04-38*] OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED,
241 SO AS TO GRANT A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT (SUP) FOR A CAR WASH
242 WITHIN THE SCENIC OVERLAY (SOV) DISTRICT, FOR A 0.688-ACRE
243 PARCEL OF LAND IDENTIFIED AS LOT 1, BLOCK D, LA JOLLA POINTE
244 ADDITION, PHASE 2, CITY OF ROCKWALL, ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS;
245 PROVIDING FOR SPECIAL CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY OR
246 FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00)
247 FOR EACH OFFENSE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE;
248 PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE
249 DATE.
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251 **The motion passed by a vote of 6 in favor with 1 against (Pruitt).**
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253 3. Discuss and consider approval of an **ordinance** modifying Chapter 38.
254 Subdivisions, Article 1. In General, Section 38-19. Street Improvements
255 and Oversizing, of the Municipal Code of Ordinances to require a 41-foot
256 street adjacent to schools and parks, and take any action necessary.
257 (2nd reading)

258 **Mayor Pruitt made a motion to approve the ordinance. Mayor Pro Tem Lewis seconded**
259 **the motion. The ordinance was read as follows:**

260 CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS
261 ORDINANCE NO. 16-03

262 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL,
263 TEXAS, AMENDING SECTION 38-19, *STREET IMPROVEMENTS AND*
264 *OVERSIZING*, OF CHAPTER 38, SUBDIVISIONS OF THE CODE OF
265 ORDINANCES AS SET FORTH HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR REPEALING,
266 SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSES; PROVIDING FOR AN
267 EFFECTIVE DATE.
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270 **The motion passed by a vote of 5 ayes to 2 nays (Milder and White).**

271 4. Discuss and consider possible amendment to second reading of the
272 ordinance for MIS2015-003 to collect data on alternative solutions for the
273 roadway designation of Goliad from downtown to East Fork, to include but
274 not be limited to considering the possibility of two through lanes, one
275 north and one south, divided by a dedicated turn lane, and take any
276 action necessary.

277 **City Manager Rick Crowley indicated that Councilmember Milder requested this agenda**
278 **item be placed on the agenda for discussion. He then provided some additional**
279 **background information concerning the development of the now proposed changes to**
280 **the city's Master Thoroughfare Plan. He suggested that an additional traffic study may**
281 **be needed in order to consider reducing the portion of North Goliad (north of downtown)**
282 **additionally (down to 2 lanes from the proposed reduction down to 4 lanes).**

283 **Councilmember Hohenshelt asked if it would be wise for the city to conduct this study**
284 **regardless of whether or not the State decides to designate John King Boulevard as the**
285 **state's alternate route for SH-205. Mr. Crowley generally indicated that, yes, this study**
286 **would likely result in beneficial information for the city regardless. Hohenshelt asked if**
287 **the city has any idea how long the state will take to make its decision regarding**
288 **designating the alternate SH-205 route. Mr. Crowley indicated that the timeframe is not**
289 **currently known.**

290 **Councilmember Milder offered general comments in favor of conducting a traffic study to**
291 **better determine the number of lanes needed on this portion of the roadway. He believes**
292 **the city owes it to the citizens, but, more specifically, to the property owners who would**
293 **be affected.**

294 **Mr. Crowley indicated that if the Council wants staff to move forward, then bids would**
295 **need to be gathered to determine costs associated with said study, and bring an item**
296 **back to the council for consideration at a future date.**

297 **Councilmember White asked for clarification on studies related to this topic that have**
298 **already been done. Councilmember Townsend clarified that two studies have been done**
299 **already (one many years ago showing this stretch of roadway needed to be designated**

300 as six lanes, and one study being done by NCTCOG about eight months ago that showed
301 it needed to be four lanes). Mr. Crowley offered clarification, indicating that neither of the
302 studies really, truly evaluated the possibility of having this stretch of roadway potentially
303 be a two lane roadway.

304 Councilmember White clarified that at four lanes, there would be no structures removed /
305 lost and that only right-of-way "frontage" would be lost for property owners along this
306 stretch of road.

307 Councilmember Milder expressed that he is a property owner along this stretch of
308 roadway. He generally expressed strong support for conducting this study because he
309 really wonders if things could function well with two lanes versus four lanes.

310 City Engineer Tim Tumulty explained different types of possible configurations for the
311 lanes and turn lanes. Mr. Crowley asked Mr. Tumulty if there is a possibility that traffic
312 study data already exists that could help better evaluate the 'two lanes versus four lanes'
313 possibilities without hiring a consultant to conduct an actual traffic study. It was
314 generally indicated that, yes, it may be possible that data exists, and staff is willing to
315 look into this.

316 Mr. Tumulty explained that the NCTCOG study that determined that four lanes is
317 sufficient was looking at the year 2035. He expressed that the city establishing the four
318 lanes in its thoroughfare plan at this time is necessary so that the city is able to have
319 something that we know will work to convey to future developers (i.e. Kroger) regarding
320 how much right-of-way is needed prior to development taking place.

321 Mr. Crowley indicated that staff will bring back information regarding this topic for the
322 council to further consider at a later date.

323 5. MIS2015-003 - Discuss and consider approval of an ordinance for a City
324 initiated request to amend the Comprehensive Plan by approving
325 changes to the Master Thoroughfare Plan Map contained within the
326 Transportation section, add a street cross section for a M4U-M (minor
327 arterial, four [4] lane, undivided roadway, modified) and modify existing
328 street cross sections in Appendix 'D', Thoroughfare Cross Sections, and
329 take any action necessary. (2nd reading)

330 Planning Director Ryan Miller indicated that this is second reading of an ordinance that
331 did not pass unanimously at the last city council meeting. Councilmember White made a
332 motion to approve MIS2015-003. Councilmember Hohenshelt seconded the motion. The
333 ordinance was read as follows:

334 CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS
335 ORDINANCE NO. 16-04
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337 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL,
338 TEXAS, ADOPTING REVISIONS TO THE MASTER THOROUGHFARE PLAN
339 CONTAINED WITHIN THE TRANSPORTATION SECTION, ADD A STREET
340 CROSS SECTION FOR A M4U-M (MINOR ARTERIAL, FOUR [4] LANE,
341 UNDIVIDED ROADWAY, MODIFIED), AND MODIFY EXISTING STREET
342 CROSS SECTIONS IN APPENDIX 'D', THOROUGHFARE CROSS
343 SECTIONS, OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
344 CITY'S HOME RULE CHARTER.
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346 The motion passed by a vote of 7 in favor with 0 against.

- 347 6. Discuss and consider a request by Price Pointer for the approval of a
348 structure preservation tax exemption application seeking to have the
349 assessed value for ad valorem taxation fixed for a period of five (5) years
350 on the subject property at 602 Williams Street, further identified as the
351 east ½ of Lot 121, Block A of the B. F. Boydston Addition, City of
352 Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas, zoned Single Family 7 (SF-7) District,
353 located within the Old Town Rockwall (OTR) Historic District, and take
354 any action necessary.

355 **Mr. Miller provided background information concerning this agenda item, explaining that**
356 **Ordinance No. 03-28 was drafted in 2003 with the intent of providing an incentive**
357 **program for redevelopment within the “Old Town” Rockwall (OTR) Historic District,**
358 **Southside Residential Neighborhood Overlay (SRO) District and designated Landmark**
359 **properties. In accordance with this ordinance the applicant, Price Pointer, is requesting**
360 **to have the assessed value for ad valorem taxation “frozen” for a period of five (5) years**
361 **on the subject property at 602 Williams Street for the purpose of upgrading the electrical**
362 **system in the existing single-family home. Specifically, the applicant has submitted a**
363 **quote indicating that an investment of \$5,700.00 will be made for the purpose of installing**
364 **a new electrical panel and making various wiring improvements to the existing electrical**
365 **system. The applicant has also provided staff with a copy of the home inspection report**
366 **that was performed at the time the property was purchased. A copy of the quote and**
367 **inspection report has been provided in the attached packet. According to Ordinance No.**
368 **03-28 a tax abatement of five (5) years can be approved, “...if the amount of the**
369 **increment project is \$5,000.00 or greater.” In this case, the current taxable value of the**
370 **subject property is \$578,870.00. If the City Council chooses to approve the applicants’**
371 **request then the effective tax rate for the subject property would be fixed at this amount**
372 **for a period of five (5) years. The applicant has provided all required supporting**
373 **information stipulated by the ordinance including a legal description, proof of title, an**
374 **owner’s affidavit, and a tax certificate verifying that all current taxes have been paid.**
375 **Should the request be approved the applicant would be required to submit a sworn**
376 **statement of completion, at the conclusion of the proposed work, acknowledging that the**
377 **electrical system has been upgraded in compliance with the quote submitted to staff.**
378 **Additionally, the applicant shall be required to provide staff with documentation verifying**
379 **the total cost of all electrical improvements. All information will be verified prior to staff**
380 **notifying the Rockwall County Central Appraisal District’s (RCAD’s) Chief Appraiser of**
381 **the applicable ad valorem tax exemption.**

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383 **Councilmember White made a motion to approve the request. Councilmember**
384 **Hohenshelt seconded the motion.**

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386 **Councilmember Fowler asked what the intent was when this ordinance was adopted. Mr.**
387 **Miller clarified that this ordinance was meant to encourage redevelopment in the area**
388 **and to encourage ‘fixing up’ homes that may need repairs / improvements. Mr. Fowler**
389 **generally indicated that he has some reservations about granting this tax exemption**
390 **simply because of where the structure is located.**

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392 **Councilmember Milder expressed that he initially had reservations similar to those of**
393 **Fowler; however, he feels this property owner is taking advantage of an ordinance that**
394 **the city already has in place, so he sees no problem with approving the request.**

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396 **The motion to approve passed by a vote of 7 ayes to 0 nays.**

397 7. Discuss and consider extending the Facilities Agreement for Damascus
398 Road with Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church for an additional 90
399 calendar days, and take any action necessary.

400 **Councilmember Milder made a motion to extend the facilities agreement for an additional**
401 **90 days. Mayor Pro Tem Lewis seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 7 ayes**
402 **to 0 nays.**

403 8. Discuss and consider approval of a joint contract between the City of
404 Rockwall, the Rockwall Independent School District (RISD) and the
405 Elections Administrator of Rockwall County for administration of the May
406 7, 2016 General (Municipal) Election, and take any action necessary.

407 **Councilmember Townsend made a motion to approve the contract. Councilmember**
408 **Hohenshelt seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 ayes to 0 nays.**

409 9. Discuss and consider adoption of an **ordinance** authorizing the issuance
410 of City of Rockwall, Texas, General Obligation Refunding and
411 Improvement Bonds, Series 2016; establishing procedures and
412 delegating authority for the sale and delivery of the bonds; providing an
413 effective date; enacting other provisions relating to the subject. **(1st**
414 **Reading - No Action Will Be Taken)**

415 **Assistant City Manager Mary Smith provided brief**
416 **background information, explaining that the City Secretary**
417 **needs to read the ordinances for this as well a the following**
418 **agenda item this evening. She explained that the City**
419 **Council does not actually need to take any action at this**
420 **point.**

421 **The ordinance caption was read into the record as follows:**

422 CITY OF ROCKWALL
423 ORDINANCE NO. _____

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425 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF CITY OF
426 ROCKWALL, TEXAS, GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING AND
427 IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2016; ESTABLISHING
428 PROCEDURES AND DELEGATING AUTHORITY FOR THE SALE AND
429 DELIVERY OF THE BONDS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND
430 ENACTING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT
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432 **No action was taken by the Council.**

433 10. Discuss and consider adoption of an **ordinance** authorizing the issuance
434 of City of Rockwall, Texas, Combination Tax and Surplus Revenue
435 Certificates of Obligation, Series 2016; establishing procedures and
436 delegating authority for the sale and delivery of the certificates; providing
437 an effective date; and enacting other provisions relating to the subject.
438 **(1st Reading - No Action Will Be Taken)**

439 **The ordinance caption was read into the record as follows:**

440 CITY OF ROCKWALL
441 ORDINANCE NO. _____

442 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF CITY OF
443 ROCKWALL, TEXAS, COMBINATION TAX AND SURPLUS REVENUE

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CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2016; ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES AND DELEGATING AUTHORITY FOR THE SALE AND DELIVERY OF THE CERTIFICATES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND ENACTING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT

No action was taken by the Council.

11. Discuss and consider approval of an **ordinance** amending the Code of Ordinances in Chapter 8. Aviation by adding a new article, Article III, establishing an Airport Advisory Board at the Ralph M. Hall / Rockwall Municipal Airport to be appointed and removed by the city council, and take any action necessary. **(1st reading)**

Joey Boyd, Director of Internal Operations, indicated that this ordinance is coming before the Council for consideration based on instructions given to staff to do so at the last council meeting.

Councilmember White made a motion to approve the ordinance. Councilmember Townsend seconded the motion.

The ordinance was read as follows:

**CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS
ORDINANCE NO. 16-___**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES IN CHAPTER 8. AVIATION BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE, ARTICLE III, ESTABLISHING AN AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD TO BE APPOINTED AND REMOVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL; PRESCRIBING TERMS FOR INITIAL BOARD MEMBERS; ESTABLISHING THE PURPOSE & RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The motion passed by a vote of 7 ayes to 0 nays.

XI. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT TO DISCUSS CURRENT CITY ACTIVITIES, UPCOMING MEETINGS, FUTURE LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES, AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

1. Departmental Reports
 - Building Inspections Monthly Report - November 2015
 - Fire Department Monthly Reports - November 2015
 - GIS Department Monthly Report - November 2015
 - Harbor PD Monthly Report - November 2015
 - Internal Operations Department Monthly Report - November 2015.
 - Police Department Monthly Report - November 2015
 - Recreation Monthly Report - November 2015
 - Rockwall Animal Adoption Center Monthly Report - November 2015
2. City Manager’s Report

493 Mayor Pruitt welcomed Police Chief Kirk Riggs back from medical leave. He then asked
494 the City Manager to provide a brief update regarding what actions the City of Rockwall
495 has taken to assist and / or offer assistance to the cities recently affected by the
496 12/26/2015 tornado that went through Sunnyvale, Garland and Rowlett. Mr. Crowley
497 indicated that the city's Fire and Police Department both provided assistance to the City
498 of Rowlett, and the city's Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT) did initially respond
499 as well. In addition, the city's Building Inspections Department has assisted with
500 damage assessments, and the city's streets department has assisted with some heavy
501 equipment (i.e. front end loader). Kristy Cole, Rockwall's Emergency Management
502 Coordinator, also assisted for one full work day in the Rowlett Emergency Operations
503 Center (EOC). He explained he has been in contact with the Rowlett City Manager and
504 has offered to provide any sort of assistance that may be requested / needed. This
505 assistance has also been offered to the City of Garland.

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507 Mr. Crowley indicated that the Council funded a new public information officer in the
508 budget. After reviewing a number of very qualified candidates, new hire Lauri Dodd will
509 begin serving in this role beginning January 11. She will be present at the next city
510 council meeting for introductions.

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512 **XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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514 THE CITY OF ROCKWALL CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS
515 THE FOLLOWING MATTERS AS AUTHORIZED BY CHAPTER 551 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT
516 CODE:

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518 1. Discussion regarding purchase or lease of real property / land acquisition in the
519 vicinity of the downtown area pursuant to Section § 551.072 (Real Property).
520 2. Discussion regarding land acquisition for South Community Park pursuant to
521 Section § 551.072 (Real Property).
522 3. Discussion regarding process associated with City Manager performance
523 evaluation pursuant to Section 551.074 (personnel matters)

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525 **XIII. RECONVENE PUBLIC MEETING & TAKE ANY ACTION AS RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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527 **XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

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529 The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

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531 **PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS,**
532 **THIS 19th day of January, 2016.**

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536 **ATTEST:**
537 *Kristy Cole*
538 Kristy Cole, City Secretary
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Jim Pruitt
Jim Pruitt, Mayor

