



# MINUTES

## ROCKWALL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**Monday, December 1, 2025 - 5:00 PM**

**City Hall Council Chambers - 385 S. Goliad St., Rockwall, TX 75087**

### **I. Call Public Meeting to Order**

Mayor McCallum called the public meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Tim McCallum, Mayor Pro Tem Mark Moeller, and City Council Members Sedric Thomas, Melba Jeffus, Anna Campbell, Dennis Lewis and Richard Henson. Also present were City Manager Mary Smith, Assistant City Manager Joey Boyd and City Attorney Frank Garza. Mayor McCallum then read the below-listed discussion items into the record before recessing the public meeting to go into Executive Session.

### **II. Executive Session**

**The City of Rockwall City Council will recess into executive session to discuss the following matter as authorized by chapter 551 of the Texas government code:**

1. Discussion regarding (re)appointments to city regulatory boards and commissions, including applicant interviews for the Rockwall Economic Development Corp. (REDC) Board, pursuant to §551.074 (Personnel Matters)
2. Discussion regarding a boundary agreement on land owned by the City of Rockwall in the vicinity of SH-66, pursuant to Section §551.072 (Real Property) and Section §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)

### **III. Adjourn Executive Session**

**Council adjourned from Executive Session at 5:47 p.m.**

### **IV. Reconvene Public Meeting (6:00 P.M.)**

**Mayor McCallum reconvened the public meeting at 6:00 p.m.**

### **V. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance - Rockwall PD Chaplain Steven Bocek (of Crossroads Church)**

**Chaplain Bocek came forth and delivered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.**

### **VI. Open Forum**

**Mayor McCallum explained how Open Forum is conducted, asking if anyone would like to come forth and speak at this time.**

**Trace Johannesen  
213 Crestbrook Drive  
Rockwall, TX 75087**

**Trace came forth and spoke about the City Charter. He explained he has a healthy distrust of government**

and thinks that sometimes people pass policies that sound good in theory, but in reality they end up not working as intended. He pointed out that a while back the city council unanimously appointed a Charter Review Commission made up of ten citizens, many of whom were former city council members and/or mayors, to review the city charter and make recommendations to the (then seated) Council regarding the Charter. These individuals had a lot of good, relevant experience and knowledge, and they spent many hours undertaking the task of reviewing the Charter and formulating the recommendations that were made to Council at that time. Now, it appears now as though current consideration is being given to essentially not taking most of the Commission's recommendations while also introducing additional topics that the Commission did not review or recommend. Regarding one of the topics that has been brought up (but not reviewed by the Commission) is the potential of the city council 'confirming' the selection/hiring of all department directors within the city. He explained that he has a hard time with part-time city councilmembers potentially doing this, pointing out that the person who would know better than anyone who to hire for those roles would be the city manager. He fears that if this change were made and Council were to approve the hiring of all directors, it could possibly result in those directors being motivated by political aspirations and appeasing the Council versus doing the jobs they'd be hired to do. He urged the Council to consider slowing down, as he feels these matters are potentially being rushed at this point, and he does not like when government moves quickly on policy matters.

The next speaker to come forth was former Rockwall Mayor, Jim Pruitt, who reiterated some of the things said by Mr. Johannesen. He shared that about 12 or so years ago, he too had some of the same ideas currently being considered by this Council related to the City Charter. For example, he wondered if it could be required that the police chief and fire chief live within our city limits. At that time, however, per the city attorney, those two chiefs could not be made to live within the city limits unless they reported to City Council. Regarding that matter, a Charter Review Commission at that time did consider this particular topic; however, thereafter the idea got voted down by that Council at the time. He pointed out that, at the time, he accepted the decision of Council. He did not wait a year and then bring it back up again until he got what he wanted. He recommended that the Charter be reviewed about once every five years, expressing the opinion that every year is too frequent. He went on to mention that a "Texas bathroom bill" will soon go into effect, and that's a topic he was passionate about when he was on city council. Furthermore, he has concerns about ducks and geese and all of the feces they produce that makes the SH-66 boat ramp really nasty. He pointed out that it is a boat ramp, not a park, so he encouraged the city to share this with citizens and to discourage people feeding the ducks (which only exacerbates the duck/geese feces problems).

No one else came forth to speak, so Mayor McCallum closed Open Forum.

#### **VII. Take Any Action as a Result of Executive Session**

Mayor McCallum moved to reappoint John Hohenshelt and Kayne Pierce, each for an additional two-year term, to the Rockwall Economic Development Corporation Board (REDC) and to newly appoint Jeff Thompson to an initial two-year term on the REDC Board, starting January 1, 2026. Mayor Pro Tem Moeller seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 7 ayes to 0 nays. (Note: Jeff Thompson will replace outgoing board member, Taslow Roberts).

Mayor Pro Tem Moeller moved to approve a boundary agreement on land owned by the City of Rockwall on SH-66, authorizing the city attorney to finalize documents to complete the agreement and authorizing the city manager to execute all necessary documents on behalf of the City. Councilmember Thomas seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (7 ayes to 0 nays).

Councilmember Thomas seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 7 ayes to 0 nays.

#### VIII. Consent Agenda

1. Consider approval of the minutes from the Nov. 17, 2025 city council meeting, and take any action necessary.
2. **Z2025-066** - Consider a request by Alyson DiBlasi of Discovery Lakes, LLC and Discovery Lakes, Phase 1, LLC for the approval of an **ordinance** for a Zoning Change amending Planned Development District 78 (PD-78) [*Ordinance No. 20-27*] to change the *Garage Orientation* requirements for a 316.315-acre tract of land identified as: [1] Tract 1 of the M. E. Hawkins Survey, Abstract No. 100, [2] Tract 2 of the R. K. Brisco Survey, Abstract No. 16, and [3] Lots 1-9, Block A; Lots 1-5, Block B; Lots 1-11, Block C; Lots 1-10, Block D; and Lot 1, Block E, Discovery Lakes, Phase 1, City of Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas, zoned Planned Development District 78 (PD-78) for Single-Family 10 (SF-10) District land uses, situated within the SH-276 Overlay (SH-276 OV) District, generally located at the northeast corner of SH-276 and Rochell Road, and take any action necessary **(2nd Reading)**.
3. **Z2025-067** - Consider a request by Lisa Brooks and Renee Holland of Makeway, LLC for the approval of an **ordinance** for a Specific Use Permit (SUP) for a *Daycare Facility Exceeding the Maximum Building Size* in a Neighborhood Services (NS) District on a 2.751-acre tract of land identified as Tract 1-04 of the S. R. Barnes Survey, Abstract No. 13, City of Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas, zoned Neighborhood Services (NS) District, situated within the SH-205 By-Pass Overlay (SH-205 BY-OV) District, located at the southeast corner of the intersection of John King Boulevard and Quail Run Road, and take any action necessary **(2nd Reading)**.
4. **Z2025-068** - Consider a request by Randy Lee Aragon on behalf of Kevin Lefere for the approval of an **ordinance** for a Specific Use Permit (SUP) to allow a *Recording Studio* on a 0.92-acre parcel of land identified as a portion of Lots 2 & 3, Block S, Rockwall OT Addition, City of Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas, zoned Downtown (DT) District, addressed as 206 E. Washington Street, and take any action necessary **(2nd Reading)**.
5. **Z2025-071** - Consider a request by Michael Lewis for the approval of an **ordinance** for a Specific Use Permit (SUP) for *Residential Infill Adjacent to an Established Subdivision* and a *Guest Quarters/Secondary Living Unit* for the purpose of constructing a single-family home on a 5.05-acre parcel of land identified as a Lot 2, Block 1, Lofland Lake Estates Addition, City of Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas, zoned Single Family Estate 4.0 (SFE-4.0) District, addressed as 2592 FM-549, and take any action necessary **(2nd Reading)**.
6. ~~Consider authorizing the City Manager to execute an interlocal agreement with Rockwall County related to jail services and the housing of inmates, and take any action necessary.~~

Item #6 was removed and will be considered at a later date. Councilmember Lewis moved to approve the entire Consent Agenda (#s 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5). Councilmember Thomas seconded the motion. The ordinance captions were then read as follows:

CITY OF ROCKWALL

ORDINANCE NO. 25-77

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS, AMENDING PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT 78 (PD-78) [ORDINANCE NO. 20-27] AND THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE [ORDINANCE NO. 20-02] OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, AS HERETOFORE AMENDED, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING THE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR A 316.315-ACRE TRACT OF LAND IDENTIFIED AS TRACT 1 OF THE M. E. HAWKINS SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 100 AND TRACT 2 OF THE R. K. BRISCO SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 16, CITY OF ROCKWALL, ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS AND MORE FULLY DESCRIBED HEREIN BY EXHIBIT 'A' AND DEPICTED HEREIN BY EXHIBIT 'B'; PROVIDING FOR SPECIAL CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY OF FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) FOR EACH OFFENSE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CITY OF ROCKWALL  
ORDINANCE NO. 25-78  
SPECIFIC USE PERMIT NO. S-387

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS, AMENDING THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE [ORDINANCE NO. 20-02] OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, AS HERETOFORE AMENDED, SO AS TO APPROVE A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT (SUP) FOR A DAYCARE FACILITY EXCEEDING THE MAXIMUM BUILDING SIZE IN A NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES (NS) DISTRICT FOR A 2.751-ACRE TRACT OF LAND IDENTIFIED AS TRACT 1-04 OF THE S. R. BARNES SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 13, CITY OF ROCKWALL, ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS, AND BEING MORE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED AND DEPICTED IN EXHIBIT 'A' AND EXHIBIT 'B' OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR SPECIAL CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY OF FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) FOR EACH OFFENSE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CITY OF ROCKWALL  
ORDINANCE NO. 25-79  
SPECIFIC USE PERMIT NO. S-388

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS, AMENDING THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE [ORDINANCE NO. 20-02] OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED, SO AS TO GRANT A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT (SUP) TO ALLOW A RECORDING STUDIO ON A 0.92-ACRE PARCEL OF LAND IDENTIFIED A PORTION OF LOTS 2 & 3, BLOCK S, ROCKWALL OT ADDITION, CITY OF ROCKWALL, ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS; PROVIDING FOR SPECIAL CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY OR FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) FOR EACH OFFENSE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CITY OF ROCKWALL  
ORDINANCE NO. 25-80  
SPECIFIC USE PERMIT NO. S-389

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS, AMENDING THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE (UDC) [ORDINANCE NO. 20-02]



OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED, SO AS TO GRANT A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT (SUP) FOR *RESIDENTIAL INFILL ADJACENT TO AN ESTABLISHED SUBDIVISION* AND A *GUEST QUARTERS/SECONDARY LIVING UNIT* TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE-FAMILY HOME AND GUEST QUARTERS ON A 5.05-ACRE PARCEL OF LAND, IDENTIFIED AS LOT 2, BLOCK 1, LOFLAND LAKE ESTATES ADDITION, CITY OF ROCKWALL, ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS; AND MORE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED AND DEPICTED IN *EXHIBIT 'A'* OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR SPECIAL CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY OF FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) FOR EACH OFFENSE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

#### **IX. Action Items**

1. Discuss and consider a request from Nicholas Grinnan of Ridge Pointe Commercial Real Estate representing the property owner of 401 W. Rusk for an approval of a sign plan and take any action necessary.

Jeffrey Widmer, Building Official for the City, introduced Kevin Lefere, indicating that he is present this evening to represent the applicant, Nicholas Grinnan. He then provided background information concerning this agenda item. He explained that the applicant is requesting approval for two monument signs on the property – one to be fronted on Rusk St. and one to be fronted on Washington. Also, they are requesting to deviate slightly from the sign ordinance requirement of having a 6-inch masonry border on one side of the monument signs, which is simply related to aesthetics and a desire for the signage to look a bit more modern. Thirdly, the applicant is asking for an ability to change the location of the new signs (one of the two being placed in a different location from where the existing one currently sits). They're asking for a variance to the setback requirements, and this is due to TXDOT having changed the right-of-way locations on both Rusk and Washington sometime between the years of 2001 and 2005.

Kevin Lefere  
3117 Stoney Hollow Lane  
Rockwall, TX

Mr. Lefere provided very brief comments concerning this request.

Mayor McCallum then moved to approve the sign plan, including staff recommendations. Councilmember Lewis seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 7 ayes to 0 nays.

2. Discuss and consider information provided by Rick Bernas of Republic Services regarding implementation of changes to solid waste collection (garbage) services throughout the city, effective January 1, 2026, and take any action necessary.

Rick Bernas with Republic Services came forth to answer any questions regarding the upcoming rates and changes to garbage service throughout the city. He indicated that one informative mailer has already gone out to residents, and a second mailer will go out soon. He then shared some upcoming dates related to deliveries associated with new carts for every residential customer within the city as well as the start of the new bulk schedule. New carts will begin being delivered December 29 where Monday/Thursday trash pick-ups are currently happening. And new carts will begin being delivered

starting January 5 to those areas of the city who currently have a Tuesday/Friday pick up schedule. Mr. Bernas further indicated that physical signs will be placed at the entryway of each of the residential neighborhoods that will be switching to a Wednesday pickup starting the first of January. The new bulk services, specifically 6 cubic yards, will begin January 1<sup>st</sup> twice per month. January 12 will mark the beginning of the one time-per-week pick up of garbage and recycling. Also, some social media blasts will also go out soon (starting week of December 15). Also, an informational flyer will be placed on every cart that gets delivered. In addition, all of the homeowner's associations for which he has contact information have been communicated with regarding the upcoming solid waste service changes.

Councilmember Thomas encouraged Mr. Bernas to have very strong communication regarding the switch from two day residential pick-ups to once per week pick-ups, pointing out this particular part of the changes has been a big concern within our community and among our residents.

Councilmember Jeffus shared that her HOA has not yet been communicated with regarding the upcoming garbage changes. Mrs. Smith (City Manager) shared that this is because her particular HOA has not registered with the city in order to receive communication from the City. Councilmember Jeffus indicated that she will take care of this.

Mayor McCallum asked for and received clarification regarding recycling-related expectations for residents who wish to recycle. Mr. Bernas shared he prefers to have recyclables loose in the recycle bins; however, if they are bagged, the items will still be picked up and recycled. He confirmed that recyclables will in fact get recycled and they will not get put into the landfill. Mr. Bernas also shared that the new trucks are expected to be delivered by the May or June 2026 timeframe.

Councilmember Campbell asked for clarification regarding customers knowing when their pick-ups are scheduled. Mr. Bernas shared that residents will be able to view their schedule through a "Track my Truck" GPS tool, which is an app that will help assist residents with knowing where their pick-up truck is on pick up days. Councilmember Campbell went on to ask if the new rates should be going into effect Jan. 1 even though the new trucks won't be running until May or June. Mr. Bernas shared that – yes – because the new services will stay the same and the services (once per week and bulk) will begin Jan. 1, the new rates will begin January 1 also. He also briefly explained about the new trucks, indicating that they are a really special type of equipment that will have a smaller wheel base that will accommodate the trucks traversing valleys and tighter areas.

Councilmember Lewis briefly commented that he still has concerns pertaining to the new bulk pickups. He also sought and received clarification that residents will receive one regular trash cart, and if they want one more, it would cost \$5 extra per month.

Mayor McCallum pointed out that the last opportunity for residents to have unlimited bulk pick-up is this month in December. So, he encouraged everyone to trim their trees right now. Mr. Bernas shared that two times in one given month during the year, Republic will increase the bulk pick up limits to two ten yards of bulk pick up in one given month (instead of limiting it to 9 yards for every pick up throughout the year). Mayor McCallum thanked Mr. Bernas for this commitment, as he knows it will benefit some residents who live on estate lots and produce a lot of tree trimmings.

Councilmember Henson shared that he too lives on an estate lot, and he also has concerns about the limited bulk pick-ups (yardage wise) because these sorts of lots result in a lot of tree trimming yard waste. Mr. Bernas shared some information pertaining to some alternatives that will be offered that

may help with bulk that may exceed the 9 yards limit (i.e. a roll off cart perhaps or paying \$12.50 per cubic yard of each extra yard of waste to be picked up during bulk pick-up rounds).

Councilmember Jeffus sought clarification regarding the one month that residents will be able to put out 10 yards for two pick-ups during one certain month during the year, expressing concern that the specific month not being pre-identified may be problematic. Mr. Bernas shared that since the weather is so unpredictable, it's difficult to pre-identify the actual month in advance. However, he shared that this information will be pushed out via social media when the time arrives.

Council took no action following Mr. Bernas' comments and the associated dialogue.

3. Discuss and consider approval of a resolution fixing the collection rate(s) to be charged for garbage collection services furnished by the city, and take any action necessary.

Mrs. Smith provided brief comments related to this agenda item, sharing that the updated solid waste contract was approved back in April. This resolution will set the rates to be charged to customers based on that new contract. Mayor McCallum gave a shout out to the household hazardous waste contractor (not Republic) who services the city and has kept their rate increase to less than 1.5% (versus the 17% increase occurring with Republic). Councilmember Campbell then sought and received clarification regarding the residential rate line item within the proposed resolution. Mrs. Smith shared that the resolution can be slightly modified to more clearly convey that the \$5 is associated with the monthly rental fee associated with 'extra carts.' Brief comments took place related to the 65 and older senior tax freeze and that about 4,100 households have this tax freeze in place within the City. Councilmember Campbell wonders if the city can offer a \$1/month rate discount for residents who are 65 years and older. Mr. Bernas shared that Republic can absorb that cost, and he verbally agreed to do so. Mrs. Smith shared that, if Council includes this caveat in the motion it approves this evening, she will fix the resolution verbiage accordingly.

Councilmember Lewis then moved to approve the resolution setting the rates to be charged, including that the resolution should reflect the polycart rental clarification (\$5/month for an extra cart) and the \$1 per month discount for residents who are 65 years and older. Councilmember Campbell seconded the motion. Mrs. Smith shared that the Central Appraisal District is the entity that has knowledge of those who have a 65 and older tax freeze in place, but the city is not necessarily aware of which households have this provision in place. So, the individual residents who are 65 years and older will potentially need to let the city know.

Councilmember Henson sought and received clarification on some aspects of the rates as pertaining to the new contract.

Councilmember Campbell shared that another question citizens have asked is how information regarding the new trash services will be shared. Mrs. Smith shared that, in addition to social media, information will be shared within the city water bills (the city newsletter) that gets disseminated within water bills each month.

Councilmember Thomas asked City Manager Mary Smith to recap for the public the process that the city went through that resulted in not going out for bid and instead re-entering into a contract with Republic Waste. Mrs. Smith provided said recap, sharing that a large number of cities who utilizes a private, outside contractor were surveyed. She went on to indicate that provisions reflected in the new contract,

such as once per week pick-ups, reflects what is now essentially standard across the region for trash and bulk pick-ups. Councilmember Thomas' thanked Mrs. Smith for her overview, indicating that a lot of our citizens, himself included, are disappointed about the trash pickups being lowered to once per week instead of twice weekly. He went on to share his desire to ensure that government is transparent and that the appearance of any loopholes is closed and is clarified.

Mayor McCallum shared that the city did surveys, but it did not do an RFP ("request for proposals"). He shared that he raised hell about approving a \$50 million contract without having done an RFP process. He shared that, if he had not raised hell, the surveys would not have even been conducted. The Council would have potentially just gone ahead and entered into a \$50 million + annual contract without going out to bid or conducting surveys. He indicated he is not happy about the changes, and he knows many in the citizens are not happy about it either. He hopes that a Charter amendment will take place to ensure RFPs on the garbage contract happen in the future. He went on to remind everyone that the new contract vote was approved by a 4 to 3 vote. Councilmember Thomas pointed out that the surveys were not conducted by Council members at the time – they, instead were done by the city manager.

Councilmember Jeffus shared that she was not on Council when this contract was approved, and she will not be voting in favor of this item tonight.

The mayor then called for the vote, which passed by a vote of 4 ayes with 3 nays (Jeffus, McCallum and Henson).

4. Discuss and consider approval of a resolution fixing the collection rate(s) to be charged for water and wastewater services furnished by the City, and take any action necessary.

City Manager Mary Smith provided brief comments related to this agenda item, sharing that these rates are reflective of increases conveyed by the N. TX Municipal Water District. She pointed out that treating water and wastewater is becoming more and more expensive over time. Mayor McCallum then moved to approve the resolution associated with water and wastewater rates charged by the city. Mayor Pro Tem Moeller seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 7 ayes to nays.

5. Discuss providing direction to the City Attorney on possible charter amendments to include in City Charter Amendment Election for May 2, 2026, and take any action necessary.

Mayor McCallum called upon City Attorney, Frank Garza, to brief the Council on each of the topics of consideration. Mr. Garza shared that some of the topics are ones that were considered by the most recent City Charter Review Commission, and some of them are recommendations being put forth by the mayor for consideration.

Regarding putting forth to voters a proposition that would address making all needed technical changes to the City Charter, Mayor McCallum made a motion to move forward with said proposition. Councilmember Lewis seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 7 ayes to 0 nays.

Regarding the topic of plurality versus majority votes pertaining to electing city councilmembers and the mayor to local office, Councilmember Thomas shared that he does not have a problem putting forth this potential change to voters. Councilmember Campbell sought and received clarification regarding the cost associated with elections and potential run off elections.

Councilmember Henson then moved to put before the voters a proposition to change from plurality to majority voting in order to elect the mayor and councilmembers to office. Mayor Pro Tem Moeller seconded the motion. Following brief comments by Councilmember Lewis, the motion passed by a vote of 5 ayes to 2 nays (Lewis and Campbell).

Regarding a potential 'resign to run' provision being added to the City Charter for all incumbent city council members who wish to run for mayor, the city attorney provided information and clarifications pertaining to this topic. Several questions were posed by the mayor and Councilmembers Lewis and Thomas. Both Lewis and Thomas indicated a desire to discuss the possibility of putting forth before voters a 'resign to run' provision if an elected official wishes to run for any higher offices as well (such as county, state or federal offices). Mayor McCallum shared that he discussed this particular possibility with a former mayor, and he and that former mayor both agreed that requiring an incumbent mayor or councilmember to resign to run if seeking a higher elective office would be a bit of an overreach. McCallum shared that the city attorney tends to agree with it being a bit of an overreach. McCallum then shared several examples of incumbent councilmembers who sought county commissioner seats and won those elections, resulting in a need to resign from their Council seats. He went on to share that he is not in favor of putting forth this potential change to voters (a 'resign to run' if seeking higher office (i.e. county, state or federal)).

Councilmember Campbell expressed concern about the most recent Charter Review Commission having voted unanimously to not put this topic ('resign to run') forth to voters for a potential change. She would like to revisit this and other topics with the Charter Review Commission. She would like to invite those members back to further discuss these matters. She went on to make a motion to table the 'resign to run' topic to allow the Charter Commission members to come back before Council to further discuss this particular topic. Councilmember Thomas seconded the motion. Mayor McCallum shared that he will not vote in favor of this motion, although he respects the opinion of those Charter Review members, he believes the elected Council that is currently seated should make a decision on this topic tonight. Mayor Pro Tem Moeller shared that he can see both sides. He knows that the Charter Review Commission did put a lot of time, effort and thought into their recommendation to keep this topic 'as is' and not put it before voters. So he believes he is more in favor of the Charter Commission's recommendation to leave this topic 'as is' and not put it forth to voters. Regarding the motion on the floor to table this particular topic, Councilmember Henson does not believe going right back to the Commission would be the right approach, especially since they just made their recommendations to Council this past April (of 2025). He briefly commented that he is not in favor tabling this topic, especially considering time is short between now and when the election must be called, which will be the first meeting in February 2026. Following the additional comments by Councilmembers Henson and Campbell and the city attorney, the motion to table this particular 'resign to run' topic failed by a vote of 3 ayes to 4 nays (Jeffus, Moller, McCallum and Henson).

Mayor McCallum then made a motion to approve putting forth to voters a charter amendment proposition that reflects a 'resign to run' provision that would only be applicable to city/municipal offices (i.e. if an incumbent city council member wants to run for Mayor, he or she would need to resign his or her current seat in order to do so). Councilmember Henson seconded the motion, which then passed by a vote of 4 ayes to 3 nays (Thomas, Moeller and Campbell).

Regarding the topic of possibly putting forth to voters a charter amendment proposition related to extending terms to five consecutive (total) terms in elected municipal office, the mayor indicated he is not in favor of extending term limits. He would like to see the existing Charter language stay 'as is' and



not put this potential change forth to voters. Mayor Pro Tem Moeller shared that he actually does support putting forth to voters this potential Charter amendment as a proposition. Mayor McCallum shared that if someone wants to serve more than one term as mayor, then that person should run for mayor sooner. Indication was given that this issue only came up with two prior mayors historically. Following some clarification from the city attorney at the request of a few council members, regarding the topic of putting forth a Charter amendment proposition to voters related to extending the ultimate term limits (combo of councilmembers and mayor) to five consecutive terms instead of four, Mayor McCallum moved to reject this topic and not put it forth to voters as a proposition. Councilmember Henson seconded the motion. Councilmember Campbell shared that, out of respect for the Charter Review Commission members and their work, she will be voting against this motion this evening. The motion then passed by a vote of 4 in favor with 3 nays (Moeller, Campbell and Lewis).

Regarding the topic of possibly putting forth a Charter Amendment proposition to voters that would call for all departmental directors to be confirmed by a majority vote of the Council (even though those positions would be hired by and report to the city manager), the city attorney shared that in non-'strong mayor' cities, he has not ever seen this sort of Charter language. He has seen in some cities of our size a couple of positions, such as perhaps the police and fire chiefs being confirmed by a majority vote of the city council, but he has not seen ALL departmental directors needing to be confirmed by the full city council. Councilmember Thomas expressed various concerns about this topic, sharing that he really would like the Charter Review Commission to review and weigh in on this topic. Mayor Pro Tem Moeller shared that he believes the Council hires a city manager to do his or her job, and he believes that allowing the city manager to select department directors to run the city well. If the Council does not believe a city manager is doing a good job in this regard, then it would be the Council's job to hold that city manager accountable accordingly. Councilmember Lewis commented that only a few city staff report directly to the Council – the city manager, the city attorney and the municipal court judge/prosecutor. Councilmember Lewis generally expressed a desire to leave this provision out for various reasons, emphasizing his belief that this provision would hinder a city manager who is ultimately accountable to the City Council. Mayor McCallum shared that he has spoken about this topic at length with several people, and he pointed out that this sort of language would be 'confirming' in nature, which would affirm decisions made by the city manager. He has listened and understands the perspectives expressed by council members and others from whom he's heard and considered input. The mayor then indicated that he is okay with not putting forth this topic to voters after all. Councilmember Thomas expressed appreciation for the mayor allowing for dialogue and input to transpire and for him considering the viewpoints that have been expressed. So no formal action was taken regarding this particular topic.

Regarding the possibility of putting forth a Charter amendment proposition for voters to consider that would require within the City Charter that the city's solid waste contract would be competitively bid once every five years, both the mayor and Councilmember Jeffus strongly expressed support for this Charter amendment proposition to be put forth before voters for consideration and associated vote. Councilmember Thomas asked if the Council wants to limit this to only the garbage contract, or if there are other services or contracts that the city should also consider including in this potential ballot proposition. The city attorney clarified that all other contracts are usually required, by state law, to go out for bid but that a garbage contract is exempt from those state law requirements because it is related to public health. Mayor McCallum moved to put forth as a Charter Amendment Election ballot proposition the requirement that the city's garbage contract be put out for bid at least once every five years. Councilmember Thomas seconded the motion.

Councilmember Lewis asked for and received clarification on some caveats of this topic, including asking

the city manager to explain the process associated with staff putting a garbage contract out for bid. Councilmember Lewis expressed concern about city residents potentially having a new garbage provider once every five years. Mrs. Smith explained how the process would work, and she also vocalized her one concern that any existing provider who's currently contracted for five years with the city would need to amortize over that five year period. She wonders if this would actually end up driving up potential garbage contract pricing. Following these comments, the motion on the floor then passed by a vote of 7 ayes to 0 nays. Councilmember Campbell expressed that, with all due respect, some of what has transpired has felt threatening, and she has had some concerns about that. She expressed that she does not disagree with the garbage contract going out for bid, but she also respected the work that went into providing Council with the information needed so that the City Manager could negotiate the contract with Republic. Mayor McCallum indicated that nothing has been a threat, pointing out that citizens are watching the decisions city council members make pertaining to the contract. Councilmember Campbell shared that citizens are actually watching all decisions that councilmembers make, and all of those decisions, including decisions related to the trash contract, are all important decisions.

Regarding the topic of putting forth a ballot proposition to voters that would require a review of the City Charter at least once every ten years that would consist of at least ten citizens of the City, Councilmember Thomas moved to put forth this ballot proposition to voters. Councilmember Mayor Pro Tem Moeller seconded the motion, which – following brief comments by Councilmember Campbell - passed by a vote of 7 ayes to 0 nays.

Regarding the topic of putting forth a ballot proposition to voters related to extending the number of days the city secretary has to review and verify petitions from 21 calendar days to 30 calendar days, Councilmember Thomas moved to put this proposition forth to voters. Councilmember Campbell seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 7 ayes to 0 nays.

Regarding possibly putting forth before voters a ballot proposition on the Charter Amendment Election that would allow the City Council to make non-substantive changes and technical revisions via passage of an ordinance. Councilmember Thomas moved to include this ballot proposition. Councilmember Lewis seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 7 ayes to 0 nays.

Mayor McCallum provided brief comments, sharing that voters will get to decide on these topics at a Charter Amendment Election to be held in May of 2026. The city attorney shared that he will have an ordinance prepared to present to Council to call this election at the first city council meeting in the month of January.

**X. City Manager's Report, Departmental Reports and Related Discussions Pertaining To Current City Activities, Upcoming Meetings, Future Legislative Activities, and Other Related Matters.**

1. Building Inspections Department Monthly Report
2. Fire Department Monthly Report
3. Parks & Recreation Department Monthly Report
4. Roadway Projects Update
5. Police Department Monthly Report

6. Sales Tax Historical Comparison

7. Water Consumption Historical Statistics

The City Engineer, Amy Williams, provided very brief comments on recent roadway construction related projects within the city. The city manager encouraged Council to watch their emails for details on upcoming events, including the Hometown Christmas parade, tree lighting and associated festivities being held this Saturday.

XI. Adjournment

The mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS ON THIS 15<sup>th</sup>  
DAY OF DECEMBER, 2025.

  
TIM McCALLUM, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
KRISTY TEAGUE, CITY SECRETARY

