



City of Coppell, Texas

255 E. Parkway Boulevard
Coppell, Texas
75019-9478

Minutes City Council

Monday, July 28, 2025

6:00 PM

2nd Floor Conference Room

Budget Work Session

WES MAYS
Mayor

DON CARROLL
Mayor Pro Tem

JIM WALKER
Place 1

RAMESH PREMKUMAR
Place 5

BRIANNA HINOJOSA-SMITH
Place 2

BIJU MATHEW
Place 6

KEVIN NEVELS
Place 4

MARK HILL
Place 7

MIKE LAND
City Manager

Present 7 - Wes Mays; Jim Walker; Brianna Hinojosa-Smith; Don Carroll; Kevin Nevels; Ramesh Premkumar and Mark Hill

Absent 1 - Biju Mathew

Also present were City Manager Mike Land, Deputy City Managers Traci Leach and Kent Collins, Chief of Strategic Relations Calie Willis, Director of Strategic Financial Engagement Kim Tiehen, Assistant Director of Strategic Financial Engagement Vanessa Tarver, Budget Officer Jesica Almendarez, and Budget Analysts Jerry Young and Javier Olguin.

The City Council of the City of Coppell met in Regular Session on Monday, July 28, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Conference Room at Town Center, 255 Parkway Boulevard, Coppell, Texas.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Wes Mays called the meeting to order, determined that a quorum was present and convened into the Work Session at 6:00 p.m.

2. Citizens' Appearance

Mayor Wes Mays asked for those who signed up to speak:

1) Dave Schauf, 215 Westwind Dr., spoke in regards to inequitable billing of utility services and requested additional discounts for senior citizens.

2) Jeff Varnell, 1601 E. Sandy Lake Rd., spoke in regards to the tax rate and budget.

3. Introduction

Presentation: Kim Tiehen, Director of Strategic Financial Engagement, provided a presentation and answered questions from Mayor and City Council.

4. Presentation and discussion regarding the final budget review:

- A. Other Funds
- B. Water/Sewer Fund
- C. General Fund
- D. Debt Service
- E. Assessed Valuation and Tax Rate

Presentation: Kim Tiehen, Director of Strategic Financial Engagement, provided a presentation and answered questions from Mayor and City Council.

5. Discussion regarding the final budget review.

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6. General Discussion

Mayor Wes Mays thanked staff for their work on the budget and recognized the challenges involved.

City Manager Mike Land provided the following timeline for the budget process:

1) The proposed budget will be filed with the City Secretary's Office on August 5th.

2) The City Council will vote on the maximum tax rate at the August 12th Council Meeting. This will also be the final public hearing for the Crime Control District.

3) The public hearings for the tax rate and proposed FY 25-26 budget will be held at the August 26th Council Meeting.

7. Citizens' Appearance

Mayor Wes Mays asked for those who signed up to speak:

1) Dave Schauf, 215 Westwind Dr., provided general observations and impressions.

2) Jon Buchwald, Congressional Candidate for District 24, had questions about specific budget line items and asked how the federal government could help.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m

Wes Mays, Mayor

ATTEST:

Phoebe Stell, Interim City Secretary