



City of Coppell, Texas

255 E. Parkway Boulevard
Coppell, Texas
75019-9478

Minutes City Council

Saturday, January 25, 2025

9:00 AM

Life Safety Park, 820 S. Coppell Road

City Council Retreat

WES MAYS
Mayor

KEVIN NEVELS
Mayor Pro Tem

JIM WALKER
Place 1

RAMESH PREMKUMAR
Place 5

BRIANNA HINOJOSA-SMITH
Place 2

BIJU MATHEW
Place 6

DON CARROLL
Place 3

MARK HILL
Place 7

MIKE LAND
City Manager

Present 8 - Wes Mays; Jim Walker; Brianna Hinojosa-Smith; Don Carroll; Kevin Nevels; Ramesh Premkumar; Biju Mathew and Mark Hill

Also present were Deputy City Managers Traci Leach and Kent Collins, and City Secretary Ashley Owens.

The City Council of the City of Coppell met in Work Session on Saturday, January 25, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Meeting Rooms at Life Safety Park located at 820 S. Coppell Road, Coppell, Texas.

Work Session (Open to the Public)

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 9:00 a.m.

2. Citizens' Appearance

Mayor Wes Mays advised that no one signed up to speak.

3. Discussion regarding Vision 2040 Prioritization.

Presentation: Traci Leach, Deputy City Manager, made a presentation to the City Council.

City Council discussed prioritization of Pillars and Goals.

City Council recessed at 10:35 a.m. for a break and reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

4. Discussion regarding FY26 Budget:

- Debt Modeling
- Any additional items for consideration in FY26 Budget.
- FY26 Budget Calendar
- Future City Council considerations.

Presentation: Kim Tiehen, Director of Strategic Financial Engagement, made a presentation to the City Council.

Discussion ensued between City Council.

Staff will report back in May with an update when there is more information about potential legislative changes.

Future City Council considerations:

- Consider safety improvements along Denton Tap sidewalk north of Parkway; increase space of alley/sidewalk improvements; consider smart sprinkler rebate program.
- Consider funding for cricket field(s).

5. Discussion regarding Old Town Coppell.

Presentation: Kent Collins, Deputy City Manager, made a presentation to the City Council.

City Council discussed the following items:

- Supportive of moving forward on the near-term improvements (landscaping, benches, etc.).
- Supportive of pursuing local and destination restaurants.
- Supportive of pursuing destination entertainment.
- Bring back marquee at entry for Council consideration.
- Want options on addressing the alcohol policies that limit options in Old Town.
- Suggestion to create separate economic development overlay for an expanded boundary instead of expanding Old Town (related to the Old Town design standards).
- Requested updates on Gateways/Hot Spots (Not Old Town, other areas of the City).

6. Discussion regarding future meeting dates.

Councilmember Ramesh Premkumar left the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

Councilmember Biju Mathew left the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

Discussion ensued between City Council regarding future meeting dates in March, May, and October 2025.

Both meetings in March will be held. Staff will send out a poll for future Spring Retreat dates. Discussion was held regarding the cancelling of the October 28th meeting and holding a meeting on November 4th.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

Wes Mays, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ashley Owens, City Secretary