



# City of Coppell, Texas

255 E. Parkway Boulevard  
Coppell, Texas  
75019-9478

## Minutes City Council

Tuesday, August 27, 2019

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

**KAREN HUNT**  
Mayor

**MARK HILL**  
Mayor Pro Tem

**CLIFF LONG**  
Place 1

**GARY RODEN**  
Place 4

**BRIANNA HINOJOSA-SMITH**  
Place 2

**NANCY YINGLING**  
Place 5

**WES MAYS**  
Place 3

**BIJU MATHEW**  
Place 6

**MIKE LAND**  
City Manager

**Present** 7 - Karen Hunt;Cliff Long;Wes Mays;Gary Roden;Nancy Yingling;Biju Mathew and Mark Hill

**Absent** 1 - Brianna Hinojosa-Smith

Also present were City Manager Mike Land, Deputy City Managers Traci Leach and Vicki Chiavetta, City Secretary Christel Pettinos, and City Attorney Nicole Corr.

The City Council of the City of Coppell met in Regular Session on Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of Town Center, 255 Parkway Boulevard, Coppell, Texas.

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Hunt called the meeting to order, determined that a quorum was present and convened into the Executive Session at 5:38 p.m.

**2. Executive Session (Closed to the Public) 1st Floor Conference Room**

Councilmember Hinojosa-Smith arrived late to the meeting during Executive Session.

**Section 551.087, Texas Government Code - Economic Development Negotiations.**

**A. Discussion regarding economic development prospects south of Bethel**

Road and west of Denton Tap Road.

**Discussed under Executive Session**

- B.** Discussion regarding economic development prospects north of Sandy Lake Road and west of N. Coppell Road.

**Discussed under Executive Session**

**Section 551.072, Texas Government Code - Deliberation regarding Real Property.**

- C.** Discussion regarding property east of MacArthur Boulevard and south of Starleaf Street.

**Discussed under Executive Session**

- 3. Work Session (Open to the Public) 1st Floor Conference Room**

Councilmember Hinojosa-Smith left the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Mayor Hunt adjourned the Executive Session at 6:11 p.m. and convened into the Work Session.

- A. Discussion regarding agenda items.
- B. Discussion regarding Boards and Commissions process.
- C. Discussion regarding the Arts Center fund development.
- D. Discussion regarding Vision 2040.

**Presented in Work Session**

- Regular Session (Open to the Public)**

Mayor Hunt adjourned the Work Session at 7:12 p.m. and reconvened into the Regular Session at 7:33 p.m.

- 4. Invocation 7:30 p.m.**

Boy Scout Troop 842 gave the invocation.

- 5. Pledge of Allegiance**

Boy Scout Troop 842 posted the colors and led those in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- 6. Citizens' Appearance**

Mayor Hunt asked for those who signed up to speak:

- 1) Manaj Sasidharan, 618 Johns Ave., protested the proposed rise in property taxes and asked questions of the City Council and staff.
- 2) Subbu Venkat, 933 Brentwood Dr., requested a new roof for the swing set

system at Allen Road Park.

3) Thomas Burrows, 138 Wynnpage Dr., suggested the mailing of water bill invoices using envelopes and stamps as opposed to electronic transfers.

7. Consider approval of a proclamation naming August 27, 2019, as “Arbor Day;” and authorizing the Mayor to sign.

**Mayor Hunt read the Arbor Day Proclamation into the record and presented the same to Maura Reed, Biodiversity Education Center Coordinator. A motion was made by Councilmember Wes Mays, seconded by Councilmember Nancy Yingling, that this Agenda Item be approved. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.**

8. **Consent Agenda**

- A. Consider approval of the minutes: August 13, 2019.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Wes Mays, seconded by Councilmember Cliff Long, that Consent Agenda Items A-E be approved. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.**

- B. Consider approval of funding a bid with Core Construction through the National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance Contract (NCPA), in the amount of \$285,544.19, for the installation of a connector trail between Andy Brown Park West and Coppell High School

**A motion was made by Councilmember Wes Mays, seconded by Councilmember Cliff Long, that Consent Agenda Items A-E be approved. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.**

- C. Consider approval of funding a proposal per contract DIR-TSO-3430 to Knight Security Systems, in the amount of \$83,899.00, for the purchase and installation of Access Control, Video Cameras and Intrusion System at the Coppell Arts Center

**A motion was made by Councilmember Wes Mays, seconded by Councilmember Cliff Long, that Consent Agenda Items A-E be approved. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.**

- D. Consider approval to enter into an engineering design contract with Huitt-Zollars, Inc.; for reconstruction of the design of Spanish Moss Drive, Spanish Moss Court and Jeb Court; in the amount of \$200,295.00; as budgeted in the ¼ cent Sales Tax Fund; and authorizing the City Manager to sign any necessary documents.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Wes Mays, seconded by Councilmember Cliff Long, that Consent Agenda Items A-E be approved. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.**

- E. Consider approval to amend Ordinance 2019-1518, Section 12 and 2019-1518(SP), Sección 12, to comply with recent amendments to

Texas Election Code Section 52.072(b); and authorizing the Mayor to sign.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Wes Mays, seconded by Councilmember Cliff Long, that Consent Agenda Items A-E be approved. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.**

Enactment No: OR 2019-1519

### End of Consent Agenda

**At this time, Councilmember Hinojosa-Smith arrived at the meeting at 7:53 p.m.**

**Present** 8 - Karen Hunt;Cliff Long;Brianna Hinojosa-Smith;Wes Mays;Gary Roden;Nancy Yingling;Biju Mathew and Mark Hill

**9.**

#### PUBLIC HEARING:

To receive public comment and consider approval of the proposed 2019-20 budget for the Coppell Crime Control and Prevention District.

**Presentation: Jennifer Miller, Director of Finance, made a presentation to the City Council.**

**Mayor Hunt advised that no one signed up to speak in the Public Hearing.**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Nancy Yingling, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mark Hill, to close the Public Hearing and approve this Agenda Item. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.**

**10.**

#### PUBLIC HEARING:

To receive public comment concerning the proposed 2019-20 tax rate of \$0.58400.

**Public Hearing Items 10 and 11 were presented together.**

**Presentation: Kim Tiehen, Assistant Director of Finance, made a presentation to the City Council.**

**Mayor Hunt asked for those who signed up to speak:**

**1) Davin Bernstein, 228 Hollywood Dr., spoke against the rise in tax rate and offered suggestions for saving \$1 million.**

**2) Subbu Venkat, 933 Brentwood Dr., spoke against the tax rate increase stating Council needs to be mindful of potential recessions on the horizon.**

**3) Barry Raven, 201 Turnberry, recommended postponing the tax rate increase this year and allow the citizens to vote on it.**

**4) Brad Masters, 200 Plantation Dr., believes police, fire and emergency services should be the only items budgeted and funded before all else; the value should to be voted on by the citizens.**

**5) Bill Hulbert, 241 Suzanne Way, spoke in opposition to the tax rate and believes the city should pull back desires to make ends meet.**

6) Dennis Armstrong, 639 Quail Ln., spoke against the tax rate increase.

7) Jeff Roller, 646 Cribbs Dr., believes there are several areas where the city can save money and purchasing fire trucks isn't exactly one of them.

8) Thomas Burrows, 138 Wynnpage Dr., recommended moving elections to November and doesn't believe in funding non-profits or artwork.

9) Ed White, 208 Spyglass, spoke in opposition to the tax rate increase.

10) Ron Hansen, 478 Harris, addressed page 138 of the proposed budget regarding the self-funded health insurance.

11) Jean Roscovious, 112 Raven Ln., recommended capping business incentives as she believes everyone should be paying their fair share.

12) Joe Shirley, 582 Villawood Ln., believes the city is spending too much money making it difficult for people and businesses to live and work here.

A motion was made by Councilmember Nancy Yingling, seconded by Councilmember Brianna Hinojosa-Smith, to close the Public Hearing. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

11.

PUBLIC HEARING:

To receive public comment concerning the proposed 2019-20 Municipal Budget,

Public Hearing Items 10 and 11 were presented together.

Presentation: Kim Tiehen, Assistant Director of Finance, made a presentation to the City Council.

A motion was made by Councilmember Wes Mays, seconded by Councilmember Gary Roden, to close the Public Hearing. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

12.

Consider approval of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement by and between the City of Coppell and Denton County Transportation Authority to provide transportation services for Coppell businesses; and authorizing the Mayor to sign.

Presentation: Mindi Hurley, Director of Community Development, made a presentation to the City Council.

A motion was made by Councilmember Nancy Yingling, seconded by Councilmember Cliff Long, that this Agenda Item be approved. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

13.

Consider awarding a bid and entering into a contract with Core Construction, in the amount of \$377,650.00; for renovations to the Pavilion at Old Town; as budgeted in the CIP Fund, through the National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance Contract (NCPA); and authorizing the

City Manager to sign any necessary documents.

**Presentation:** Molly Bujanda, Community Programs Manager, made a presentation to the City Council.

A motion was made by Councilmember Gary Roden to amend the caption to read as, "...provided for in Park Development Fees Fund and CIP Funds." Councilmember Wes Mays seconded the motion to approve this Agenda Item. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

#### 14. City Manager Reports - Project Updates and Future Agendas

City Manager Mike Land reported on the following project updates: Hunterwood Park Drainage Project is complete; Freeport Parkway and Parkway Boulevard will switchover the lanes in the coming weeks.

#### 15. Mayor and Council Reports

Report by the City Council on recent and upcoming events.

**Mayor Hunt reported on the upcoming events:**

**A. The City of Coppell administrative offices, Cozby Library and Community Commons and Senior & Community Center at Grapevine Springs will be closed on Monday, September 2, in observance of Labor Day. The library will reopen at noon on Tuesday, September 3. The CORE will be open from 7 a.m.-7 p.m., with the outdoor pool opening at 1 p.m. The Sunshine Room will be closed. There will be no group exercise classes. Wagon Wheel Tennis Center will be open from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Trash and recycling service will run as regularly scheduled. City offices will reopen on Tuesday, September 3.**

**B. The Allies in Community Program is now accepting applications for Cohort II. The deadline to apply is August 30 at 5 pm. Created by DiversityWealth and launched in partnership with the City of Coppell, the Allies in Community Program brings together a Cohort of 30-40 residents and city employees from all backgrounds, cultures, and walks of life to discover common ground, create an inclusive environment, and boost meaningful contribution within the community through fun, hands-on workshops. The program is an extension of a larger community engagement initiative to build knowledge and awareness of how to best serve residents of all cultural backgrounds. All are welcome to apply for the Cohort III! If you're an advocate for your community and want to do your part to connect neighbor to neighbor, please apply.**

**C. The City is currently seeking passionate individuals to be a part of 11 Boards and Commissions that help guide development, future needs, regulations, and more for Coppell. Applications will be accepted online through September 27, 2019. For detailed descriptions of each Board and Commission as well as contact information, please visit [coppelltx.gov/boards](http://coppelltx.gov/boards). Boards and Commissions applicants must have lived in Coppell for at least one year and must be registered to vote in Coppell.**

**D. Fall Music Series will be held on September 7th from 7pm – 9pm, Featuring Big City Outlaws at the Square at Old Town Coppell, 768 W. Main St. - Enjoy a night of music in Old Town under the stars with Big City Outlaws! Bring your**

blanket or chairs and grab a bite to eat from local food trucks. Complimentary popcorn will be available courtesy of Coppell Parks and Recreation!

**16. Council Committee Reports concerning items of community involvement with no Council action or deliberation permitted.**

- A. Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition - Councilmember Gary Roden
- B. Woven Health Clinic - Mayor Pro Tem Mark Hill
- C. Metrocrest Services - Councilmembers Wes Mays and Biju Mathew

**A. Councilmember Gary Roden reported that DRMC spent the past couple of months reviewing the recent legislative changes and will return to the regular meeting schedule in September.**

**B. Mayor Pro Tem Mark Hill reported that the 2nd Annual Impact Awards will be held and the Coppell Family YMCA has been selected as an award recipient. The event will be held on November 1st at the Addison Renaissance Hotel.**

**C. Councilmember Wes Mays reported that Metrocrest Services has completed their Back-to-School programs. The Seasons of Service Luncheon will be held on October 7th.**

**17. Public Service Announcements concerning items of community interest with no Council action or deliberation permitted.**

Councilmember Wes Mays recognized Mayor Karen Hunt for being awarded one of the Dallas Business Journal's 2019 Business Women of the Year.

**18. Necessary Action from Executive Session**

Nothing to report.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

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Karen Selbo Hunt, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Christel Pettinos, City Secretary

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