



City of Coppell, Texas

255 E. Parkway Boulevard
Coppell, Texas 75019-9478

Minutes City Council

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

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, City Attorney Bob Hager, and City Secretary Ashley Owens.

The City Council of the City of Coppell met in Regular Session on Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of 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 Executive Session at 5:30 p.m.

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

Section 551.071, Texas Government Code - Consultation with City Attorney.

A. Consultation with City Attorney and special legal counsel, regarding City of Coppell, et. al. vs. Glenn Hegar, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

Discussed under Executive Session

Section 551.087, Texas Government Code - Economic Development Negotiations.

- B.** Discussion regarding economic development prospects south of Canyon Drive and west of North Coppell Road.
Discussed under Executive Session

Section 551.071, Texas Government Code - Consultation with City Attorney.

- C.** Seek Legal Advice from City Attorney regarding the Texas Open Meetings Act.
Discussed under Executive Session

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

Mayor Wes Mays adjourned the Executive Session at 6:45 p.m. and convened into the Work Session at 6:47 p.m.

- A. Discussion regarding agenda items.
- B. Discussion of Code of Ordinances Sec. 1-10-6.2.1 - Order of business, Citizens Appearance.
- C. Discussion regarding the City's Legislative Agenda for the upcoming session.
- D. Report from Johnson Consulting on Rolling Oaks Memorial Cemetery.

Mayor recessed the Work Session at 7:23 p.m. for the Regular Session.

Mayor reconvened the Work Session at 8:26 p.m. Mayor Wes Mays adjourned the Work Session at 9:23 p.m. with all items discussed.

Regular Session

Mayor Wes Mays adjourned the Work Session at 7:23 p.m. and convened into the Regular Session at 7:31 p.m.

4. Invocation 7:30 p.m.

Elder Cherry, with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, gave the invocation.

5. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Wes Mays led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Proclamations

- 6.** Presentation of a Proclamation designating the week of November 4 - 8th, 2024, as Municipal Court Week.

Mayor Wes Mays read the Proclamation into the record and presented the same to Presiding Judge Sandra White and members of the Municipal Court staff.

7. Presentation of a Proclamation designating the month of November as “Arbor Day Celebration Month.”

Mayor Wes Mays read the Proclamation into the record and presented the same to Assistant Director of Community Experiences Adam Richter and Recreation Supervisor Jonathan Ward.

8. **Citizens’ Appearance**

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

- 1) **David Schauf, Westwind, spoke in regards to the Citizens Appearance discussion.**
- 2) **Joann Ross, North Richland Hills, spoke in regards to her employment.**

9. **Consent Agenda**

- A. Consider approval of the Minutes: October 8, 2024.

A motion was made by Councilmember Jim Walker, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kevin Nevels, that Consent Agenda Items A - B be approved. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

- B. Consider approval of a resolution of the City Council of the City of Coppell, Texas, approving an Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Addison, the City of Carrollton, the City of Farmers Branch, and the North Texas Emergency Communications Center, Inc. (“NTECC”) relating to purchase of land for a new NTECC Consolidated Public Safety Communications Center; authorizing additional acts to carry out the City’s obligations under the agreement; providing an effective date; and authorizing the City Manager to sign any necessary documents.

A motion was made by Councilmember Jim Walker, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kevin Nevels, that Consent Agenda Items A - B be approved. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: RE 2024-1022.1

End of Consent Agenda

10. Consider approval of an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances by amending Chapter 1, “Administration”, Article 1-1; by repealing and reserving said section of such article in its entirety and adding Article 1-10, “Rules, Times and Procedures for Conducting City Council Meetings”; and authorizing the Mayor to sign.

A motion was made by Councilmember Mark Hill, seconded by Councilmember Ramesh Premkumar, to approve the Ordinance as written and presented.

A motion to amend the main motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Kevin Nevels, seconded by Councilmember Don Carroll, to add "In the event that there are more than 30 speakers registered for Citizens Appearance, the Mayor may reduce each speakers time to no less than one minute per speaker."

The motion to amend the main motion passed by the following vote:

Aye (4) - Mayor Pro Tem Kevin Nevels, Councilmember Jim Walker, Councilmember Don Carroll, Councilmember Mark Hill

Nay (3) - Councilmember Brianna Hinojosa-Smith, Councilmember Ramesh Premkumar, Councilmember Biju Mathew

The main motion as amended carried by the following vote (4-3):

Aye (4): Mayor Pro Tem Kevin Nevels, Councilmember Jim Walker, Councilmember Don Carroll, Councilmember Mark Hill

Nay (3): Councilmember Brianna Hinojosa-Smith, Councilmember Ramesh Premkumar, Councilmember Biju Mathew

Enactment No: OR 2024-1620

11. City Manager Reports, Project Updates, Future Agendas, and Direction from Work Session

It is almost time for the annual "Make a Child Smile" holiday program, which encourages community members to donate holiday gifts to children in Coppell ISD. Those who would like to participate can either select a virtual ornament from the City's website or select a physical ornament from the tree at Town Center beginning November 1. The ornaments will include a child's gift preferences and clothing sizes. All donations will be returned to Town Center by November 30

Communications Survey: we have released a Communications Survey to encourage residents to provide feedback about their communication preferences. We're interested in learning about the types of content and information you'd like to receive, and which platforms you prefer to use to access this information. We'll use your feedback to update our communications and marketing strategies to reach you more effectively. The survey will take less than 10 minutes to complete and can be found at coppelltx.gov/survey. The survey will be available through November 9.

Magnolia Park Trail – The contractor continues to pump water out of the pond to allow access for construction equipment. Grading work continues.

Woodhurst – All the street pavement is complete with the exception of the stamped concrete at Heartz. Working on sidewalk construction, irrigation repairs, and final cleanup.

DART – Completed the sidewalk at the Southwestern crossing and getting ready to pour the sidewalk at Coppell Rd West side.

Fire Station #5 – The contractor is going vertical this week with CMU and the steel starting.

Service Center – site work has started for the parking area and is expected to take 4-6 weeks.

Deforest Lift Station Site Improvements – Beginning the preparation for driveway repairs.

635/Belt Line U-Turn – TxDOT’s contractor is finishing forming up bent caps for the new U-Turn bridge. Once the bent caps are in place, they will schedule the 30-days advance notice for a weekend full closure of IH 635 in order to place beams. TxDOT is targeting early December for the weekend full closure of IH 635 to place beams for the new U-turn bridge at S. Belt Line.

12. Mayor and Council Reports on Recent and Upcoming Events.

Come out to Old Town in your Halloween best on Saturday, October 26 from 9 AM to Noon. You can find the list of participating local businesses at coppelltx.gov/Halloween-events.

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

- A. Report on Carrollton/Farmers Branch ISD and Lewisville ISD - Councilmember Mark Hill
- B. Report on Coppell ISD - Mayor Pro Tem Kevin Nevels
- C. Report on Coppell Seniors - Mayor Pro Tem Kevin Nevels
- D. Report on Coppell Arts Center Foundation - Councilmember Jim Walker

Read and Filed

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

Mayor and City Council praised the Coppell Arts Center for being voted Best in DFW for the third year in a row for Best Live Theater Venue and more.

15. Necessary Action from Executive Session

There was no action resulting from Executive Session.

16. Adjournment

There being no further business before this Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Wes Mays, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ashley Owens, City Secretary

