



# City of Coppell, Texas

255 E. Parkway Boulevard  
Coppell, Texas  
75019-9478

## Minutes City Council

Tuesday, July 23, 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** 7 - Wes Mays; Jim Walker; Brianna Hinojosa-Smith; Kevin Nevels; Ramesh Premkumar; Biju Mathew and Mark Hill

**Absent** 1 - Don Carroll

Also present were Deputy City Manager Traci Leach, City Attorney Bob Hager, and Deputy City Secretary Phoebe Stell.

The City Council of the City of Coppell met in Regular Session on Tuesday, July 23, 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

3. **Work Session (Open to the Public) 1st Floor Conference Room**  
**Citizen comments will not be heard during the Work Session, but will be heard during the Regular Session under Citizens' Appearance.**

Mayor Wes Mays adjourned the Executive Session at 5:57 p.m. and convened into the Work Session at 5:59 p.m.

- A. Discussion regarding agenda items.
- B. Discussion regarding the Community's Allyship Initiative.
- C. Discussion regarding Retail Survey results and RFP.
- D. Discussion regarding Vector Control.

**Presented in Work Session**

#### **Regular Session**

Mayor Wes Mays adjourned the Work Session at 6:41 p.m. and convened into the Regular Session at 7:30 p.m.

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

Parvin Izadi with Allies Interfaith Group 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 July 23, 2024, as "Hannah Bilka Appreciation Day."

Mayor Wes Mays read the Proclamation into the record and presented the same to Hannah Bilka and her family.

#### **Presentations**

7. Presentation from Metrocrest Services regarding Homelessness.

Director of Program Development Melanie Meijering of Metrocrest gave the presentation and answered questions of City Council.

8. **Citizens' Appearance**

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

9. **Consent Agenda**

- A. Consider approval of the Minutes: July 9, 2024 and July 15, 2024.

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

- B.** Consider approval of an amendment to a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), between the City of Coppell and the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Services, for the purpose of updating the MOU regarding Liability and Workers' Compensation for Firefighters participating in state activation and training related to Emergency Response deployments; and authorizing the Mayor to sign.

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

- C.** Consider approval to purchase retrofitting technology, for the Fire and Police Department Mobile Command Vehicle, from Comprehensive Communication Service, through Buyboard contract #714-23, in the amount of \$63,392.59, as approved for in the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds; 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 through E be approved. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**

- D.** Consider approval to purchase three (3) Portable Message Boards from Buyers Barricades, through BuyBoard Contract #703-23, for replacement of two (2) existing message and arrow boards for Streets Department and one (1) additional message board for Traffic Operations Department, in the amount of \$54,822.75; funds were previously approved on May 28th, 2024 by City Council and will be utilizing ARPA funds; 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 through E be approved. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**

- E.** Consider approval of a Resolution nominating City Manager Mike Land as a candidate for the Board of Trustees of the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool (The Risk Pool), Place 14 for a six-year term, 2024 through 2030; and authorizing the Mayor to sign.

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

Enactment No: RE 2024-0723.1

**End of Consent Agenda**

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

City Manager Mike Land gave the following report:

Woodhurst - The Sanitary Sewer installation is complete, 98% of the water line is installed, Storm Drain installation to begin within a week or two. Street paving from Cul De Sac to Hillhaven is complete and sidewalks are being constructed.

S Belt Line – Punchlist items are close to complete. The contractor began potholing for the electric service for the digital sign.

DART – Complete closure of Freeport scheduled for August 2, 2024 to August 5, 2024. Complete closure of Southwestern scheduled August 9, 2024 to August 12, 2024. Work continues on the street pavement repair at Freeport.

**11. Mayor and Council Reports on Recent and Upcoming Events.**

Mayor Wes Mays gave the following report:

Travel and Leisure ranked Coppell as the second-best place to live in Texas, the third-best place for public schools in Texas, and the fifth-best suburb to live in the United States.

The final budget workshop will be Monday, July 29th, at 6:00 p.m., here at Town Center in the upstairs conference room. Please join us as we work diligently to ensure that Coppell maintains its high-quality services while also respecting your pocketbooks. Residents are encouraged to get involved in the budget process, attend the public hearings, and provide feedback.

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

A. Report on Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD, Lewisville ISD -  
Councilmember Mark Hill

Councilmember Mark Hill gave his report on Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD and Lewisville ISD.

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

Councilmember Ramesh Premkumar announced that a service organization will hold a 9/11 commemorative service on September 14, 2024, at 2:00 p.m., at the Senior Service Center.

**14. Necessary Action from Executive Session**

There was no action resulting from Executive Session.

**15. Adjournment**

There being no further business before this Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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**Wes Mays, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Ashley Owens, City Secretary**