



REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, January 2, 2024 - 4:30 PM

City Hall Council Chambers - 385 S. Goliad St., Rockwall, TX 75087

I. Call Public Meeting to Order

Mayor Johannesen called the public meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Trace Johannesen, Mayor Pro Tem Anna Campbell and Councilmembers Sedric Thomas, Mark Moeller, Clarence Jorif, Dennis Lewis and Tim McCallum. The mayor then read the below-listed discussion items into the record before recessing the public meeting to into Executive Session.

II. Executive Session

- 1. Discussion regarding (re)appointments to city regulatory boards and commissions, including conducting interviews with Rockwall Economic Development Corp. (REDC) applicants, pursuant to Section §551.074 (Personnel Matters).**
- 2. Discussion regarding City Manager employee evaluation, pursuant to Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters).**

III. Adjourn Executive Session

For pre-public meeting Executive Session, Council came out at 6:00 p.m. Subsequently, Council came out of post-public meeting Executive Session at 7:13 p.m.

IV. Reconvene Public Meeting (6:00 P.M.)

Mayor Johannesen called the public meeting (back) to order at 6:00 p.m.

V. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance - Councilmember McCallum

VI. Proclamations / Awards / Recognitions

- 1. United States Secret Service and National Computer Forensics Institute "Significant Case Award" Recognition - Detective Phillip Young, Rockwall Police Department**

Mayor Johannesen called forth Police Chief, Ed Fowler and Detective Phillip Young. Detective Young was then recognized for having recently received the above-named award for arduous work he performed on a case in 2022 that resulted in a child predator being sentenced to fifty years in the federal penitentiary.

VII. Open Forum

Mayor Johannesen explained how Open Forum is conducted, asking if anyone would like to come forth and speak at this time.

**Debra Obera
548 Granite Fields Drive**

Rockwall, TX

Mrs. Obera came forth to express concerns about firecracker abuse within the city limits. This past weekend, she explained, was horrible, horrific and scary within her neighborhood. She could not even call the Rockwall Police Department because there were so many explosives being set off that, even if the Rockwall PD responded, there was so much going on that they would not have enough staff to respond. She believes people don't realize how much damage fireworks can cause and how dangerous they can be, including injuries and houses potentially getting burned down. She knows there are ordinances against the possession and setting off of fireworks within the city limits. She is a nurse, and she has seen so many injuries behind this type of activity (setting off fireworks). She wonders what can be done to stop this activity within the city limits. She went on to explain that when she first moved to Rockwall, fireworks being set up was minimal; however, it has progressively gotten worse, and it is now like a 'war zone.' She wants to know why the city cannot control things like this. She wonders if there is more that can be done.

Mayor Johannesen shared that the city council can pass ordinances. Also, residents observing the law being broken should call and report those crimes to the Police Department.

Mrs. Obera shared that the ordinance is already in place, but it is not being followed.

There being no one else wishing to address Council, Mayor Johannesen then closed Open Forum.

VIII. Take Any Action as a Result of Executive Session

Council came out of post-public meeting Ex. Session and reconvened the meeting at 7:13 p.m., taking the following actions:

Mayor Pro Tem Campbell moved to appoint Taslow Roberts to serve in the vacant seat on the Rockwall Economic Development Corporation (REDC) board, effective February 1, 2024. Councilmember Thomas seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 7 ayes to 0 nays.

Mayor Pro Tem Campbell moved to authorize the City Attorney to draft a second amendment to the City Manager's (employment) Agreement and authorize Mayor Johannesen to execute said amendment. Councilmember Thomas seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 7 ayes to 0 nays.

(Mayor Johannesen then adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m.)

IX. Consent Agenda

1. Consider approval of the minutes from the December 18, 2023 city council meeting, and take any action necessary.
2. **Z2023-052** - Consider a request by Matt Wavering of the Rockwall Economic Development Corporation (REDC) on behalf of Paul Liechty of 36 Wagon Road, LLC and Shailesha Vora of Akshar 10, LLC for the approval of an ordinance for a Specific Use Permit (SUP) for an *Office Building* that will exceed 36-feet in the Scenic Overlay (SOV) District on a 9.9406-acre tract of land identified as Lots 22 & 23, Block A, La Jolla Pointe Addition, Phase 2, City of Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas, zoned Commercial (C) District, situated within the Scenic Overlay (SOV) District and the IH-30 Overlay (IH-30 OV) District, generally located west of the intersection of La Jolla Pointe Drive and Ridge Road [FM-740], and take any action necessary (**2nd Reading**).

3. **Z2023-053** - Consider a request by Matt Wavering of the Rockwall Economic Development Corporation (REDC) on behalf of Richard Chandler of HFS Management, Inc. for the approval of an **ordinance** for a Zoning Change amending Planned Development District 4 (PD-4) [Ordinance No. 72-03 & 01-26] being a 12.1462-acre tract of land identified as Tract 2 of the D. Atkins Survey, Abstract No. 1, City of Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas, zoned Planned Development District 4 (PD-4) for General Retail (GR) District land uses, situated within the Scenic Overlay (SOV) District, generally located in between Lakedale Drive and Becky Lane on the eastside of Ridge Road [FM-740], and take any action necessary **(2nd Reading)**.

4. **P2023-039** - Consider a request by Ryan King of Petitt-ECD, LP on behalf of Saddle Star South Holdings, LLC for the approval of a Replat for Lot 32, Block F, Saddle Star Estates South, Phase 2 Addition being a 0.289-acre parcel of land identified as Lot 20, Block F, Saddle Star Estates South, Phase 2 Addition, City of Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas, zoned Planned Development District 79 (PD-79) for Single-Family 8.4 (SF-8.4), addressed as 2303 Sarah Drive, and take any action necessary.

Councilmember McCallum made a motion to approve the entire Consent Agenda (#s 1, 2, 3, and 4). Councilmember Thomas seconded the motion. The ordinance captions were read as follows:

**CITY OF ROCKWALL
ORDINANCE NO. 24-01
SPECIFIC USE PERMIT NO. S-322**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS, AMENDING THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE (UDC) [ORDINANCE NO. 20-02] OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED, SO AS TO GRANT A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT (SUP) FOR BUILDINGS THAT EXCEED 36- FEET IN HEIGHT ON A 9.9406-ACRE TRACT OF LAND IDENTIFIED AS LOTS 22 & 23, BLOCK A, LA JOLLA POINTE ADDITION, PHASE 2, CITY OF ROCKWALL, ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS; AND MORE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED AND DEPICTED IN EXHIBIT 'A' OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR SPECIAL CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY OF FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) FOR EACH OFFENSE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**CITY OF ROCKWALL
ORDINANCE NO. 24-02**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS AMENDING PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT 4 (PD-4) [ORDINANCE NO. 72-03 & 01-26] AND THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE [ORDINANCE NO. 20-02] OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, AS HERETOFORE AMENDED, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT 4 (PD-4) BEING 12.1148-ACRE TRACT OF LAND IDENTIFIED AS TRACT 2 OF THE D. ATKINS SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 1, CITY OF ROCKWALL, ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS AND MORE FULLY DESCRIBED AND DEPICTED HEREIN BY *EXHIBIT 'A'* OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR SPECIAL CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY OF A FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) FOR EACH OFFENSE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The motion to approve passed by a vote of 7 ayes to 0 nays.

X. City Manager's Report, Departmental Reports and Related Discussions Pertaining To Current City Activities, Upcoming Meetings, Future Legislative Activities, and Other Related Matters.

1. Building Inspections Department Monthly Report
2. Fire Department Monthly Report
3. Parks & Recreation Department Monthly Report
4. Police Department Monthly Report
5. Sales Tax Historical Comparison
6. Water Consumption Historical Statistics

The reports were not discussed, and no action was taken regarding them.

Mayor Johannesen then recessed the public meeting to go back into Ex. Session at 6:14 p.m.

XI. Adjournment

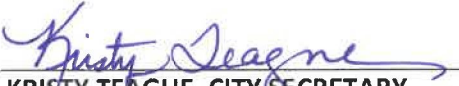
Council came out of (post public meeting) Executive Session at 7:13 p.m. (See above, Section VIII. for action taken).

Mayor Johannesen adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS ON THIS 16th DAY OF JANUARY, 2024.


TRACE JOHANNESSEN, MAYOR

ATTEST:


KRISTY TEAGUE, CITY SECRETARY

