

**MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS
HELD IN THE CITY HALL 4301 CITY POINT DRIVE
MARCH 9, 2026**

WORK SESSION

The City Council of the City of North Richland Hills, Texas met in work session on the 9th day of March at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Workroom prior to the 7:00 p.m. regular City Council meeting.

Present:	Jack McCarty	Mayor
	Cecille Delaney	Place 1
	Brianne Goetz	Place 2
	Danny Roberts	Place 3
	Matt Blake	Place 4
	Billy Parks	Place 5
	Russ Mitchell	Place 6
	Kelvin Deupree	Mayor Pro Tem, Place 7
Staff Members:	Paulette Hartman	City Manager
	Trudy Lewis	Assistant City Manager
	Caroline Waggoner	Assistant City Manager
	Alicia Richardson	City Secretary/Chief Governance Officer
	Bradley A. Anderle	City Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor McCarty called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

1. DISCUSS ITEMS FROM REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

City Council had no questions for staff.

2. DISCUSS PROPOSED ORDINANCE, AMENDING THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES ALIGNING TERMS OF BOARD, COMMISSION, AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS WITH THE CITY COUNCIL.

City Secretary/Chief Governance Officer Alicia Richardson provided an update on discussion, action, and direction regarding board and commission member terms. Following the November 4, 2025 City Charter election, City Council received a presentation from staff during the February 9, 2026 work session regarding a proposed ordinance to align the term of board and commission members with City Council. Staff

was directed to extend the term of board and commission members from two to three years to coincide with City Council terms. There was no desire to implement term limits for board and commission members. On February 23, 2026, Council member Parks requested an item be placed on a future work session agenda to allow City Council the opportunity to discuss term limits for board and commission members.

City Council discussed the benefits and disadvantages of implementing term limits for board and commission members; ability of volunteers to serve on a different board after completing a term limit; the process of cities in the metroplex area and those with the same population; volunteer pool; and promoting volunteer opportunities and appointment process.

The consensus of City Council was for staff to survey cities in the metroplex, as well as one or two in the state with the same population as North Richland Hills.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S)

There were no requests from City Council for future agenda items.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Paulette Hartman updated the City Council on the following:

Efficiency Audits - the city received three efficiency audit proposals for Facilities and seven efficiency audit proposals for Utility Billing. She anticipates an award of bid for both efficiency audits in April. Ms. Hartman stated that the efficiency audit for Information Technology has been completed, and staff will bring forward recommendations in April.

Utility Billing staff changes - the city hired Danene Grahada to serve as the Utility Billing Manager and Casey Valdez to serve as the Utility Billing Supervisor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1. SECTION 551.071: CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY TO SEEK ADVICE ABOUT PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION OR ON A MATTER IN WHICH THE DUTY OF THE ATTORNEY TO THE GOVERNMENTAL BODY UNDER THE TEXAS DISCIPLINARY RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT OF THE STATE BAR OF TEXAS CLEARLY CONFLICTS WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT - (1) JESSIE GOODFELLOW V. CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, ET AL, CAUSE NO. 352-366545-25; AND (2) TRAVIS SCOTT GRAY V. CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, ET AL, CIVIL ACTION NO. 4-25CV1276-09.**

2. **SECTION 551.087: DELIBERATION REGARDING COMMERCIAL OR FINANCIAL INFORMATION THAT THE GOVERNMENTAL BODY HAS RECEIVED FROM A BUSINESS PROSPECT THAT THE GOVERNMENTAL BODY SEEKS TO HAVE LOCATE, STAY, OR EXPAND IN OR NEAR THE TERRITORY OF THE GOVERNMENTAL BODY AND WITH WHICH THE GOVERNMENTAL BODY IS CONDUCTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OR DELIBERATION OF THE OFFER OF A FINANCIAL OR OTHER INCENTIVE TO SUCH A BUSINESS PROSPECT - (1) NORTHEAST CORNER OF BOULEVARD 26 & HARWOOD ROAD AND (2) EZ STREETS EMPOWERMENT ZONE.**
3. **SECTION 551.074: PERSONNEL MATTERS TO DELIBERATE THE EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, AND DUTIES OF PUBLIC OFFICERS OR EMPLOYEES - CITY MANAGER**

Mayor McCarty announced at 5:50 p.m. that the City Council would adjourn into Executive Session as authorized by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, specifically, Section 551.071: Consultation with City Attorney to seek advice about pending or contemplated litigation or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Open Meetings Act - (1) Jessie Goodfellow v. City of North Richland Hills, et al, Cause No. 352-366545-25; and (2) Travis Scott Gray v. City of North Richland Hills, et al, Civil Action No. 4-25CV1276-09, Section 551.071: Consultation with City Attorney to seek advice about pending or contemplated litigation or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Open Meetings Act - (1) Jessie Goodfellow v. City of North Richland Hills, et al, Cause No. 352-366545-25; and (2) Travis Scott Gray v. City of North Richland Hills, et al, Civil Action No. 4-25CV1276-09, and Section 551.074: Personnel Matters to deliberate the employment, evaluation, and duties of public officers or employees - City Manager. Executive Session began at 5:55 p.m. and concluded at 6:46 p.m.

Mayor McCarty announced at 6:46 p.m. that City Council would convene to the regular City Council meeting.

REGULAR MEETING

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor McCarty called the meeting to order March 9, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Jack McCarty Mayor

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Brianne Goetz	Place 2
Danny Roberts	Place 3
Matt Blake	Place 4
Billy Parks	Place 5
Russ Mitchell	Place 6
Kelvin Deupree	Mayor Pro Tem, Place 7

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A.1 INVOCATION

Council member Mitchell gave the invocation.

A.2 PLEDGE

Council member Mitchell led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

A.3 SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S) AND RECOGNITION(S)

There were no items for this category.

A.4 PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no requests to speak from the public.

A.5 REMOVAL OF ITEM(S) FROM CONSENT AGENDA

No items were removed from the consent agenda.

B. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

APPROVED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER BLAKE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER DELANEY TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 7-0.

B.1 APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 23, 2026 CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

B.2 CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 2026-019, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE REGIONAL ASSET TRANSFER ADDENDUM B_20 WITH THE DALLAS COUNTY CRIMINAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO TRANSFER EXTERNAL STORAGE DRIVES, HARD DRIVES, FLASH DRIVES, RECORDABLE DISCS AND PORTABLE SSD'S TOTALING \$4,122.05, PURCHASED WITH TAG GRANT #2848911 FUNDS BY THE CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS ACTING AS THE FIDUCIARY OF THE NORTH TEXAS ANTI-GANG CENTER GRANT.

B.3 APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF THE JAIL CONTROL SYSTEM HARDWARE, SOFTWARE, AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FROM SYDAPTIC INC., IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$550,000 UTILIZING THE INTERLOCAL PURCHASING SYSTEM (TIPS) COOPERATIVE CONTRACT NO. 230901.

C. PUBLIC HEARINGS

C.1 ZC25-0154, ORDINANCE NO. 3949, PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM MJ COMMERCIAL HOLDINGS LLC FOR A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR ASSEMBLING OPERATIONS OF COMMODITIES AT 5113 COMMERCIAL DRIVE, BEING 0.616 ACRES DESCRIBED AS LOT GR, BLOCK 14, RICHLAND TERRACE ADDITION.

APPROVED

Mayor McCarty opened the public hearing for ZC25-0154, Ordinance No. 3949.

Director of Planning Cori Reaume informed City Council the applicant is requesting a special use permit for 0.616 acres located at 5113 Commercial Drive. The area is designated on the Comprehensive Land Use Plan as retail commercial and the current zoning is C-2, commercial. Ms. Reaume provided site photos of the property.

Applicant representative Jeff Peterson, MJ Commercial Holdings, LLC, 2872 Matterhorn Drive, Genoa, Nevada, stated that they purchased the building to relocate their company to North Richland Hills. City Council and the applicant discussed shipping/delivery of materials; number of employees at the location; and operating hours. Howard Wiles, MavTel's vice president of engineering maintenance, 4621 Concord Drive, Garland, Texas was also present to answer questions.

Ms. Reaume presented staff's report. The Planning and Zoning Commission, at their February 19, 2026 meeting, recommended approval of the zoning change request with a vote of 7-0.

There being no forms submitted, Mayor McCarty asked if there was anyone in the

audience wishing to speak in favor or against the item to come forward. There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor McCarty closed the public hearing.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER GOETZ, SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM DEUPREE TO APPROVE ZC25-0154, ORDINANCE NO. 3949.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 7-0.

D. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

There were no items for this category.

E. PUBLIC WORKS

There were no items for this category.

F. CITIZENS PRESENTATION

Mike Harris, 6800 Richfield Drive, vice president of the NRH Citizens Fire Academy Alumni Association (CFAAA), invited City Council and the public to their second St. Patrick's Day event on March 14, 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the B&B Theatres.

Dana Hammack, 9373 Granger Lane, Fort Worth, notified City Council of the new farmer's market they are bringing to North Richland Hills.

Mary Michaels, 8401 Revenue Way, commented on the varied speed limits, speeding, and proposed raised medians on Davis Boulevard.

G. GENERAL ITEMS

G.1 APPROVE AWARD OF BID RFP NO. 26-004 TO WHIRLIX, INC. FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT JB SANDLIN PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275,000 AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE ASSOCIATED CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT.

APPROVED

City Council received a presentation from Director of Parks and Recreation Adrien Pekurney.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROBERTS, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER PARKS TO APPROVE AWARD OF BID RFP NO. 26-004 TO WHIRLIX, INC. FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT JB SANDLIN PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275,000 AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE ASSOCIATED CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 7-0.

G.2 AUTHORIZE PAYMENT TO MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC. FOR MOTOROLA BRANDED PRODUCTS AND SERVICES TO INCLUDE RADIOS, EQUIPMENT, MAINTENANCE AND ACCESSORIES FOR USE BY THE CITY'S PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,028,734 UTILIZING THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL (HGAC) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT HGAC RA05-21.

APPROVED

City Council received a presentation from Emergency Management Coordinator Raelyn Darnell.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR PRO TEM DEUPREE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BLAKE TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT TO MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC. FOR MOTOROLA BRANDED PRODUCTS AND SERVICES TO INCLUDE RADIOS, EQUIPMENT, MAINTENANCE AND ACCESSORIES FOR USE BY THE CITY'S PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,028,734 UTILIZING THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL (HGAC) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT HGAC RA05-21.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 7-0.

H. EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS - CITY COUNCIL MAY TAKE ACTION ON ANY ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION LISTED ON WORK SESSION AGENDA

There was no action necessary as a result of the executive session.

I. INFORMATION AND REPORTS

I.1 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Deupree made the following announcements.

Yoga in the Park returns this Saturday, March 14, to Linda Spurlock Park. Join Stephany Padilla, yoga instructor for the NRH Centre, for a free beginner-friendly yoga class starting at 9:00 a.m. No experience is needed - just bring a yoga mat and a willing heart! Please pre-register through the NRH Centre's website.

The Citizens Fire Academy Alumni Association invites the community to their St. Patrick's Day Party on Saturday, March 14, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at B&B Theatres. Enjoy music, delicious food, cold beer, a silent auction, and plenty of festive fun, all while supporting a great cause. This event benefits the Fire Department Pipes & Drums Honor Guard.

The NRH Library is hosting a Craft Supply Swap on Saturday, March 21 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Bring your new or gently used craft supplies to trade, while chatting with fellow crafters and making new community connections.

Kudos Korner - Yesenia Lopez, Walda Perez, Randy Powell, Philip Roy, Johnathon Wenninger and Emeterio Flores in the Facilities Department - We recently received a note praising the custodial team who keep our city facilities in great condition. "I've been to other businesses, whose buildings aren't kept as clean as ours and always walk out thinking how blessed we are to have the crew that we do. I applaud this group on the outstanding job they do on a nightly basis. We sincerely appreciate you all!"

J. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McCarty adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Jack McCarty, Mayor

ATTEST:

Alicia Richardson
City Secretary/Chief Governance Officer