

**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**
JANUARY 27, 2026

Rescheduled meeting pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.0411 and 551.045 due to a catastrophe (inclement weather) that prevented the City Council from convening the meeting as originally posted.

WORK SESSION

The City Council of the City of North Richland Hills, Texas met in work session on the 27th day of January at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Workroom prior to the 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 3:00 p.m. He announced the meeting is being convened under Texas Government Code Sections 551.0411 and 551.045 due to a catastrophe (inclement weather) that prevented the City Council from convening the meeting as originally posted.

1. DISCUSS ITEMS FROM REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

City Council had no questions for staff.

2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION - CITY EMPLOYEE.

Fire Chief Stan Tinney introduced the Fire Department's new Community Engagement

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Coordinator Will McAfee.

3. DISCUSS PURCHASING POLICY UPDATES

Assistant City Manager Trudy Lewis reviewed changes to the city's internal policies and expenditure authority levels. The Texas Legislature approved Senate Bill 1173 (89th Legislative Session) increasing the competitive bidding threshold from \$50,000 to \$100,000. On November 4, 2025, the voters approved a charter amendment (Proposition F) to eliminate the \$50,000 threshold for competitive bidding and to reflect state law requirements. The threshold will reduce the amount of contracts, cooperative agreements, purchases, and award of bids that require City Council approval. Ms. Lewis also provided an update on staff's progress for submitting an application for the purchasing transparency award.

4. DISCUSS POTENTIAL TOWN HALL MEETINGS SUBJECTS AND DATES FOR 2026

City Manager Paulette Hartman shared that staff is preparing for an April town hall meeting to provide economic development updates and to discuss the impact of the FIFA World Cup to the Dallas/Fort Worth area. A second town hall meeting will be held in August to discuss the proposed FY 2027 budget. Ms. Hartman asked City Council to forward her topics that they would like to see discussed during a town hall meeting to be conducted in the fall.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S)

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

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Short Term Rental (STR) Registrations

Managing Director of Community Services Stefanie Martinez shared that registration for short term rentals began in November 2025 and the city has received 49 applications. Of the 49, 10 have completed inspections and five are scheduled for inspection this week. Staff is communicating with the remaining applicants to address deficiencies in the applications.

Efficiency Studies Request for Proposals (RFPs)

Ms. Hartman shared that the request for proposals for the IT efficiency study are being reviewed and staff anticipates bringing forward a recommendation to award the efficiency study at a meeting in March. Ms. Hartman informed Council the facilities and utility billing request for proposals are ongoing and staff will bring forward a recommendation at a meeting in April.

Spring Arts Event

Ms. Hartman announced that the city will host its first arts festival on April 11, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. A call for artists was sent out last week as a part of event preparations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. **SECTION 551.071: CONSULTATION WITH THE 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; (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.**

Mayor McCarty announced at 3:20 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 the 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; (2) Travis Scott Gray v. City of North Richland Hills, et al, Civil Action No. 4-25CV1276-09 and 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. Executive Session began at 3:26 p.m. and concluded at 3:30 p.m.

Mayor McCarty announced at 3:30 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 January 27, 2026 at 3:38 p.m.

Present:	Jack McCarty	Mayor
	Cecille Delaney	Place 1
	Brianne Goetz	Place 2
	Danny Roberts	Place 3
	Matt Blake	Place 4
	Billy Parks	Place 5
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A.1 INVOCATION

Council member Roberts gave the invocation.

A.2 PLEDGE

Council member Roberts 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 MITCHELL TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS, AS PRESENTED.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 7-0.

- B.1 APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 12, 2026 CITY COUNCIL MEETING.
- B.2 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF BOOKS FROM BODART THROUGH A COOPERATIVE PURCHASE THROUGH THE TEXAS COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS STATE CONTRACT NO. 715-M2 IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THE BUDGETED AMOUNT OF \$170,000, WITH THE OPTION TO RENEW THE CONTRACT FOR UP TO TWO ADDITIONAL ONE-YEAR TERMS.
- B.3 CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 2026-009, AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF ALLOCATED FUNDS IF AWARDED BY THE TEXAS STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES COMMISSION SPECIAL PROJECTS GRANT THROUGH THE INSTITUTE FOR MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES GRANTS TO STATES PROGRAM NO. 45.310.
- B.4 CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 2026-011, ADOPTING THE 2025 TARRANT COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION ACTION PLAN.

C. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- C.1 CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 2026-010, ADOPTING THE 52ND YEAR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.

CONTINUED

Mayor McCarty opened the public hearing.

City Council received a presentation from City Engineer Nathan Frohman.

There being no one wishing to speak during the public hearing, Mayor McCarty called for a motion to continue the public hearing to the February 9, 2026 City Council meeting.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER GOETZ, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BLAKE TO CONTINUE THE PUBLIC HEARING TO THE FEBRUARY 9, 2026 CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

MOTION TO CONTINUE CARRIED 7-0.

C.2 ORDINANCE NO. 3943, PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION TO CLOSE COLORADO BOULEVARD TO THROUGH TRAFFIC BETWEEN HARWOOD ROAD AND BOULEVARD 26.

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MOTION TO CONTINUED CARRIED 7-0.

D. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

D.1 CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 3944 AMENDING CHAPTER 18, ARTICLE XII, "RENTAL HOUSING", SECTIONS 18-976 AND 18-977 TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE TO OBTAIN A SHORT-TERM RENTAL PERMIT.

APPROVED

City Council received a presentation from Director of Community Services Stefanie Martinez.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER PARKS, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROBERTS TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 3944, EXTENDING THE INITIAL REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR SHORT-TERM RENTALS FROM JANUARY 31, 2026, TO FEBRUARY 28, 2026.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 7-0.

E. PUBLIC WORKS

There were no items for this category.

F. CITIZENS PRESENTATION

There were no requests to speak from the public.

G. GENERAL ITEMS

G.1 CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A SECOND AND FINAL AMENDMENT TO THE CITY'S CONTRACT WITH REPUBLIC WASTE SERVICES OF TEXAS, LTD FOR SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING SERVICES TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT FOR ONE YEAR, TO EXPIRE ON JANUARY 31, 2029.

APPROVED

City Council received a presentation from Assistant City Manager Trudy Lewis.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER MITCHELL, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GOETZ TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A SECOND AND FINAL AMENDMENT TO THE CITY'S CONTRACT WITH REPUBLIC WASTE SERVICES OF TEXAS, LTD FOR SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING SERVICES TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT FOR ONE YEAR, TO EXPIRE ON JANUARY 31, 2029.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 7-0.

G.2 CONSIDER APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDED NEFDA INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT, MAKING DFW AIRPORT A MEMBER TO NEFDA, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME.

APPROVED

City Council received a presentation from Fire Chief Stan Tinney.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR PRO TEM DEUPREE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROBERTS TO APPROVE THE FIRST AMENDED NEFDA INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT, MAKING DFW AIRPORT A MEMBER TO NEFDA, AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME.

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

Mayor McCarty announced there was no action necessary as the result of Executive Session.

I. INFORMATION AND REPORTS

I.1 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council member Blake made the following announcements.

The NRH Police Department and NRH2O Family Water Park are teaming up for the Polar Plunge on Saturday, February 7. Are you brave enough to join them? This annual event benefits Special Olympics Texas. You can find more details and the link to sign up in the calendar section of the NRHTX website or app.

Tuesday, January 27 is the last day to vote early in the Texas Senate District 9 runoff election. Election Day is Saturday, January 31. Voting will take place from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, the Northeast Tarrant Courthouse and other locations. Please visit the Tarrant County Elections website for more information.

The annual Daddy/Daughter Valentine's Dance is coming up on Saturday, February 21 in the Grand Hall at the NRH Centre. The dance does sell out, so get your tickets early. They can be purchased online through the NRH Centre's website.

Kudos Korner - Julie Adkins and Jennifer Mills at the NRH Senior Center - A resident recently shared praise for Julie and Jennifer and the incredible work they do at the NRH Senior Center. He emphasized how vital the center is to our community and commended their outstanding leadership and dedication to creating so many wonderful activities for residents. "Every time I see them, they both have a smile on their face, so much energy, and a genuine happiness. They do an incredible job," he said.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McCarty adjourned the meeting at 4:08 p.m.

Jack McCarty, Mayor

ATTEST:

Alicia Richardson
City Secretary/Chief Governance Officer