

**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  
APRIL 27, 2026**

WORK SESSION

The City Council of the City of North Richland Hills, Texas met in work session on the 27th day of April 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
	Cara L. White	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.**

Mayor McCarty announced that City Attorney Bradley Anderle is absent and that Cara White is attending the meeting on his behalf.

**2. RECEIVE UPDATE ON BOARD AND COMMISSION TERM LIMIT RESEARCH.**

City Secretary/Chief Governance Officer Alicia Richardson provided an update on the board and commission research of benchmark cities, North Texas cities, and cities with a similar population as North Richland Hills. Of the 26 cities surveyed, 31% have term limits for board and commission members and 58% have term limits for elected officials. In 96% of the cities surveyed, the City Council directly appoints board and commission members, compared to North Richland Hills the process is based on recommendations

submitted by individual elected officials for the City Council's consideration. The research shows that 69% of the cities surveyed interview board and commission applicants.

City Council and staff discussed attendance of board members, number of applications received from the public, methods of public notification and outreach, interview process, and term limits. City Council directed staff to draft an ordinance to phase in the length of term from two to three years for appointments in 2026 and 2027. Staff was also directed to draft an ordinance amending the appointment process for consideration at a future work session.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S)**

Council member Delaney asked to place an item on a future work session for recognition of citizen of the year, to include creation of a committee.

There being no opposition to add the item for future discussion, City Manager Paulette Hartman recommended the item be placed on the budget work session agenda. There was no opposition from City Council.

### **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; (2) TRAVIS SCOTT GRAY V. CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, ET AL, CIVIL ACTION NO. 4-25CV1276-09; (3) CITIZEN FORMAL COMPLAINT; AND (4) BANK OF THE WEST V. G.Q. ENTERPRISES CORP., ET AL, CAUSE NO. 141-376075-26.**

**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, (2) EZ STREETS EMPOWERMENT ZONE, (3) SOUTHWEST CORNER OF DAVIS BOULEVARD AND SMITHFIELD ROAD, AND (4) 8021 AND 8029 MAIN STREET.**

Mayor McCarty announced at 5:55 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; (2) *Travis Scott Gray v. City of North Richland Hills, et al*, Civil Action No. 4-25CV1276-09; (3) Citizen Formal Complaint; and (4) *Bank of the West v. G.Q. Enterprises Corp., et al*, Cause No. 141-376075-26 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 - (1) Northeast Corner of Boulevard 26 & Harwood Road, (2) EZ Streets Empowerment Zone, (3) Southwest Corner of Davis Boulevard and Smithfield Road, and (4) 8021 and 8029 Main Street. Executive Session began at 5:57 p.m. and concluded at 6:44 p.m.

Mayor McCarty announced at 6:44 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 April 27, 2026 at 7:00 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
Russ Mitchell	Place 6
Kelvin Deupree	Mayor Pro Tem, Place 7

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#### **A.1 INVOCATION**

Council member Goetz gave the invocation.

#### **A.2 PLEDGE**

The Cub Scouts Pack 386 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 MITCHELL, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER PARKS TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS AS PRESENTED.**

**MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 7-0.**

#### **B.1 APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 13, 2026 CITY COUNCIL MEETING.**

**B.2 AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF TERRELL FOR THE PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES FROM VENDORS SELECTED THROUGH THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS.**

**C. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

There were no items for this category.

**D. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

There were no items for this category.

**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 APPROVE AWARD OF BID RFP 26-009 TO MATRIX CONSULTING GROUP, LTD. FOR A FACILITIES & CONSTRUCTION OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY AUDIT IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$77,000 AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE RELATED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT.**

**APPROVED**

City Council received a presentation from City Manager Paulette Hartman for items G.1 and G.2.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROBERTS, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER PARKS TO APPROVE AWARD OF BID RFP 26-009 TO MATRIX CONSULTING GROUP.**

**MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 7-0.**

**G.2 APPROVE AWARD OF BID RFP 26-008 TO BAKER TILLY ADVISORY GROUP, LP FOR THE UTILITY BILLING OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY AUDIT IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$82,875 AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE RELATED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT.**

**APPROVED**

This item was presented in conjunction with item G.1.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER GOETZ, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BLAKE TO APPROVE AWARD OF BID RFP 26-008 TO BAKER TILLY ADVISORY GROUP, LP FOR THE UTILITY BILLING OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY AUDIT IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$82,875 AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE RELATED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT.**

**MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 7-0.**

**G.3 APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2026-026, APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE OF THE CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS.**

**APPROVED**

City Council received a presentation from City Manager Paulette Hartman. The term for the Legislative Task Force begins May 2026 and expires April 2028. The following individuals were recommended for appointment: Linda Burt, Kyle Morris, Kyle Pekurney, Tito Rodriguez, Charlie Ruiz, Greg Stamps, Randy Tolleson, Mark Vaughn, and Greg Vick.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER BLAKE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER PARKS TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2026-026, AS PRESENTED.**

**MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 7-0.**

**G.4 CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 3955, AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 2, RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS.**

**APPROVED**

Council member Delaney, on behalf of the Ad-Hoc Council Committee, presented the recommended amendments to the Council Rules of Procedure. In accordance with the Rules of Procedure, the proposed amendments were introduced at the April 13, 2026

City Council meeting.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR PRO TEM DEUPREE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GOETZ TO APPROVED ORDINANCE NO. 3955, AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 2, RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS.**

**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**

Council member Roberts made the following announcements.

If you have not voted already, tomorrow is the last day for early voting and this Saturday, May 2, is Election Day. City Hall and other voting locations will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. You can find your sample ballot and more information on the city's website. Please contact the City Secretary's Office with any questions.

The Sounds of Spring Concert Series continues each Friday night through May 8 on the plaza in front of City Hall. Admission is free. Seating starts at 6:00 p.m. and concerts begin at 7:00 p.m. Seating is on the lawn, so don't forget to bring a blanket or lawn chair. A variety of food trucks will be on-site for each concert. Please visit the city's website for more details.

New York Times bestselling author Yangsze Choo will speak at the NRH Library on Tuesday, May 5, at 1:00 p.m. She'll share insights about her latest book, The Ghost Bride, which has also been adapted into a Netflix Original series. This free event will include a discussion, Q&A, and book signing, with books available for purchase. A ticketed luncheon will also take place. For more details, please visit the library's website.

Kudos Korner - Jose Meza in the IT Department for his exceptional responsiveness and dedication. A Police Department employee recently shared that Jose quickly resolved a time-sensitive issue, and when the problem resurfaced, he assisted again-this time on his day off. Jose's willingness to support his colleagues at any hour exemplifies the high standards of service we strive for in North Richland Hills. Thank you, Jose, for your

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exceptional work and dedication!

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor McCarty adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

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Jack McCarty, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Alicia Richardson  
City Secretary/Chief Governance Officer