# 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 FEBRUARY 10, 2025

#### **WORK SESSION**

The City Council of the City of North Richland Hills, Texas met in work session on the 10th day of February at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Workroom prior to the 7:00 p.m. regular City Council meeting.

Present: Jack McCarty Mayor

Tito Rodriguez Place 1

Ricky Rodriguez Associate Mayor Pro Tem, Place 2

Suzy Compton Place 3 Matt Blake Place 4

Blake Vaughn Deputy Mayor Pro Tem, 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 5:00 p.m.

#### 1. DISCUSS ITEMS FROM REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

Council member Mitchell asked staff to clarify that item E.2, restricting of parking on North College Circle is limited to the north side of the road. Director of Public Works Boe Blankenship confirmed that parking restrictions would only apply to the north side of the road.

Council member Mitchell asked staff to clarify that item F.4, Ordinance No. 3891, will continue to allow the keeping of backyard chickens. City Manager Paulette Hartman confirmed that the ordinance removes the sunset provision.

#### 3. DISCUSS THE CITY'S EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS.

Mayor McCarty announced that he would take Item 3, City's emergency preparedness, out of order.

Emergency Management Coordinator Raelyn Darnell provided an overview of the City's Emergency Preparedness Plan. She reviewed the city's current prevention activities and ordinances (building codes/nuisance codes) that assist with mitigation, emergency operations center ("EOC"), non-emergency operations center, and community education and engagement.

City Council and staff discussed hypothetical scenarios and the City's Emergency Preparedness Plan.

### 2. PRESENTATION ON THE NORTH TEXAS ANTI-GANG (TAG) CENTER PROGRAM.

The City Council received a presentation from Interim Chief of Police Ed Wright regarding the history and funds received to date to administer the Texas Anti-Gang Center (TAG) North Texas program. In 2016, the City Council approved a resolution authorizing North Richland Hills to serve as the fiduciary to oversee the financial and administrative components of the TAG grant application. The city's role includes applying for the grant (annual basis), fund management and allocation, contract management, equipment procurement, and reporting as required by the Governor's Office.

Assistant City Manager Trudy Lewis provided City Council with an overview of the responsibilities of the fiduciary role for the TAG Grant. The city, upon approval of the TAG Board and North Richland Hills City Council, submits an annual grant application to the Governor's Office. The grant obligates the city to be accountable for all eligible financial activity, grant reporting and compliance standards, and purchases for equipment and personnel costs. The purchases are required to comply with the city's purchasing policy and procedure compliance, legal review and approval, and City Council approval for items over \$50,000. The city's reserves funds the grant purchases and personnel costs. The Police Department files quarterly reimbursements for grant purchases to restore the city's reserves. Due to the amount of funds received from TAG each year, the city is required to have a single audit completed. Staff is seeking direction from the City Council regarding the city's role as fiduciary. The city is obligated to serve as the fiduciary for TAG through August 31, 2025, and have been requested to remain as the fiduciary through August 31, 2026. Ms. Lewis provided an overview of the process to transition out of the fiduciary role.

Former Chief of Police Jimmy Perdue provided City Council with a historical perspective of the Texas Anti-Gang Center (TAG) North Texas program. He was originally approached by the Governor's Office in 2015, and at that time it was beneficial to serve as fiduciary versus allocating one full-time employee at the TAG. He commented that the

city has the option to allocate a full-time employee at the TAG, and he clarified that a non-member city can request TAG resources.

City Council and staff discussed the fiduciary role versus allocating a full-time employee, costs and indirect costs, police department personnel responsible for the grant program, percentage of reimbursement for North Richland Hills employees, and the city having access to TAG even if they no longer served as fiduciary. The City Council directed staff to continue serving as the fiduciary.

#### 4. DISCUSS PROPOSED FUND BALANCE POLICY.

Director of Finance Jay Patel provided an overview of the proposed fund balance policy. The policy outlines a balance for each fund and they will not be the same across every fund. The proposed fund balances are based on the needs and use of each fund. The fund balance will be equal to the minimum amount of funds required for the current budget year. The goal being to exceed the minimum fund balance. Staff recommends 33% or 120 days for the General and Utility Funds; 25% or 90 days for the Drainage Fund; 25% or 90 days for the Economic Development, Parks Development, and Crime Control District Funds; 15% or 60 days for the NRH Centre Fund; 10% or 45 days for the Aquatic Park and Golf Course Funds; and 50% or 180 days for the Self-Insurance Fund. The policy addresses how a fund balance is replenished by the reduction of expenditures, delay of capital purchases, increase in fees and/or taxes, salary freeze, and hiring freeze.

#### 5. DISCUSS FORMAT AND TOPICS FOR TOWN HALL MEETINGS.

Mayor McCarty said he would like a town hall meeting conducted at the NRH Centre and Iron Horse Golf Course. The format would include a 30-minute presentation provided by him and the staff, with an hour allocated for questions from the public.

City Manager Paulette Hartman asked if the town hall meetings would be conducted prior to the election. Mayor McCarty confirmed the meetings would be held prior to the election and that the city would have additional town hall meetings later in the year.

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

Council member Rodriguez proposed that the city present a resolution to former commissioner Gary Fickes for his contributions and support for transportation and roads in North Richland Hills.

- CITY MANAGER REPORT PROVIDING AN UPDATE ON EFFICIENCY AUDIT RFP'S, PLANNING DIRECTOR, REORGANIZATION OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, AND POLICE CHIEF RECRUITMENT.

Ms. Hartman informed City Council the extension for the Efficiency Audit RFP's is extended to February 19. The reason for the one week extension is due to the requests of several vendors. The RFP's will be awarded at the second City Council meeting in March.

Ms. Hartman shared that she recruited Cori Reaume from Rowlett for the planning director position. Her first day with the city will be February 24. Ms. Reaume is a certified planner and has previous experience as a city manager.

Ms. Hartman informed City Council with the reorganization in development services, Stefanie Martinez has been promoted to Managing Director of Community Development. In addition to her oversight of Neighborhood Services, Ms. Martinez will oversee building inspections and permits.

Lastly, Ms. Hartman announced that she selected Jeff Garner as the new Chief of Police. His ceremonial swearing in will be at the February 24 City Council meeting.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- 1. SECTION 551.087: DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS 7813, 7821, 7829 ARTHUR DRIVE, 7801 GUY STREET AND 6405, 6413, 6417, 6421 SMITHFIELD ROAD.
- 2. SECTION 551.071: CONSULTATION WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING OPEN MEETINGS ACT.

Mayor McCarty announced at 6:53 p.m. that the City Council would adjourn into Executive Session as authorized by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, specifically, Section 551.087: Deliberation regarding Economic Development negotiations - 7813, 7821, 7829 Arthur Drive, 7801 Guy Street and 6405, 6413, 6417, 6421 Smithfield Road and Section 551.071: Consultation with City Attorney regarding Open Meetings Act. Executive Session began at 6:59 p.m. and concluded at 7:09 p.m.

Mayor McCarty announced at 7:09 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 February 10, 2025 at 7:15 p.m.

Present: Jack McCarty Mayor

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#### A.1 INVOCATION

Council member Rodriguez gave the invocation.

#### A.2 PLEDGE

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

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

#### A.3.1 RECOGNITION OF FORMER STATE REPRESENTATIVE STEPHANIE KLICK

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Vaughn recognized and presented a proclamation to former State Representative Stephanie Klick.

#### A.3.2 2024 UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN PRESENTATION

United Way Committee Chair Katherine Ratcliff shared with City Council that the 2024 United Way Employee Workplace Campaign exceeded their goal of \$45,000. She thanked the City Council, directors, and employees of North Richland Hills and sponsors for their support. Ms. Ratcliff presented United Way of Tarrant County CEO Adam Powell and Senior Corporate Relations Manager Patty Morris with a check in the amount of \$45,900.

The United Way Committee was comprised of the following employees: Melissa Andrews; Courtney Kincaid; Caroline Waggoner; Christy Hardy; Maria Williams; Dakota Ford; Kelly Vaughn; Robin Berger; Kathy Corley; Jeff Arnold; Ellen Cooper; Cassandra Dominguez; Bryon Bustamante; KayCee Miller; Chad VanSteenberg; Cindy Garvin; Samantha Gibson; Samantha Alderson; Lauren O'Brien; Leah Michaels; David Bormann; Riley Sargent; Luis Hernandez; Athena Pecskovszky; Allecia Pipkin; and Phylis Mann.

#### A.4 CITIZENS PRESENTATION

Hayden Casey, 8355 Harwood Road, spoke on behalf of a group of ten or more people. He requested financial assistance for Birdville High School's Theatre Department to participate in the International Thespian Festival this summer.

Bill Finstad, 7701 Terry Drive, discussed road humps, provided City Council with a copy of social media posts, and asked the City Council to consider other options.

#### A.5 PUBLIC COMMENTS

Angela Finstad, 7701 Terry Drive, commented on Item E.2, Ordinance No. 3889. She is opposed to the parking restriction and asked that there be no parking on either side of College Drive.

#### A.6 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 ASSOCIATE MAYOR PRO TEM RODRIGUEZ TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS AS PRESENTED.

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

- B.1 APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 27, 2025 CITY COUNCIL MEETING.
- B.2 AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF AN ENTRY SIGN FOR NRH2O FAMILY WATER PARK FROM SIGNS MANUFACTURING CORPORATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$83,277 USING TIPS CONTRACT #2301040.
- THE **PURCHASE B.3** AUTHORIZE OF BALLISTIC **VESTS FROM** GALLS. THROUGH BUYBOARD CONTRACT NO. 670-22 IN THE AMOUNT **OF** \$68,930 USING THE **OFFICE** OF THE **GOVERNOR'S FY25 CRIMINAL** JUSTICE GRANT #4994501 FUNDS.

- **B.4** AUTHORIZE A SERVICE SUBSCRIPTION AGREEMENT FOR SIXTY FLOCK SAFETY FALCON AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE READER CAMERAS FROM FLOCK GROUP INC. IN THE **AMOUNT OF \$61,479.60 USING** ANTI-GANG CENTER GRANT **#2848910 FUNDING** AND CONSIDER MANAGER RESOLUTION NO. 2025-018, AUTHORIZING THE CITY EXECUTE A REGIONAL ASSET TRANSFER ADDENDUM WITH THE CITY OF ARLINGTON TO TRANSFER EQUIPMENT PURCHASED BY THE CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS USING TAG GRANT #2848910 FUNDS.
- B.5 CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 2025-010, DESIGNATING THE CHIEF OF POLICE AS THE GRANTEE'S AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL FOR THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR'S FY2024 JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM PATROL OUTER BALLISTIC VEST PROJECT, GRANT #4994501.
- B.6 CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 2025-011, DESIGNATING THE CHIEF OF POLICE AS THE GRANTEE'S AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL FOR THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR'S FY2024 VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT JUSTICE AND TRAINING PROGRAM, GRANT #3367207.
- B.7 CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 2025-012, DESIGNATING THE CHIEF OF POLICE AS THE GRANTEE'S AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL FOR THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR'S FY2025 VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT JUSTICE AND TRAINING PROGRAM, GRANT #3367208.
- B.8 CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 2025-013, DESIGNATING THE CHIEF OF POLICE AS THE GRANTEE'S AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL FOR THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR'S HOMELAND SECURITY DIVISION FY2025 NORTH TEXAS ANTI-GANG CENTER PROGRAM, GRANT #2848910.
- B.9 CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 2025-014, DESIGNATING THE CHIEF OF POLICE AS THE GRANTEE'S AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL FOR THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR'S FY2025 GENERAL VICTIM ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM, GRANT #3544406.
- B.10 AUTHORIZE PAYMENT TO THE CITY OF FORT WORTH FOR THE ANNUAL PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO SYSTEM SUBSCRIPTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$153,162.

#### C. PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no items for this category.

#### D. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

There were no items for this category.

#### E. PUBLIC WORKS

E.1 CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 2025-015, RECOMMENDING THE AWARD OF A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT BY TARRANT COUNTY TO CAPITAL UNDERGROUND UTILITIES, LLC FOR THE MATSON STREET SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT FOR THE 50TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROJECT IN THE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$157,349.

#### <u>APPROVED</u>

City Council received a presentation from City Engineer Nathan Frohman.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER COMPTON, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BLAKE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2025-015.

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

E.2 CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 3889, AMENDING CHAPTER 54, ARTICLE IV, SECTION 54-184 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO RESTRICT PARKING ON NORTH COLLEGE CIRCLE.

#### <u>APPROVED</u>

City Council received a presentation from Director of Public Works Boe Blankenship.

City Council and staff discussed the proposed ordinance, no parking on North College Circle, curvature of North College Circle, apartment parking, pedestrian crossing, and the recently installed road humps.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DEPUTY MAYOR PRO TEM VAUGHN, SECONDED BY ASSOCIATE MAYOR PRO TEM RODRIGUEZ TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 3889.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 6-1; WITH COUNCIL MEMBER BLAKE VOTING AGAINST.

E.3 CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 3890, AMENDING SECTION 54-121 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS, EXPANDING A SCHOOL SPEED ZONE ON NORTH COLLEGE CIRCLE, BOGART DRIVE, AND ABBOTT AVENUE AND ESTABLISHING A SCHOOL SPEED ZONE ON HOLIDAY LANE FOR THE FORT WORTH CHRISTIAN SCHOOL CAMPUS.

#### **APPROVED**

City Council received a presentation from Director of Public Works Boe Blankenship.

City Council and staff discussed the length of the speed zone on Holiday Lane, increase in traffic, and the curvature of Holiday Lane at Bogart.

Α MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER MITCHELL, **SECONDED** BY ASSOCIATE MAYOR PRO TEM RODRIGUEZ TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 3890, AMENDING SECTION 54-121 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, NORTH **RICHLAND** HILLS, TEXAS, EXPANDING A SCHOOL SPEED ZONE ON NORTH COLLEGE CIRCLE, DRIVE, AND **ABBOTT AVENUE** AND ESTABLISHING A SCHOOL ZONE ON HOLIDAY LANE FOR THE FORT WORTH CHRISTIAN SCHOOL CAMPUS EXTENDING TO THE 6000 BLOCK OF HOLIDAY LANE AND 7300 BLOCK OF BOGART.

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

- F. GENERAL ITEMS
- F.1 CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 2025-016, CALLING THE MAY 3, 2025 CITY COUNCIL ELECTION, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT WITH TARRANT COUNTY AND OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS FOR ELECTION SERVICES.

#### **APPROVED**

City Council received a presentation from City Secretary/Chief Governance Officer Alicia Richardson. The resolution calls the general election to be held on May 3, 2025 to elect Council Places 1, 3, 5, and 7 for a term of two years. The resolution provides for early voting to be conducted April 22-29, 2025; identifies City Hall and the Public Library for early voting and election day; authorizes the City to enter into a joint election agreement with Tarrant County for election services, and provides for a June 7 Runoff Election, if needed.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER BLAKE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER COMPTON TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2025-016.

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

F.2 CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 2025-017, APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE LIBRARY BOARD, PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION AND TEEN COURT ADVISORY BOARD.

#### **APPROVED**

City Council received a presentation from City Secretary/Chief Governance Officer Alicia Richardson. The resolution appoints the following citizens to fulfill unexpired terms on the Library Board, Planning and Zoning Commission and Teen Court Advisory Board.

#### **Library Board**

Andrew "Tyler" Chambers, Place 4, term expiring June 30, 2026

#### **Planning and Zoning Commission**

Paul Epperley, Place 2, term expiring June 30, 2026 Thomas Kerby, Alternate A, term expiring June 30, 2026

#### **Teen Court Advisory Board**

Phyllis Scott, Place 2, term expiring June 30, 2026

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ASSOCIATE MAYOR PRO TEM RODRIGUEZ, SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM DEUPREE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2025-017, AS PRESENTED AND DISCUSSED.

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

## F.3 CONSIDER AMENDING OPEN REWARDS SHOP LOCAL PROGRAM APPROVED

City Council received a presentation from Economic Development Director Craig Hulse.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL **MEMBER** RODRIGUEZ, **SECONDED** BY ASSOCIATE MAYOR PRO TEM RODRIGUEZ TO **APPROVE** AN INCREASE IN THE PERCENTAGE AMOUNT **FOR** THE RESTAURANT REWARDS **PROGRAM** FROM 5% TO 10% AND TO EXTEND THE PROGRAM THROUGH THE END OF APRIL OR UNTIL FUNDS ARE EXHAUSTED, WHICHEVER COMES FIRST.

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

F.4 CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 3891, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS, BY REPEALING SECTION 14-605 "EXPIRATION", RELATING TO THE NOVEMBER 30, 2025 SUNSET PROVISION FOR BACKYARD CHICKEN REGULATIONS.

#### **APPROVED**

City Council received a presentation from Managing Director of Community Development

Stefanie Martinez.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER COMPTON, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 3891.

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

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE F.5 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH READINESS GROUP, LLC THE **PEER SUPPORT** TO **EXPAND EXISTING DEPARTMENT-WIDE** PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO **EXCEED** \$145.660 THROUGH NOVEMBER 1, 2026, USING COPS FY24 LAW ENFORCEMENT MENTAL WELLNESS ACT GRANT #15JCOPS-24-GG-01407-LEMH HEALTH AND FUNDS.

#### **APPROVED**

City Council received a presentation from Interim Police Chief Ed Wright.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR PRO TEM DEUPREE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MITCHELL TO **AUTHORIZE** THE CITY MANAGER TO **EXECUTE** AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH **READINESS** GROUP. TO **EXPAND EXISTING** DEPARTMENT-WIDE PEER LLC THE SUPPORT PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$145,660 THROUGH NOVEMBER 1. USING COPS FY24 LAW ENFORCEMENT MENTAL HEALTH 2026. AND WELLNESS **ACT GRANT FUNDS.** 

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

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

#### **APPROVED**

Mayor McCarty announced that there was action necessary as the result of discussion in Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.087: Deliberation regarding Economic Development negotiations - 7813, 7821, 7829 Arthur Drive, 7801 Guy Street and 6405, 6413, 6417, 6421 Smithfield Road.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER BLAKE, SECONDED BY ASSOCIATE MAYOR PRO TEM RODRIGUEZ TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH C2C SMITHFIELD LP OR ASSIGNS AT 7813, 7821, 7829 ARTHUR DRIVE, 7801 GUY STREET AND 6405, 6413, 6417, 6421 SMITHFIELD ROAD, AS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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

#### H. INFORMATION AND REPORTS

#### H.1 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council member Compton made the following announcements.

The last day for candidates to file for the May 3 City Council election is this Friday, February 14. Applications will be accepted by the City Secretary until 5:00 p.m. You can find more information about running for office on the city website.

Common Ground Community Garden invites you to their Spring Gardening Seminar on Saturday, February 15, starting at 9:00 a.m. in the Grand Hall at the NRH Centre. Gardening experts will speak on a variety of topics and answer all of your gardening questions. Admission is free. Please visit the city's website for more information.

New York Times bestselling author C.J. Box returns to the NRH Library on Tuesday, February 25, to celebrate the release of his new book, *Battle Mountain*. This free event will begin at 1:00 p.m. on the 2nd floor of the Library. Please visit the library's website for more details.

Kudos Korner - Teen Court Coordinator Rafael Martinez, Marshal Greg Pena and Deputy Marshal Bryan Grote in Municipal Court - A parent emailed appreciation to the staff involved with the Teen Court Program. "I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for this invaluable program. My daughter has had her eyes opened and has seen first-hand how actions can impact a lot of things. Well done," she said.

#### I. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McCarty adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Jack McCarty, Mayor

ATTEST:
Alicia Richardson
City Secretary/Chief Governance Officer