

**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 12, 2026

WORK SESSION

The City Council of the City of North Richland Hills, Texas met in work session on the 12th day of January at 5:00 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 5:00 p.m.

1. DISCUSS ITEMS FROM REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

Mayor McCarty called on Director of Planning Cori Reaume to comment on item C.2, Ordinance 3941. Ms. Reaume informed City Council the public hearing date was corrected to reflect January 12, 2026.

Council member Blake inquired about item B.9, STEP Grant for FY27. Chief of Police Jeff Garner confirmed the grant authorizes the city to apply for grant funds to subsidize costs associated with overtime to address speeding, impaired drivers and inspection control.

2. DISCUSS 2024 ICC INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODES ADOPTION

City Council received a joint presentation from Managing Director of Community Development Stefanie Martinez, Interim Chief Building Official Cody Payne, Assistant Fire Chief Jase Smith and Assistant Fire Marshall Lance Ludtke.

3. 2025 RESIDENT SURVEY RESULTS

Mr. Ron Gailey with OnPointe Insights provided an overview of the results of the 2026 Resident Survey. The city received 910 responses and the data is provided in a dashboard that will be available on the city's website. The dashboard allows the public, city employees, and elected officials to see results by demographics and sections of the city. The survey had five main question groups (1) city facilities, (2) city benefits, (3) development/growth, (4) safety/security, and (5) leadership. The citizens (75%) agree that the city is headed in the right direction. The survey will help leaders prioritize projects/programs.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S)

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

CITY MANAGER REPORT PROVIDING UPDATE ON SHORT TERM RENTAL (STR) REGISTRATIONS; FACILITIES AND UTILITY BILLING EFFICIENCY STUDIES; AND UTILITY BILLING STAFFING CHANGES.

City Manager Paulette Hartman provided an update on the following:

Short-Term Rental (STR) Registrations

Of the 38 operators registered for the program, three have completed the process, 17 are scheduled for inspection, and the remaining registrations are still in progress. Ms. Hartman noted that the registration deadline may need to be extended to the end of February.

Facilities and Utility Billing Efficiency Studies

A request for proposals will be issued tomorrow, with responses due by February 17. Staff anticipates presenting the item to City Council at a meeting in March.

Utility Billing Staff Changes

Angel Holbert will assist the department as Interim Utility Billing Manager until the position is permanently filled.

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; (3) LIABILITY CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS; AND (4) EMINENT DOMAIN ACTION FOR THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE MEADOW LAKES BFC-7 DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND FOR OTHER PUBLIC PURPOSES PERMITTED BY LAW.**

Mayor McCarty announced at 5:54 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; (3) liability claims against the City of North Richland Hills; and (4) eminent domain action for the acquisition of real property for the construction and maintenance of drainage improvements for the Meadow Lakes BFC-7 Drainage Improvements Project and for other public purposes permitted by law. Executive Session began at 6:01 p.m. and concluded at 6:36 p.m.

Mayor McCarty announced at 6:36 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 12, 2025 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
Staff Members:	
Paulette Hartman	City Manager
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A.1 INVOCATION

Council member Goetz gave the invocation.

A.2 PLEDGE

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

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

A.3.1 CEREMONIAL OATH OF OFFICE - BRIANNE GOETZ, COUNCIL, PLACE 2.

The oath of office was administered to newly appointed Council member Brianne Goetz.

A.3.2 2025 CHRISTMAS LIGHTING AWARDS

Keep North Richland Hills Beautiful Commission Chair Kathy Luppy recognized the 2025 Christmas Lighting Awards winners - 4008 Diamond Loch East; 6908 Corona Drive; 4809 Fairway Court; 7717 Bogart Drive; 8101 Emerald Hills Way; 7520 Chapman Road; 8913 Martin Drive; 8313 Oak Court; and 8132 Lost Maple Drive.

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 PARKS TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 7-0.

- B.1 APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 8, 2025 CITY COUNCIL MEETING.**
- B.2 APPROVE THE 2026 CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE.**
- B.3 CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 2026-001, AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF ALLOCATED FUNDS IF AWARDED FOR THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE FY2025 BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP.**
- B.4 CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 2026-002, AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF ALLOCATED FUNDS IF AWARDED FOR THE TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT RECREATIONAL TRAILS GRANT FOR THE JOHN BARFIELD TRAIL SPRING OAK EXTENSION.**
- B.5 CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 2026-003, AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF ALLOCATED FUNDS IF AWARDED FOR THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR'S PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE FY27 GENERAL VICTIM ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM, GRANT #3544408.**
- B.6 CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 2026-004, AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF ALLOCATED FUNDS IF AWARDED FOR THE TEXAS GOVERNOR'S PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE FY27 VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN JUSTICE AND TRAINING PROGRAM, GRANT #3367210.**
- B.7 CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 2026-005, AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF ALLOCATED FUNDS IF AWARDED FOR THE TEXAS GOVERNOR'S OFFICE CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION FY2027 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM, GRANT #5697401.**
- B.8 CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 2026-006, AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF ALLOCATED FUNDS IF AWARDED FOR THE TEXAS GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FY2027 RIFLE-RESISTANT BODY ARMOR GRANT PROGRAM, GRANT #5699401.**
- B.9 CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 2026-007, APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR THE SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM (STEP) GRANT FOR THE FY 2027 PROGRAM GRANT YEAR.**

- B.10 CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ANNUAL HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE UTILIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES (DIR) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH RED RIVER TECHNOLOGY, LLC, FOR A CUMULATIVE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$550,000 THROUGH NOVEMBER 25, 2029.**
- B.11 CONSIDER AMENDMENT NO.1 TO THE COOPERATIVE PURCHASE CUSTOMER AGREEMENT WITH RED RIVER TECHNOLOGY, LLC TO INCREASE SPENDING FOR THE PURCHASES OF HARDWARE AND ANNUAL RENEWAL SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AND RATIFY PURCHASES UTILIZING THE INTERLOCAL PURCHASING SYSTEMS (TIPS) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR A CUMULATIVE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$697,300 THROUGH MAY 31, 2029.**
- B.12 CONSIDER AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH STRACTACT MEDIA GROUP, LLC FOR MEDIA ADVERTISING FOR NRH2O FAMILY WATER PARK IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$291,500.**

C. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- C.1 ZC25-0152, ORDINANCE NO. 3940, PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM BLANCHEDIM LLC FOR A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR AN EVENT CENTER AT 7620 NE LOOP 820, BEING 12.98 ACRES DESCRIBED AS LOT 5, BLOCK 1, NORTH HILLS VILLAGE.**

APPROVED

Mayor McCarty opened the public hearing for ZC25-0152, Ordinance No. 3940.

Director of Planning Cori Reaume informed City Council the applicant is requesting a special use permit for 12.98-acre property located at 7620 Northeast Loop 820. 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 Franck Mukengeshayi, 8316 Comanche Springs Drive, Fort Worth, Texas, provided an overview of The Hill Center's mission and vision and plan for the event center.

City Council and staff discussed the former event center located in the retail strip, current vacancies, and the number of restrooms.

Ms. Reaume presented staff's report. The Planning and Zoning Commission, at their December 11, 2025 meeting, recommended approval of the request with a vote of 5-0.

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 MAYOR PRO TEM DEUPREE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER DELANEY TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 3940 WITH NO AMPLIFIED SOUNDS AS STATED IN DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE COMMENTS.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 7-0.

C.2 TR25-08, ORDINANCE NO. 3941, PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION REGARDING CITY-INITIATED TEXT AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 118 (ZONING) FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVISING CERTAIN SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL PARKING REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO GARAGE ENCLOSURES.

APPROVED

Mayor McCarty opened the public hearing for TR25-08, Ordinance No. 3941.

Director of Planning Cori Reaume presented staff's proposed text amendments to Chapter 118 (Zoning). The proposed amendments address and increase process improvement and efficiency to address older homes that have non-permitted converted garage enclosures. The revised language allows applicants to move forward with permitting and remove the requirement to seek approval from the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

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.

Thomas Ridl, 6962 Crabtree Lane, spoke in support.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Mayor McCarty closed the public hearing.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROBERTS, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BLAKE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 3941.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 7-0.

C.3 PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 3942, ADOPTING THE NORTH RICHLAND HILLS YOUTH PROGRAMS STANDARDS OF CARE.

APPROVED

Mayor McCarty opened the public hearing.

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

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 PARKS, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER DELANEY TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 3942.

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

There were no requests to speak from the public.

G. GENERAL ITEMS

G.1 CONSIDER THE USE OF EMINENT DOMAIN TO CONDEMN PROPERTY AND CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 2026-008 AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEEDINGS FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING THE NECESSARY REAL PROPERTY FOR CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE MEADOW LAKES BFC-7 DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND FOR OTHER PUBLIC PURPOSES PERMITTED BY LAW.

APPROVED

City Council received a presentation from Assistant City Manager Caroline Waggoner.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR PRO TEM DEUPREE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROBERTS TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS AUTHORIZE THE USE OF THE POWER OF EMINENT DOMAIN TO ACQUIRE THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN RESOLUTION NO. 2026-008, AS PRESENTED, SPECIFICALLY 0.0127 ACRE (555 SQ. FT) PERMANENT DRAINAGE EASEMENT ON PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN DOCUMENT NUMBER D211294110 IN THE OFFICIAL RECORDS, TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS, BEING MORE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT A TO RESOLUTION NO. 2026-008; AND 0.0229 ACRE (997 SQ. FT.) TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT ON PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN DOCUMENT NUMBER D211294110 IN THE OFFICIAL RECORDS, TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS, BEING MORE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT B TO RESOLUTION NO. 2026-008, FOR THE PUBLIC USE IN CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS FOR MEADOW LAKES BFC-7 DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, AND I FURTHER MOVE TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2026-008, AS PRESENTED.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 7-0.

G.2 CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF AD-HOC COUNCIL COMMITTEE TO DRAFT AN ETHICS POLICY AND ORDINANCE FOR FUTURE CITY COUNCIL REVIEW.

APPROVED

City Council received a presentation from City Secretary/Chief Governance Officer Alicia Richardson regarding the formation of an ad-hoc council committee. The purpose of this committee is to draft an ordinance for consideration and discussion by the City Council.

At the recommendation of Mayor McCarty, the committee will be comprised of Council members Delaney, Roberts, and Mitchell. The ad-hoc committee will dissolve upon submission of its final report and recommendation to the City Council.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER MITCHELL, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GOETZ TO APPOINT COUNCIL MEMBERS CECILLE DELANEY, DANNY ROBERTS, AND RUSS MITCHELL TO SERVE ON AN AD-HOC COUNCIL COMMITTEE TO DRAFT AN ETHICS POLICY AND ORDINANCE FOR FUTURE CITY COUNCIL REVIEW.

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 result of executive session.

I. INFORMATION AND REPORTS

I.1 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council member Roberts made the following announcements.

City Hall and other non-emergency city offices will be closed next Monday, January 19 for the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. The Library and Senior Center will also be closed. The NRH Centre and Iron Horse Golf Course will be open. Garbage and recycling are not impacted and will be collected on your usual days.

A runoff election to fill the vacancy in Texas Senate District 9 will be held on January 31, with early voting taking place January 21 through 27. You can vote early at NRH City Hall or the Northeast Tarrant Courthouse. Visit the Tarrant County Elections website for additional information.

Kudos Korner - Nichole McInnis, Suzy Tucker, Jennifer Owen and Laura Hayes at the Grand Hall for their exceptional work during a recent annual conference. The organizers praised the Grand Hall team for their attention to detail, smooth execution, and warm hospitality. They added that it "feels like home when we are there" and they plan to return next year. Thank you for making the Grand Hall a venue that people love and recommend!

J. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McCarty adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Jack McCarty, Mayor

ATTEST:

Alicia Richardson
City Secretary/Chief Governance Officer