



**MINUTES SPECIAL  
COUNCIL MEETING**

**Wednesday, April 11, 2018 – 9:00 am**  
Cypress Creek – Clubhouse Conference Room  
7000 W. I-30  
Royse City, Texas

**A. CALL TO ORDER 9:22 AM BY MAYOR NICHOL**

Announce the presence of a quorum.

Members Present: Mayor, Janet Nichol  
Council Member Place 1, Charles Houk  
Mayor Pro Tem, Council Member Place 2, Clay Ellis – 10:45 am  
Council Member Place 3, Bruce Bradley  
Council Member Place 4, Matt Wheatley  
Council Member Place 5, James Branch  
Council Member, Place 6, Tom Crowley

Staff Present: City Manager, Carl Alsabrook  
City Attorney, Jason Day  
City Secretary, Deborah Sorensen  
Director of Finance, Shannon Raymond  
Executive Director of Community Development Corp., Larry Lott

**B. INVOCATION**

Mayor Nichol gave invocation.

**C. MID-YEAR BUDGET REVIEW**

Shannon Raymond stated that we added \$1.1 million to the fund balance. We are in excess of 90 days and would like to stay that way. This was accomplished through excess sales tax, permits, property taxes, salary savings, and combined with the careful spending of the departments.

Carl Alsabrook stated that the Senior Center can move to the Mellody Room for \$27,000 in remodeling costs and will solve a lot of problems. To remodel the current Senior Center to add to the fire department would cost no more than \$25,000. Carl reviewed the staff recommendations of additional mid-year budget review.

**Mayor Nichol recessed the meeting for a break at 10:27 am.**

**Mayor Nichol reconvened the meeting at 10:45 am.**

Council Member Branch stated he would like to see College Street moved up the street repair list. Currently, the next streets to repair are Walnut, S. Houston, Lamar, New, and Old Greenville.

Mayor Nichol would like to see a basketball goal or something at City Lake Park.

Council Member Branch asked if we could use crushed asphalt for the Walker Hawk Sports Complex's parking lot. There was discussion on what could be done to that parking lot and the parking lot at City Lake Park.

**Mayor Nichol recessed the meeting for lunch at 11:40 am. Council Member Houk left the meeting at 11:40 am.**

**Mayor Nichol reconvened the meeting at 12:08 pm.**

**D. DISCUSSION OF CAPITAL PLANNING**

No discussion took place.

**E. DISCUSSION OF FUTURE PLANNING**

There was discussion of the future of the fire department. Carl Alsabrook stated you need to decide what you want the fire department to look like in the future. Do you want a full time fire department, all volunteer, or some type of a hybrid? There was discussion of having a hybrid fire department in the next three to five years and have somewhat of a full fire department in ten years.

**F. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED REVIEW OF CITY CHARTER**

Council Member Crowley asked for this item to be discussed. Council Member Crowley stated that the State recommends a Charter Review every 5 to 10 years. He doesn't really see anything major that needs to be changed in the Charter.

Mayor Pro Tem Ellis stated he would like to see three year terms with Council Members rotating every two years.

**Mayor Pro Tem Ellis left the meeting at 1:04 pm.**

**G. RECESS CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 1:04 PM**

**H. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Recess into Closed Session in compliance with Section §551.001 etseq. Texas Government Code, to wit:

Section §551.071 - Private consultation with the City Attorney; and Section §551.072 – Deliberation regarding Real Property

1. Discussion with City Attorney regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property located in Collin, Hunt, and/or Rockwall Counties for future city facilities and park.

**I. CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 1:17 PM**

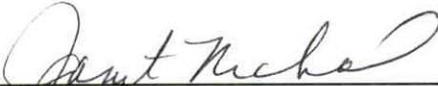
**J. RECONVENE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 1:17 PM**

1. Further discussion and possible action from Executive Session regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property in Collin Hunt, and/or Rockwall Counties for future city facilities and park, and any matters related thereto.

No action taken

**K. ADJOURN AT 1:18 PM**

Council Member Branch made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Crowley seconded the motion. **Motion passed 5-0.**

  
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Janet Nichol, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Deborah Sorensen, TRMC, CMC, City Secretary

