

DRAFT MINUTES
City of Round Rock
Regular City Council Meeting
Thursday, August 01, 2013

The Round Rock City Council met in Regular Session on Thursday, August 01, 2013, in the City Council Chamber, 221 E. Main Street.

CALL SESSION TO ORDER

Mayor McGraw called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Those members present were Mayor Alan McGraw, Mayor Pro-Tem Kris Whitfield, Councilmember Craig Morgan, Councilmember George White, Councilmember Joe Clifford, and Councilmember Carlos T. Salinas. Also present were City Manager Steve Norwood, City Attorney Steve Sheets, Assistant City Manager Laurie Hadley, and Assistant City Manager Bryan Williams. Councilmember John Moman was absent from this meeting.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS:

Consider staff presentations regarding possible bond projects to be included in a proposed bond election in November 2013.

Mayor Pro-Tem Kris Whitfield started the meeting with a discussion regarding the proposed arts facility and asked for the performing arts center to be pulled off the bond proposals right now but to look at it again at a future time. City Manager Norwood then informed the Council that the format for the meeting would be a condensed version of what was presented to the Bond Commission during their meetings.

The Police and Fire training facility was discussed first. Chief Ryle and Chief Coatney presented the information that was given to the Bond Commission. In addition they discussed some alternatives that were look at to reduce the cost of the facility and answered questions regarding the facility posed by the City Council.

The proposal for the fire stations was discussed next. Chief Coatney presented the plans for the remodeling of current stations and the additions of new stations. He answered any questions posted by the City Council.

Michelle Cervantes, Library director presented the proposal for the bond election as well as the newly finished Library Master Plan.

Following the library discussion, the Council recessed for lunch at 12:22 p.m. and reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

Following the lunch break, Rick Atkins, Parks and Recreation Director presented the list of projects being proposed for the bond election. He showed the City Council a short video highlighting each of the projects, and answered any questions posed by the City Council.

Lastly, Cheryl Delaney, Finance Director discussed with the City Council the impacts of the projects on the tax rate and impact to the citizens. Ms. Delaney reviewed where the City stands in regards to its tax rate and where the City's tax rate falls with the surrounding cities. She also presented various scenarios with regards to bond issuances and when debt already held would fall off.

Following the finance presentation the Council had a general discussion on the number of propositions and how to package them. The general consensus was to have four propositions. The City's bond counsel will begin working on the wording for the propositions in preparation for the City Council to consider calling a bond election on August 22nd. The deadline to call the election is Monday, August 26th.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara L. White, TRMC, City Clerk