

MINUTES



ROCKWALL CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Monday, April 06, 2020 - 5:00 PM (Executive Session) 6:00 PM (Regular Mtg.)

City Hall Council Chambers - 385 S. Goliad St., Rockwall, TX 75087

I. CALL PUBLIC MEETING TO ORDER AND HOLD EXECUTIVE SESSION. (5:00 P.M.)

Mayor Pruitt called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. Present were Mayor Jim Pruitt, Mayor Pro Tem Dana Macalik, Councilmembers Patrick Trowbridge, John Hohenshelt, Bennie Daniels, Kevin Fowler, and Trace Johannesen, as well as City Manager Rick Crowley and Assistant City Managers Mary Smith and Joey Boyd. Mayor Pruitt then read the below listed discussion items into the record before recessing the public meeting to go into Executive Session.

THE CITY OF ROCKWALL CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING MATTERS AS AUTHORIZED BY CHAPTER 551 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE:

1. Discussion regarding legal issues pertaining to potential development in the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) pursuant to Section §551.071 (Attorney/Client Consultation).
2. Discussion regarding an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of Rockwall and Rockwall County pursuant to Section §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).
3. Discussion regarding the appeal to the Public Utility Commission filed by the cities of Garland, Mesquite, Plano and Richardson against the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) regarding water rates pursuant to Section §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)

II. ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council adjourned from Executive Session at 5:26 p.m.

III. RECONVENE PUBLIC MEETING (6:00 P.M.)

Mayor Pruitt reconvened the public meeting at 6:00 pm with all Council Members being present.

IV. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – MAYOR PRUITT

Mayor Pruitt delivered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

V. PROCLAMATIONS

1. Child Abuse Awareness & Prevention Month

Mayor Pruitt read the proclamation for Child Abuse Awareness & Prevention Month. Mayor Pruitt introduced Patricia Mejia, President/CEO of the Rockwall County Child Advocacy Center. Mrs. Mejia provided commentary pertaining to the importance of eradicating child abuse and increasing social awareness of this tragic reality. Mayor Pruitt pointed out that the lights on City Hall will be lit up 'blue' in recognition of Child Abuse Awareness Month throughout April.

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44 **VI. OPEN FORUM**

45 Mayor Pruitt asked if anyone would like to address Council at this time. There being no one indicating such,
46 Mayor Pruitt then closed Open Forum.
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48 **VII. TAKE ANY ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

49 No action was taken as a result of Executive Session.

50 **VIII. CONSENT AGENDA**

- 51 1. Consider approval of the minutes from the March 16, 2020 regular City Council meeting, and take
52 any action necessary.
- 53 2. Consider approval of the minutes from the March 19, 2020 Emergency City Council meeting, and
54 take any action necessary.
- 55 3. **2020-001** - Consider a request by Chris Kehrer of Titan Contractors on behalf of the owner David
56 Choate for the approval of an **ordinance** for a Zoning Change from an Agricultural (AG) District
57 to a Single-Family 1 (SF-1) District for a one (1) acre parcel of land identified as Lot 8, Block B,
58 Zion Hill Addition, City of Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas, zoned Agricultural (AG) District,
59 addressed as 844 Zion Hill Circle, and take any action necessary **(2nd Reading)**.
- 60 4. **2020-004** - Consider a request by Ambrocio Ibarra on behalf of the owners Arturo and Jeaniffer
61 Osornio for the approval of an **ordinance** for a Specific Use Permit (SUP) for Residential Infill in
62 an Established Subdivision for the purpose of constructing a single-family home on a 0.11-acre
63 parcel of land identified as Lot 1, Block A, Sanger Addition, City of Rockwall, Rockwall County,
64 Texas, zoned Single-Family 7 (SF-7) District, situated within the Southside Residential
65 Neighborhood Overlay (SRO) District, addressed as 705 Peters Colony, and take any action
66 necessary **(2nd Reading)**.
- 67 5. **2020-005** - Consider a request by Ambrocio Ibarra on behalf of the owners Arturo and Jeaniffer
68 Osornio for the approval of an **ordinance** for a Specific Use Permit (SUP) for Residential Infill in
69 an Established Subdivision for the purpose of constructing a single-family home on a 0.11-acre
70 parcel of land identified as Lot 1, Block A, Sanger Addition, City of Rockwall, Rockwall County,
71 Texas, zoned Single-Family 7 (SF-7) District, situated within the Southside Residential
72 Neighborhood Overlay (SRO) District, addressed as 703 Peters Colony, and take any action
73 necessary **(2nd Reading)**.
- 74 6. **2020-008** - Consider a request by Scott Mommer of Lars Andersen & Associates, Inc. on behalf
75 of Suzanne Russo of Home Depot USA, Inc. for the approval of an **ordinance** for a Specific Use
76 Permit (SUP) to allow the Rental, Sales and Service of Heavy Machinery and Equipment in
77 conjunction with an existing general retail store on an 11.389-acre parcel of land identified as Lot
78 1, Block A, Home Depot-Rockwall Addition, City of Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas, zoned
79 Commercial (C) District, situated within the IH-30 Overlay (IH-30 OV) District, addressed as 765
80 E. IH-30, and take any action necessary **(2nd Reading)**.
- 81 7. Consider approval of an **ordinance** for the temporary reduction of the current 55 miles per hour
82 speed limit along SH-66 to 45 miles per hour from MP 609.829 to MP 610.796 during construction
83 of FM 3549, and take action as necessary. **(1st reading)**

- 84 8. Consider approval of an **ordinance** for the increase of the current 65 miles per hour speed limit
85 along IH-30 to 70 miles per hour from MP 03.358 to MP 06.145, and take action as necessary.
86 **(1st reading)**
- 87 9. Consider approval of a resolution for the annual adoption of pro-rata equipment fees to be paid
88 by developers in accordance with the Mandatory Neighborhood Park Land Dedication Ordinance,
89 and take any action necessary.
- 90 10. Consider approval of a resolution for the annual adoption of cash-in-lieu of land fees to be paid
91 by developers in accordance with the Mandatory Neighborhood Park Land Dedication Ordinance,
92 and take any action necessary.
- 93 11. Consider approval of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into Forbearance
94 Agreements with local hoteliers regarding hotel occupancy taxes, and take any action necessary.

95 Councilman Daniels pulled item #8 for discussion. Councilmember Trowbridge pulled item #11 for
96 discussion. Councilman Trowbridge then moved to approve the Consent Agenda, less items # 8 and 11 (#s
97 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, and 10). Mayor Pro Tem Macalik seconded the motion. The ordinances were read as
98 follows:
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100 CITY OF ROCKWALL
101 ORDINANCE NO. 20-06

102 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS,
103 AMENDING THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE [*ORDINANCE NO. 20-02*] OF THE CITY
104 OF ROCKWALL, AS HERETOFORE AMENDED, SO AS TO APPROVE A CHANGE IN
105 ZONING FROM AN AGRICULTURAL (AG) DISTRICT TO A SINGLE-FAMILY 1 (SF-1)
106 DISTRICT FOR A ONE (1) ACRE PARCEL OF LAND IDENTIFIED AS LOT 8, BLOCK B,
107 ZION HILL ADDITION, CITY OF ROCKWALL, ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS, ADDRESSED
108 AS 844 ZION HILL CIRCLE AND BEING MORE SPECIFICALLY DEPICTED IN *EXHIBIT 'A'*
109 OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR SPECIAL CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR A
110 PENALTY OF FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS
111 (\$2,000.00) FOR EACH OFFENSE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE;
112 PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

113 CITY OF ROCKWALL
114 ORDINANCE NO. 20-07
115 SPECIFIC USE PERMIT NO. S-213
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118 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS,
119 AMENDING THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE (UDC) [*ORDINANCE NO. 20-02*] OF THE
120 CITY OF ROCKWALL, ROCKWALL COUNTY TEXAS, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED, SO AS
121 TO GRANT A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT (SUP) FOR *RESIDENTIAL INFILL IN AN*
122 *ESTABLISHED SUBDIVISION* TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTIN OF A SINGLE-FAMILY
123 HOME ON A 0.11-ACRE PARCEL OF LAND, IDENTIFIED AS LOT 1, BLOCK A, SANGER
124 ADDITION, CITY OF ROCKWALL, ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS; AND MORE
125 SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED IN *EXHIBIT 'A'* OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR
126 SPECIAL CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY OF FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM
127 OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) FOR EACH OFFENSE; PROVIDING FOR A
128 SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR AN
129 EFFECTIVE DATE.

130 CITY OF ROCKWALL
131 ORDINANCE NO. 20-08
132 SPECIFIC USE PERMIT NO. S-214
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134 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS,
135 AMENDING THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE (UDC) [*ORDINANCE NO. 20-02*] OF
136 THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, ROCKWALL COUNTY TEXAS, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED,

137 SO AS TO GRANT A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT (SUP) FOR *RESIDENTIAL INFILL IN AN*
138 *ESTABLISHED SUBDIVISION* TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTIN OF A SINGLE-FAMILY
139 HOME ON A 0.11-ACRE PARCEL OF LAND, IDENTIFIED AS LOT 2, BLOCK A, SANGER
140 ADDITION, CITY OF ROCKWALL, ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS; AND MORE
141 SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED IN *EXHIBIT 'A'* OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR
142 SPECIAL CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY OF FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM
143 OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) FOR EACH OFFENSE; PROVIDING FOR A
144 SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR AN
145 EFFECTIVE DATE.

146 CITY OF ROCKWALL
147 ORDINANCE NO. 20-09
148 SPECIFIC USE PERMIT NO. S-215
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150 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS,
151 AMENDING THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE (UDC) [*ORDINANCE NO. 20-02*] OF
152 THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, ROCKWALL COUNTY TEXAS, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED,
153 SO AS TO GRANT A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT (SUP) TO ALLOW RENTAL, SALES, AND
154 SERVICE OF HEAVY MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT ON AN 11.389-ACRE PARCEL OF
155 LAND, IDENTIFIED AS LOT 1, BLOCK A, HOME DEPOT-ROCKWALL ADDITION, CITY OF
156 ROCKWALL, ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS; AND MORE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED IN
157 *EXHIBIT 'A'* OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR SPECIAL CONDITIONS;
158 PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY OF FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF TWO THOUSAND
159 DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) FOR EACH OFFENSE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY
160 CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE
161 DATE.

162 CITY OF ROCKWALL
163 ORDINANCE NO. 20-XX
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165 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL TEXAS, ALTERING
166 THE PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMITS ESTABLISHED FOR VEHICLES UNDER THE
167 PROVISIONS OF TRANSPORTATION CODE, SECTION 545.356 UPON STATE HIGHWAY
168 NO. 66 OR PARTS THEREOF, WITHIN THE INCORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF
169 ROCKWALL, TEXAS, AS SET OUT IN THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING A PENALTY OF A
170 FINE NOT TO EXCEED \$200.00 FOR THE VOILATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND
171 PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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173 The motion passed by a vote of 7 ayes to 0 nays.
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175 Councilmember Daniels discussed item #8, generally expressing concern for increasing the speed limit
176 along this stretch of IH-30, pointing out that several accidents per week happen along this stretch of the
177 interstate. Discussion took place pertaining to the speed study and what, if anything, would happen if the
178 City Council did not approve this ordinance to raise the speed limit. Councilmember Daniels made a motion
179 to deny the ordinance to increase the speed limit. Mayor Pruitt seconded the motion. Chief of Police, Chief
180 Geron then provided brief comments at the request of the mayor. He generally indicated the belief that
181 changes in the accident counts will likely be negligible with a change in speed limit from 65 to 70 mph.
182 Council asked staff to obtain additional information prior to the next city council meeting related to what
183 will happen if the city council denies an ordinance to increase a speed limit. Councilmember Daniels then
184 withdrew his motion, and the mayor withdrew his 'second.' Councilmember Johannesen moved to
185 approve the speed zone ordinance. Councilmember Fowler seconded the motion. The ordinance was read
186 as follows:

187 CITY OF ROCKWALL
188 ORDINANCE NO. 20-XX
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190 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS,
191 ALTERING THE PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMITS ESTABLISHED FOR VEHICLES UNDER

THE PROVISIONS OF TRANSPORTATION CODE, SECTION 545.356 UPON INTERSTATE NO. 30 OR PARTS THEREOF, WITHIN THE INCORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS, AS SET OUT IN THIS ORDINANCE; AND PROVIDING A PENALTY OF A FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF \$200.00 FOR EACH OFFENSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The motion to approve Consent Agenda item #8 passed by a vote of 7 ayes to 0 nays.

Councilmember Trowbridge sought clarification regarding Consent Agenda item #11. Assistant City Manager Mary Smith explained that two hoteliers approached the city, asking if there is any way that they may be able to delay quarterly payments to the City. Councilmember Trowbridge pointed out that hoteliers have already collected the monies they are asking to delay paying to the City. Councilmember Hohenshelt weighed in, generally indicating that the businesses that have requested this have likely done so because of 'cash flow' concerns due to low occupancy rates caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Trowbridge went on to express concerns about hoteliers delaying payment to the city for taxes they have already collected. Hohenshelt shared that if forbearances are granted, those who enter into agreements with the city will still have to ensure payment is made to the City by the end of this calendar year. Following the discussion, Councilmember Johannesen moved to approve Consent Agenda item #11. Councilmember Fowler seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 ayes to 0 nays.

Following Consent Agenda, Mayor Pruitt read the proclamation for Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month.

IX. ACTION ITEMS

1. **Z2020-002** - Discuss and consider a request by Reese Baez on behalf of the owner Amanda Henry for the approval of an **ordinance** for a Specific Use Permit (SUP) for Residential Infill in an Established Subdivision for the purpose of constructing a single-family home on a 0.161-acre parcel of land identified as Lot 8, Block D, Foree Addition, City of Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas, zoned Single-Family 7 (SF-7) District, addressed as 702 Parks Avenue, and take any action necessary (**2nd Reading**)

Indication was given that this item appears under "Action Items" this evening (instead of "Consent") because it did not receive unanimous approval at the last city council meeting. Councilmember Hohenshelt then moved to approve Z2020-002 and the associated ordinance. Mayor Pro Tem Macalik seconded the motion. The ordinance was read as follows:

CITY OF ROCKWALL
ORDINANCE NO. 20-10
SPECIFIC USE PERMIT NO. S-216

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS, AMENDING THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE (UDC) [*ORDINANCE NO. 20-02*] OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, ROCKWALL COUNTY TEXAS, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED, SO AS TO GRANT A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT (SUP) FOR *RESIDENTIAL INFILL IN AN ESTABLISHED SUBDIVISION* TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE-FAMILY HOME ON A 0.161-ACRE PARCEL OF LAND, IDENTIFIED AS LOT 8, BLOCK D, FOREE ADDITION, CITY OF ROCKWALL, ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS; AND MORE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED IN *EXHIBIT 'A'* OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR SPECIAL CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY OF FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) FOR EACH OFFENSE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The motion passed by a vote of 4 ayes, 2 nays (Pruitt and Johannesen), and 1 abstention (Trowbridge).

2. **Z2020-003** - Discuss and consider a request by Reese Baez on behalf of the owner Amanda Henry for the approval of an **ordinance** for a Specific Use Permit (SUP) for Residential Infill in an Established Subdivision for the purpose of constructing a single-family home on a 0.161-acre parcel of land identified as Lot 7, Block D, Foree Addition, City of Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas, zoned Single-Family 7 (SF-7) District, addressed as 610 Parks Avenue, and take any action necessary **(2nd Reading)**.

Indication was given that this item appears under "Action Items" this evening (instead of "Consent") because it did not receive unanimous approval at the last city council meeting. Hohenshelt moved to approve this item. Mayor Pro Tem Macalik seconded the motion. The ordinance was read as follows:

CITY OF ROCKWALL
ORDINANCE NO. 20-11
SPECIFIC USE PERMIT NO. S-217

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS, AMENDING THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE (UDC) [*ORDINANCE NO. 20-02*] OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, ROCKWALL COUNTY TEXAS, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED, SO AS TO GRANT A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT (SUP) FOR *RESIDENTIAL INFILL IN AN ESTABLISHED SUBSIVISION* TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE-FAMILY HOME ON A 0.161-ACRE PARCEL OF LAND, IDENTIFIED AS LOT 7, BLOCK D, FOREE ADDITION, CITY OF ROCKWALL, ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS; AND MORE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED IN *EXHIBIT 'A'* OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR SPECIAL CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY OF FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) FOR EACH OFFENSE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The motion passed by a vote of 4 ayes, 2 nays (Pruitt and Johannesen), and 1 abstention (Trowbridge).

3. **Z2020-007** - Discuss and consider a request for the approval of an **ordinance** for a Text Amendment to amend Article 08, Landscape and Screening, of the Unified Development Code (UDC) for the purpose of changing the fence standards for existing and infill single-family and duplex properties, and take any action necessary **(2nd Reading)**.

Mayor Pruitt moved to approve Z2020-007. Councilmember Hohenshelt seconded the motion. The ordinance was read as follows:

CITY OF ROCKWALL
ORDINANCE NO. 20-05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS, AMENDING THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE [*ORDINANCE NO. 20-02*] OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, AS HERETOFORE AMENDED, BY AMENDING SECTION 08.03(B), *FENCE STANDARDS FOR EXISTING AND INFILL SINGLE-FAMILY AND DUPLEX PROPERTIES*, OF ARTICLE 08, *LANDSCAPE AND FENCE STANDARDS*, AS DEPCITED IN *EXHIBIT 'A'* OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY OF FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) FOR EACH OFFENSE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

295 **The motion passed by a vote of 6 ayes to 1 nay (Fowler).**
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- 297 4. Discuss and consider a request by Art Anderson with Winstead on behalf of DR Horton for the
298 approval of an exception and/or exemption to the temporary residential moratorium in
299 accordance with the requirements of Ordinance No. 19-44, and take any action necessary.

300 **Mayor Pruitt shared that DR Horton has asked to postpone this item until the city is no longer dealing with**
301 **the Coronavirus. So, this item was not addressed by Council at this time.**
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- 303 5. Discuss and consider provisions related to enacting and/or extending an Emergency Disaster
304 Declaration, and take any action necessary.

305 **Mayor Pruitt explained that he signed an updated, new declaration today, and he would like the council**
306 **to consider voting to extend said declaration until April 30. He pointed out that one, minor modification**
307 **was made to Section 7 compared to the draft that was included in tonight's meeting packet. Following**
308 **brief discussion, Councilmember Trowbridge moved to approve the disaster declaration, as modified,**
309 **including extending its expiration to April 30, 2020. Mayor Pro Tem Macalik seconded the motion, which**
310 **passed by a vote of 7 ayes to 0 nays.**
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312 **Mayor Pruitt then called upon Councilmember Daniels to share information he has gleaned as part of the**
313 **countywide Corona Virus Task Force. Daniels provided extensive commentary, as did Mayor Pruitt.**
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- 315 6. Discuss and consider the City's current financial position and projected future revenue impacts,
316 and take any action necessary.

317 **Mayor Pruitt shared that the Rockwall County Central Appraisal District will be mailing out annual tax**
318 **appraisals on April 15. He generally expressed concern about said notices going out because if a resident**
319 **lives in a house that is appraised at \$200k - \$450k, his or her tax appraisal will reflect about a 15% increase**
320 **over last years' appraisal. Mrs. Smith shared that she has concerns about the thousands of protests that**
321 **are scheduled and held each and every year in the county. She has no idea how those protests would be**
322 **safely held, especially considering the small space at the CAD offices, coupled with 'social distancing' that**
323 **is necessary at this time. She went on to share her assessment of the economic outlook for the city. She**
324 **generally explained that the city had such good sales tax revenues for the first six months of the fiscal year**
325 **that if the city takes a 25% 'hit,' it will be ok. If it takes a 50% hit, the city will take a noticeable 'hit.' She**
326 **went on to explain that it will be several months before we know what the actual impact(s) of this**
327 **economic downturn will be. Council took no action concerning this agenda item.**
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329 **X. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT, DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS AND RELATED DISCUSSIONS PERTAINING TO CURRENT**
330 **CITY ACTIVITIES, UPCOMING MEETINGS, FUTURE LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES, AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS.**
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332 **Councilmember Daniels provided an update pertaining to the recent April 1st Census, as of April 3rd. He**
333 **went on to share that the National response rate is at 43.9%, and Texas is at 39% (ranks 42). He went on**
334 **to share that Rockwall County has a 50% response rate (which puts us at the #1 rank for counties in Texas).**
335 **The City of Rockwall has a 50.5% response rate as of April 3. He went on to share that three tract within**
336 **Rockwall are concerning as far as getting them to report their Census numbers. They generally include**
337 **"Lake Rockwall Estates," "Old Town," and the "Southside" neighborhoods.**
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341 **1. Departmental Reports**

342 Building Inspections Monthly Report - February 2020
343 Fire Department Monthly Report - February 2020
344 Parks & Recreation Department Monthly Report - February 2020
345 Police Department Monthly Report - February 2020
346 Sales Tax Historical Collections - February 2020
347 Water Consumption Statistics - February 2020

348 **2. City Manager's Report**

349 City Manager Rick Crowley indicated that 'calls for service' are 'down' in both the fire and police
350 departments. He thanked the county's Chamber of Commerce for the work it has been doing with local
351 businesses, applauding it for choosing to represent ALL businesses in Rockwall (not just Chamber business
352 members) during this difficult time.
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354 **XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

355 THE CITY OF ROCKWALL CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE
356 FOLLOWING MATTERS AS AUTHORIZED BY CHAPTER 551 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE:

- 357 1. Discussion regarding legal issues pertaining to potential development in the Extraterritorial
358 Jurisdiction (ETJ) pursuant to Section §551.071 (Attorney/Client Consultation).
359 2. Discussion regarding an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of Rockwall and
360 Rockwall County pursuant to Section §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).
361 3. Discussion regarding the appeal to the Public Utility Commission filed by the cities of Garland,
362 Mesquite, Plano and Richardson against the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD)
363 regarding water rates pursuant to Section §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)

364 **XII. RECONVENE PUBLIC MEETING & TAKE ANY ACTION AS RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

365 Council did not reconvene in Executive Session following the close of the public meeting agenda.
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367 **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**


368 Mayor Pruitt adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.
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371 PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS, THIS 20th DAY OF APRIL,
372 2020.
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376 ATTEST:

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379 KRISTY COLE, CITY SECRETARY





JIM PRUITT, MAYOR