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**AGENDA
FORNEY CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, April 7, 2020
6:30 p.m. Regular Meeting
City Hall, 101 E. Main Street, Forney, Texas 75126**

The general public can view the meeting live on our video stream at <https://www.forneytx.gov/803/Watch-Meetings>. If you wish to address the Council on any subject or in open forum at this meeting, you are required to email dbrooks@forneytx.gov no later than Tuesday, April 7, 2020, by 3:00 p.m. You must provide your name and telephone number and state which item(s) you wish to speak on. You will be provided a telephone number and meeting in which you must dial into 15 minutes prior to the scheduled meeting start time. Due to technical restrictions, those who fail to dial into the meeting at the prescribed time may forfeit their ability to speak at said meeting.

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I. CALL TO ORDER

17 Mayor Penn called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Present were Mayor Mary Penn, Mayor Pro
18 Tem Shaun Myers and Council Members Mike Thomas, Robbie Powers, Derald Cooper and
19 David Johnson. Council Member Kevin Moon was absent. Also present was City Manager Tony
20 Carson. Mayor Penn stated that due to the coronavirus restrictions, that this meeting is a virtual
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II. INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – COUNCIL MEMBER KEVIN MOON

25 Mayor Penn gave the invocation.

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III. PROCLAMATIONS / PRESENTATIONS

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1. Proclamation for Chief Rick Townsend on his retirement.

31 Mayor Penn read a proclamation in honor of Chief Rick Townsend's retirement.

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IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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1. Consider approval of the Minutes of the March 17, 2020, City Council meeting.

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2. Consider approval of the Minutes of the March 19, 2020, Special Emergency City Council meeting.

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3. Consider approval of the Minutes of the March 23, 2020, Special Emergency City Council meeting.

44 Mayor Penn asked if Council had any changes to the Minutes. There being no changes, Mayor
45 Penn called for a motion. Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve the Minutes for
46 March 17, 2020, March 19, 2020, and March 23, 2020. Mayor Pro Tem Myers seconded the
47 motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 ayes and 1 absent [Moon].
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V. CONSENT AGENDA

[The items on the Consent Agenda are considered to be self-explanatory by the Council and will be enacted in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless requested by a Council Member.]

1. **Consider acceptance of a petition for annexation from Royse World Land LP and approval of a Resolution setting the date, time and place for a public hearing on a proposed annexation of certain property consisting of a 93.14-acre tract (KCAD Property ID 12976) and a 108.624-acre tract (KCAD Property ID 10892) owned by Royse World Land, LP.**
2. **Consider approval of a Resolution approving the purchase through TXMAS cooperative purchasing electric trams and related equipment and authorizing the City Manager to take all necessary action.**

Mayor Penn asked if Council wanted to pull any items from the Consent Agenda for discussion. No items were pulled, so Mayor Penn called for a motion. Mayor Pro Tem Myers made a motion to approve the entire Consent Agenda and Council Member Cooper seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 ayes and 1 absent [Moon].

VI. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

1. **Discuss and consider the City's Declaration of State of Disaster and Public Health Emergency and related orders of the City of Forney pertaining to the COVID-19 pandemic.**

City Attorney Jon Thatcher discussed the background of this item. The City's current Declaration will expire on April 8, 2020. Governor Abbott's latest Order requires people to stay in their homes, except for essential workers, going to parks and churches. His Order stated that when visiting parks, people should abide by social distancing. With regard to religion, use common sense and have gatherings of no more than 10 people. Today Governor Abbott closed all State parks. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that all parks will be closed, with the exception of the walking trails at Community Park. Staff will take care of putting up signage.

VII. OPEN FORUM/CITIZEN COMMENTS

This is the public's opportunity to address the City Council on any matter related to the City. In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.042, the City Council cannot discuss, consider, or take action on matters not listed on the agenda. The City Council will receive citizen comments on non-agenda items, and if necessary, may refer the matter to City staff for research, resolution or referral to Council on a future agenda. As described in the City's Public Meeting Procedures, comments will be limited to three (3) minutes.

No one spoke during open forum.

VIII. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

THE CITY MANAGER WILL DISCUSS CURRENT CITY ACTIVITIES, UPCOMING MEETINGS, FUTURE LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES, AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS FOR POSSIBLE ACTION, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING:

City Manager Carson stated he wished Chief Townsend the best of retirement.

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IX. COUNCIL COMMENTS
PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.0415 TEX. GOV'T CODE, CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS MAY MAKE A REPORT ABOUT ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST DURING A MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY WITHOUT HAVING GIVEN NOTICE OF THE REPORT. ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST INCLUDE:

Council Member Thomas gave best wishes to Chief T – those should go to Nancy. He is a good friend, citizen, Fire Chief and public servant. He wishes him only the best. Please continue social distancing. Today is our “new normal.”

Mayor Pro Tem Myers stated he agrees with Mike. Chief T is one of nicest people he has ever met. Best wishes to him in his retirement. Thanks to all on this meeting and those watching.

Council Member Powers thanked staff for setting up the virtual meeting. Good wishes to Chief T – enjoy your family. Everyday is our new normal. If you are sick or have symptoms stay in isolation. Powers advised that one of the side effects from this is domestic violence and child abuse. Both are up.

Council Member Cooper wished “T” the best in his retirement. He told everyone to “Wash your hands!”

Council Member Johnson stated he fees that Chief T was the only person who could have bridged going from a volunteer department to a paid department. If everyone would abide by the CDC requirements and use common sense, the pandemic might be over sooner. It is going to take all of us doing our part.

Mayor Penn stated that she has known T and Nancy for many years. She played softball with him. I know he will continue making award-winning jams and jellies for the State Fair. You should also know that he has a beautiful voice. We will hold a party for him at a later date. Be careful and cognizant! Support our local businesses. She thanked our first responders and City Manager Carson, Chief T, John Thatcher and Chief Lunt for their hard work during this time. She asked that citizens continue to bring issues to us. We are trying the best we can.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Penn called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. Council Member Powers made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Mayor Pro Tem Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 ayes and 1 absent [Moon].

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORNEY, TEXAS, this _____ day of _____, 2020.

ATTEST:

Mary Penn, Mayor

Dorothy Brooks, City Secretary