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**Minutes  
Forney City Council  
Tuesday, January 4, 2022  
6:30 p.m. Regular Meeting  
Council Chambers  
City Hall, 101 E. Main Street, Forney, Texas 75126**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Present were Mayor Amanda Lewis and Council Members Cecil Chambers, Sarah Salgado, Zahnd Schlensker and Jason Roberson. Council Member Robbie Powers and Mayor Pro Tem James Traylor were absent. Also present was City Manager Charles Daniels.

**II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- MAYOR PRO TEM JAMESTRAYLOR**

Mayor Lewis gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. **Consider approval of the Minutes of the December 21, 2021, City Council Meeting.**

Mayor Lewis asked if Council had any changes to the Minutes. There being no changes, Mayor Lewis called for a motion. Council Member Roberson made a motion to approve the Minutes of the December 21, 2021, City Council meeting and Council Member Schlensker seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5 ayes and 2 absent [Traylor and Powers].

**IV. 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.

Mayor Lewis opened the open forum session. The following people came forward to address the Council:

Mr. Jesse Tamez  
101 Kelli  
Forney, Texas 75126

Mr. Tamez stated he was here to talk about the trash from Pinson to 460. We need to hire a contractor to clean this up. He asked about the possibility of community service work.

Mayor Lewis stated that court ordered community service will be happening soon.

Mr. Robert Moreno  
112 Brooks  
Forney, Texas 75126

53 Mr. Moreno talked about the light at College and Bois D’Arc. People are getting  
54 lined up there waiting for the light, so they are going to Brooks street to avoid the  
55 light. He asked if there was any way that the timing of the light could be changed.  
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57 Mr. William Clay  
58 252 Graham  
59 Forney, Texas 75126

60 Mr. Clay discussed the Fox Hollow PID (Maintenance PID) and discussed the  
61 members of the board of directors.  
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63 Mr. Robert Herold  
64 133 Bugle Call  
65 Forney, Texas 75126

66 Mr. Herold stated he is on the board of directors of the Fox Hollow PID. 1641  
67 needs to be expanded and Fox Hollow will give 2 acres to help this expansion.  
68 They want to work with the City on this.  
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70 Ms. Tiffany Priest  
71 1001 Pheasant Lane  
72 Forney, Texas 75126

73 Ms. Priest stated she is on the board of directors of the Fox Hollow PID. The PID  
74 board wants the City to work with them regarding the 1641 expansion project.  
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76 Ms. Amy Hollaman  
77 101 Trophy Trail  
78 Forney, Texas 75126

79 Ms. Hollaman stated she is on the board of directors of the Fox Hollow PID. With  
80 the expansion of 1641, TxDOT is taking away certain things from the PID. They  
81 want to work with the City to help replace somethings. Goals for lost land include  
82 adding trees on Monitor, a pedestrian bridge, additional trails, adding lighting and  
83 benches.  
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85 **V. CONSENT AGENDA**

86 The items on the Consent Agenda are considered to be self-explanatory by the Council and will  
87 be enacted in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless requested  
88 by a Council Member.  
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- 90 **1. Consider approval of a Resolution ordering the General Election for**  
91 **May 7, 2022, and take any action necessary.** (Cementa y considerar la  
92 aprobación de una Resolución que ordena la Elección General el 7 de mayo de 2022, y tomar las  
93 medidas necesarias.)  
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95 Mayor Lewis read the Consent Agenda item and asked if Council had any questions or discussion  
96 regarding this item. There being no discussion, Mayor Lewis called for a motion. Council Member  
97 Chambers made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Item No. 1 and Council Member Roberson  
98 seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5 ayes and 2 absent [Traylor and Powers].  
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100 **VI. DISCUSSION/ ACTION ITEMS**

- 101 **1. Discuss and consider approval of a Resolution adopting the county-**  
102 **wide Hazard Mitigation Plan.**  
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105 Fire Marshal John Holcomb discussed this item. Every five years, the County-wide Hazard  
106 Mitigation Plan is reviewed and updated. This extensive document covers all areas of disasters

107 from wildfires to tornadoes and is designed to create safer and more disaster-resilient  
108 communities in Kaufman County. FEMA recently approved the updated plan, and the Texas  
109 Department of Emergency Management (TDEM) sent a letter of commendation to the Kaufman  
110 County Office of Emergency Management.

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112 Mayor Lewis stated that Kaufman County adopted this Plan today and Mr. Holcomb, along with  
113 the other contributors were commended for their hard work.

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115 Mayor Lewis called for a motion. Council Member Roberson made a motion to approve the  
116 Resolution and Council Member Salgado seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of  
117 5 ayes and 2 absent [Traylor and Powers].  
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119 **2. Discuss and consider board and commission appointments: Parks**  
120 **and Recreation Board; Planning and Zoning Commission; Capital**  
121 **Improvement Advisory Committee; Council Liaison to the Parks**  
122 **Board.**  
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124 Mayor Lewis stated that we have several vacancies we need to fill. Mayor Lewis asked for  
125 nominations for Member 5 on the Park Board. Mayor Lewis nominated Jake Lewis. There were  
126 no other nominations. Mayor Lewis called for a motion. Council Member Salgado made a motion  
127 to appoint Jake Lewis to the Member 5 Park Board vacancy with a term ending 6-30-23 and  
128 Council Member Chambers seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5 ayes and 2  
129 absent [Traylor and Powers].  
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131 Mayor Lewis asked for nominations for Member 6 on the Park Board. Council Member Chambers  
132 nominated Kimberly Lees. There were no other nominations. Mayor Lewis called for a motion.  
133 Council Member Chambers made a motion to appoint Kimberly Lees to the Member 6 Park Board  
134 vacancy with a term ending 6-30-22 and Council Member Salgado seconded the motion. The  
135 motion passed by a vote of 5 ayes and 2 absent [Traylor and Powers].  
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137 Mayor Lewis asked if anyone on the Council was willing to be the Council Liaison to the Park  
138 Board. Council Member Chambers stated he would serve as the Liaison.  
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140 Mayor Lewis asked for nominations for the Member 2 vacancy on the Planning and Zoning  
141 Commission with a term ending 6-30-23. Mayor Lewis nominated Pete Rosenberg. There being  
142 no other nominations, Mayor Lewis called for a motion. Mayor Lewis made a motion appointing  
143 Pete Rosenberg to the Member 2 vacancy on the Planning and Zoning Commission and Council  
144 Member Salgado seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5 ayes and 2 absent  
145 [Traylor and Powers].  
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147 Mayor Lewis called for nominations for the Capital Improvements Advisory Committee. Council  
148 Member Schlensker nominated Charlotte Shipley. There being no other nominations, Mayor  
149 Lewis called for a motion. Council Member Schlensker made a motion to appoint Charlotte  
150 Shipley to the Capital Improvements Advisory Committee and Council Member Roberson  
151 seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5 ayes and 2 absent [Traylor and Powers].  
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153 Mayor Lewis stated that in the future she will be asking for reports by the liaisons.  
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155 **VII. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

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

- 159 • Department Reports (Fire, Police, Municipal Court, Finance)
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- 161 • Citizen Complaints -- Actions taken or to be taken
- 162 • Upcoming Special Events
- 163 • Personnel Changes
- 164 • Commendations
- 165 • Public Works/Streets Projects, Repairs or Construction
- 166 • Park Issues
- 167 • Inspection Issues
- 168 • CIP Projects

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170 City Manager Daniels stated We would like to thank everyone for attending our New Year's Eve  
171 Ball Drop. The event was well attended, and we have received positive feedback from residents.  
172 We would like to thank our parks, public works, police, and fire departments for their efforts to pull  
173 this event off for our residents.

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175 On Wednesday January 12th, our website's redesign will be complete. Forneytx.gov will have a  
176 fresh look and will be more user friendly for visitors.

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178 The Forney Police Department is excited to announce the Citizens Police Academy is starting  
179 soon! Beginning Tuesday, February 15th, classes will start for the 14-week academy. Classes will  
180 be from 6 pm to 8 pm every Tuesday night. Applications can be requested by sending an email  
181 to Detective Clay at [mclay@forneytx.gov](mailto:mclay@forneytx.gov).

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183 Council Member Chambers stated that he attended the Ball Drop. He liked everything. People  
184 were engaged. He thanks Mr. Daniels and his staff for putting it all together.

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186 **VIII. ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMUNITY EVENTS**

187 This section is used to communicate items of community interest, specifically, reminders about  
188 upcoming events organized or sponsored by the governing body or other information regarding  
189 a social, ceremonial, or community event organized or sponsored by an entity other than the  
190 governing body that may be of interest to the citizens of Forney.

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192 Mayor Lewis announced that starting Monday, January 10, 2022, free COVID-19 testing will once  
193 again be available at the Shops at Terrell (formerly Tanger Outlet Mall). The tests will be available  
194 Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 301 Tanger Drive, Suite 103, next to NIKE.  
195 There will be both rapid tests and PCR tests available. PCR test results will take 48 to 72 hours.

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197 Mayor Lewis announced that there would be no Executive Session tonight and called for a motion  
198 to adjourn at 7:07 p.m. Council Member Chambers made a motion to adjourn and Council  
199 Member Roberson seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5 ayes and 2 absent  
200 [Traylor and Powers].

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202 **PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORNEY,**  
203 **TEXAS, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.**

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207 **ATTEST:**

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**Amanda Lewis, Mayor**

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**Dorothy Brooks, City Secretary**

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