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Minutes
Forney City Council
Thursday, March 31, 2022
6:30 p.m. Special Meeting
City Hall, 101 E. Main Street, Forney, Texas 75126

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I. CALL TO ORDER

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Mayor Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Amanda Lewis, Mayor Pro Tem James Traylor and Council Members Cecil Chambers, Robbie Powers, Sarah Salgado, Zahnd Schlensker and Jason Roberson. Also present was City Manager Charles Daniels.

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II. OPEN FORUM/CITIZEN COMMENTS

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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.

The following persons spoke against the closing of railroad crossings in the City:

1. Nate Dettmer
Chestnut Street
2. Mike Thomas
515 S. Bois D'Arc
3. Mary Penn
901 Bermuda
4. Rick Townsend
404 S. Center
5. R. J. Avery
433 Ardsley
6. David Rain
115 Jason Drive
7. Cecil Stewart
14955 Melody Lane
8. Joe Dan McBeth
105 Dalview
9. Anne Enloe
1309 Canary Lane
10. Terry Piper
517 S. Center

54 11. Wende Hawthorne
55 106 S. Bois D'Arc

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57 12. Jason Johnson
58 200 E. Main

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61 Council Member Schlensker made a motion to extend the time an additional 30 minutes to speak
62 on one subject in open forum. Council Member Chambers seconded the motion. The motion
63 passed unanimously by a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

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65 13. Connie Jo Ivy
66 212 West Main

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68 14. Gail Leif
69 210 Border St.

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71 15. Pamela Presley
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74 Mayor Lewis announced that Council would now adjourn into Executive Session and called for a
75 motion. Mayor Pro Tem Traylor made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 7:13 p.m.
76 and Council Member Schlensker seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 ayes
77 and 1 nay [Chambers].

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79 Mayor Pro Tem Traylor made a motion to invite everyone in the audience to the executive session.
80 Council Member Chambers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of
81 7 ayes and 0 nays.

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83 Mayor Pro Tem Traylor made a motion to adjourn out of Executive Session and Council Member
84 Schlensker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 7 ayes and 0
85 nays.

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87 **II. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

88 PURSUANT TO THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT, CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, THE
89 CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION (CLOSED MEETING) TO DISCUSS
90 THE FOLLOWING:

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92 1. Discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the
93 governmental body has received from a business prospect that the
94 governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the
95 territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body
96 is conducting economic development negotiations, or to deliberate the offer
97 of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect (Tex. Gov't Code
98 Section 551.087):

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100 a. Project Umbrella

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102 The representative from HEB stated that the traffic counts came from TxDOT and were either
103 from 2018 or 2019 and they were given to them by the city and are also on public record. He will
104 take it back for reconsideration.

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106 Mayor Pro Tem Traylor made a motion to reconsider the decision to close the crossings at Elm
107 and Center and instructed the City Manager to write a letter in that regard. Council Member
108 Schlensker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 7 ayes and 0
109 nays.

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111 Fire Caption Derek Briggs stated he is not in favor of closing CR 212. We need to explore our
112 options.

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114 Mayor Lewis called for a motion to adjourn. Council Member Schlensker made a motion to
115 adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m. and Council Member Salgado seconded the motion. The motion
116 passed unanimously by a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

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118 **PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORNEY,**
119 **TEXAS, this _____ day of _____, 2022.**

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123 **ATTEST:** _____
124 **Amanda Lewis, Mayor**

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126 **Dorothy Brooks, City Secretary**

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