

**Minutes
Forney City Council
Tuesday, April 19, 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 6:33 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.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – MAYOR PRO TEM JAMES TRAYLOR

Council Member Powers gave the invocation. Mayor Pro Tem Traylor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. PROCLAMATIONS / PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation for Arbor Day.

Mayor Lewis read and presented the Arbor Day Proclamation to Parks Director Kyle Rouvaldt and Staff, Adrian Guevara and David Hockett.

2. Presentation of FY 2022 Mid-Year Budget Update.

Finance Director Deborah Woodham gave a short presentation regarding the FY 2022 mid-year budget update. Ms. Woodham stated we are doing very well.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Consider approval of the Minutes of the April 5, 2022, 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 Chambers made a motion to approve the Minutes of the April 5, 2022, City Council meeting and Council Member Salgado seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

V. 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, but no one had signed up to speak, so Mayor Lewis closed the session.

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VI. 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 approval of a final plat for Gateway Parks Phase 5A.**
2. **Consider approval of a final plat for Gateway Parks Phase 5B.**
3. **Consider approval of a preliminary plat for Lovett Forney Addition, located at the southeast corner of North F.M. 548 and Ridgecrest Road.**
4. **Consider approval of a site plan for City Plaza Phase II, Located northeast of the intersection of Regal Drive and the U.S. Highway 80 service road.**
5. **Consider approval of site plan for Heartland Dental, located west of the South F.M. 548 and F.M. 1641 intersection.**

Mayor Lewis read the Consent Agenda Items and asked if Council wanted to pull any items for discussion. No items were pulled, so Mayor Lewis called for a motion. Council Member Roberson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and Council Member Schlensker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

VII. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

1. **Hold a public hearing and discuss and consider approval of an amendment to the City of Forney Thoroughfare Plan and Map.**

Community Development Director Peter Morgan discussed this item. Staff requests approval of an amendment to the City of Forney Thoroughfare Plan and Map. The proposed amendments are necessary due to current and proposed development. The requested revisions include:

1. Additional roadways through the Fisd school campus between F.M. 740 and Ranch Road.
2. Elimination of Brazos Street between York Street and Lovers Lane.
3. Ridgecrest Road extension from North F.M. 548 to Reeder Road.
4. Realignment of Monitor Boulevard and Lakemont Drive within the Bellagio Development.

On April 7, 2022, the Planning and Zoning Commission voted to recommend approval.

Mayor Lewis opened the public hearing at 6:48 p.m. No one came forward to address the Council, so Mayor Lewis closed the public hearing at 6:49 p.m. Mayor Lewis called for a motion. Council Member Salgado made a motion to approve the amendment to the Thoroughfare Plan and Map and Council Member Roberson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

2. **Hold a public hearing and discuss and consider approval of an Ordinance to rezone 4.842 acres of property from Commercial District and General Retail District to Commercial District. The property is located at 503 E. U.S. Highway 80. [Read Ordinance Caption]**

105 Community Development Director Peter Morgan discussed this item. Cameron Slown, representing
106 the property owner, requested approval to rezone approximately 4.842 acres of land from
107 Commercial District and General Retail District to Commercial District. The property is located at 503
108 E. U.S. Highway 80. The purpose of the rezoning is to establish the entire property as Commercial
109 zoning.

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111 The property consists of 4.842 acres of land and is currently used as a U-Haul rental and automotive
112 accessories business. Access to the property is provided from the U.S. Highway 80 service road.
113 The property also has access to Hunters Circle on the south side of the property. Commercial
114 businesses operate on each side of the property.

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116 The property is currently split between the General Retail District and the Commercial District. The
117 request is to combine the property into only the Commercial District. This will allow the property to
118 develop under one consistent set of zoning regulations. The Commercial District uses are consistent
119 with the adjacent uses. The Concept Plan shows that a hotel use is proposed. The property provides
120 direct access to the U.S. Highway 80 service road. The property has rear access to Hunters Circle,
121 which connects to Regal Drive.

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123 Staff provided notification of this public hearing to adjacent property owners and a public hearing
124 notice was published in the Forney Messenger. Staff did not receive any public comments. On April
125 7, 2022, the Planning and Zoning Commission voted to recommend approval.

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127 Mayor Lewis opened the public hearing at 6:51 p.m. No one came forward to address the Council,
128 so Mayor Lewis closed the public hearing at 6:51 p.m.

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130 Mayor Lewis called for a motion. Council Member Chambers made a motion to approve the
131 Ordinance and Council Member Schlensker seconded the motion. The Ordinance caption was read
132 as follows:

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134 **ORDINANCE NO. 22-12**

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136 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORNEY, TEXAS, AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING**
137 **ORDINANCE NO. 1085, AND MAP, AS AMENDED, BY CHANGING THE ZONING ON**
138 **APPROXIMATELY 4.842-ACRES OF LAND SITUATED IN THE JOHN GREGG SURVEY, ABSTRACT**
139 **NO. 171, CITY OF FORNEY, KAUFMAN COUNTY, TEXAS, FROM GENERAL RETAIL DISTRICT**
140 **AND COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO COMMERCIAL DISTRICT; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY**
141 **CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING A**
142 **PENALTY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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144 The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

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146 **3. Hold a public hearing and discuss and consider approval of an**
147 **Ordinance approving a conditional use permit for a hotel to operate with**
148 **a building height taller than thirty-six feet (36') at 503 E. U.S. Highway 80.**
149 [Read Ordinance Caption]

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151 Community Development Director Peter Morgan discussed this item. Cameron Slown, representing
152 the property owner, requests approval of a conditional use permit (CUP) for a hotel to operate at a
153 height taller than thirty-six feet (36'). The property is located at 503 E. U.S. Highway 80.

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155 The property consists of 4.842 acres of land and is currently used as a U-Haul rental and automotive
156 accessories business. Access to the property is provided from the U.S. Highway 80 service road.
157 The property also has access to Hunters Circle on the south side of the property. Commercial
158 businesses operate on each side of the property.

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160 The property is currently split between the General Retail District and the Commercial District. The
161 applicant is requesting to combine the property into only the Commercial District. This will allow the
162 property to develop under one consistent set of zoning regulations. The Commercial District uses
163 are consistent with the adjacent uses. The Concept Plan shows that a hotel use is proposed, but a
164 conditional use permit is required for the hotel structure to be taller than thirty-six feet (36'). The
165 elevation plan shows a four-story hotel at a height of fifty-seven feet and seven inches (57'-7"). The
166 property provides direct access to the U.S. Highway 80 service road. The property has rear access
167 to Hunters Circle, which connects to Regal Drive.

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169 Staff provided notification of this public hearing to adjacent property owners and a public hearing
170 notice was published in the Forney Messenger. Staff did not receive any public comments. On April
171 7, 2022, the Planning and Zoning Commission voted to recommend approval.

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173 Mayor Lewis opened the public hearing at 6:53 p.m. No one came forward to address the Council,
174 so Mayor Lewis closed the public hearing at 6:53 p.m. Mayor Lewis called for a motion. Council
175 Member Chambers made a motion to approve the Ordinance and Council Member Salgado
176 seconded the motion. The Ordinance caption was read as follows:

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178 **ORDINANCE NO. 22-11**

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180 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORNEY, TEXAS, AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING**
181 **ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE NO. 1085, AND MAP, AS AMENDED, BY CHANGING THE ZONING**
182 **FROM COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (C) USES TO COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (C) USES WITH A**
183 **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CUP) FOR A STRUCTURE TO HAVE A BUILDING HEIGHT GREATER**
184 **THAN THIRTY-SIX FEET (36') ON APPROXIMATELY 4.842 ACRES OF LAND IN THE JOHN GREGG**
185 **SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 171, IN THE CITY OF FORNEY, KAUFMAN COUNTY, TEXAS, IN**
186 **ACCORDANCE WITH THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN AND ZONING ORDINANCE;**
187 **PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A**
188 **REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION**
189 **AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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191 The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

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193 **4. Hold a public hearing and consider approval of an Ordinance to rezone**
194 **0.842 acres of property from Planned Development Overlay District with**
195 **a base zoning district designated as SF-11 District to a Planned**
196 **Development Overlay District with a base zoning district designated as**
197 **Neighborhood Service District. The property is located northwest of the**
198 **Monitor Boulevard and F.M. 741 intersection. [Read Ordinance Caption]**
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200 Community Development Director Peter Morgan discussed this item. Blieriot Forney requests
201 approval to rezone approximately 0.842 acres of land. The purpose of the rezoning is to include the
202 property as part of the adjacent Neighborhood Service District base zoning.

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204 The property consists of 0.842 acres of land and is currently zoned in the Fox Hollow Planned
205 Development with a base zoning district designated as SF-11. The property is currently designated
206 as an access easement. That easement is no longer necessary, and the applicant is requesting to
207 combine the property with the Neighborhood Service property to the south. The property is currently
208 vacant and undeveloped. The property has direct access to Monitor Boulevard.

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210 Staff provided notification of this public hearing to adjacent property owners and a public hearing
211 notice was published in the Forney Messenger. Staff did not receive any public comments. On April
212 7, 2022, the Planning and Zoning Commission voted to recommend approval.

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214 Mayor Lewis opened the public hearing at 6:56 p.m. No one came forward to address the Council,
215 so Mayor Lewis closed the public hearing at 6:56 p.m. Mayor Lewis called for a motion. Council

216 Member Schlensker made a motion to approve the Ordinance and Council Member Powers
217 seconded the motion. The Ordinance caption was read as follows:

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219 **ORDINANCE NO. 22-10**

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221 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORNEY, TEXAS, AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING**
222 **ORDINANCE NO. 1085, AND MAP, AS AMENDED, BY CHANGING THE ZONING ON**
223 **APPROXIMATELY 0.842-ACRES OF LAND SITUATED IN THE A. HYER SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO.**
224 **203, CITY OF FORNEY, KAUFMAN COUNTY, TEXAS, FROM PLANNED DEVELOPMENT OVERLAY**
225 **DISTRICT (ORD. 1126) WITH A BASE ZONING DISTRICT DESIGNATED AS SF-11 DISTRICT, TO**
226 **PLANNED DEVELOPMENT OVERLAY DISTRICT WITH A BASE ZONING DISTRICT DESIGNATED**
227 **AS NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE DISTRICT; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING**
228 **A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY CLAUSE;**
229 **AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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231 The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

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233 **5. Hold a public hearing and discuss and consider approval of an**
234 **Ordinance to rezone 3.09 acres of property from Agricultural District to**
235 **Neighborhood Service District. The property is located east of Lakewood**
236 **Trail and north of F.M. 741. [Read Ordinance Caption]**

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238 Community Development Director Peter Morgan discussed this item. J.R. Gaut requests approval
239 to rezone approximately 3.09 acres of land from Agricultural District to Neighborhood Service District.
240 The property is located east of Lakewood Trail and north of F.M. 741. The purpose of the rezoning
241 is to establish zoning standards suitable for office, medical, banking, and other neighborhood service
242 type uses.

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244 The property consists of 3.09 acres of land and is currently zoned in the Agricultural District. The
245 property is currently vacant and undeveloped. Access to the property is provided from F.M. 741.
246 The First Baptist Forney Church is located to the west and Forney Community Park is located to the
247 north. Claybon Elementary School is located to the south, across North F.M. 741.

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249 The requested rezoning replaces the existing Agricultural zoning with Neighborhood Service. The
250 Neighborhood Service District is defined by the Zoning Ordinance as being “established to provide
251 areas for limited local neighborhood, low intensity retail and service facilities for the retail sale of
252 goods and services. These shopping areas should utilize established landscape and buffering
253 requirements. The NS district should be located along or at the intersection of major collectors or
254 thoroughfares to accommodate higher traffic volumes, but it can also act as a buffer against
255 residential uses.” If the property is rezoned, approval of a site plan is necessary to establish the
256 approved site design using the approved zoning district requirements. The property provides direct
257 access to North F.M. 741.

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259 Staff provided notification of this public hearing to adjacent property owners and a public hearing
260 notice was published in the Forney Messenger. Staff did not receive any public comments. On April
261 7, 2022, the Planning and Zoning Commission voted to recommend approval.

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263 Mayor Lewis opened the public hearing at 6:59 p.m. No one came forward to address the Council,
264 so Mayor Lewis closed the public hearing at 6:59 p.m. Mayor Lewis called for a motion. Mayor Pro
265 Tem Traylor made a motion to approve the Ordinance and Council Member Chambers seconded
266 the motion. The Ordinance caption was read as follows:

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ORDINANCE NO. 22-13

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORNEY, TEXAS, AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 1085, AND MAP, AS AMENDED, BY CHANGING THE ZONING ON APPROXIMATELY 3.09-ACRES OF LAND SITUATED IN THE A. HYER SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 203, CITY OF FORNEY, KAUFMAN COUNTY, TEXAS, FROM AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT, TO NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE DISTRICT; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

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6. Hold a Public Hearing pursuant to Section 372.009, Texas Local Government Code, and consider action on a Resolution establishing the Buffalo Reserve Public Improvement District and accepting findings on the advisability of the proposed improvements.

City Attorney Jenni Smith Barnes discussed this item. In accordance with the Buffalo Reserve Development Agreement, the developer has submitted a petition to the City to create the Buffalo Reserve Public Improvement District (PID). The City accepted the Petition and called a public hearing to receive testimony and make findings as to the advisability of the creation of the district and the proposed improvements, to be held on April 19, 2022. A notice of the public hearing and notice to property owners within the proposed PID area were published in accordance with Chapter 372 of the Texas Local Government Code. The petition is attached to the Resolution as Exhibit A.

This particular item is one of the tasks affiliated with the executed Development Agreement authorized by the City Council at its March 15, 2022 meeting. The creation of the PID is authorized by the Public Improvement District Assessment Act in Chapter 372 of the Texas Local Government Code.

Mayor Lewis opened the public hearing at 7:01 p.m. No one came forward to address the Council, so Mayor Lewis closed the public hearing at 7:01 p.m. Mayor Lewis called for a motion. Mayor Pro Tem Traylor made a motion to approve the Resolution and Council Member Salgado seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

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VIII. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

1. Discuss and consider approval of an Ordinance amending the budget for fiscal year 2021-2022.

Finance Director Deborah Woodham discussed this item. All expenditures are reviewed for accuracy as a part of the mid-year budget update process. There were several line items in various departments that need adjustment due to unforeseen expenditures. Revenue was also reviewed and two items were determined to be well over their budgeted amounts. The City continues to experience substantial growth and this is reflected in Engineering Inspection Fees (\$1M) as well as Building Permit Fees (\$300K). The biggest expenditure changes were for the Vehicle Fuel charge, which is \$100,000, and the Forensic Audit, which is \$90,000.

Mayor Lewis called for a motion. Council Member Roberson made a motion to approve the Ordinance and Mayor Pro Tem Traylor seconded the motion. The Ordinance caption was read as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 22-14

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORNEY, TEXAS, AMENDING THE BUDGET OF THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2021 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2022; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

2. **Discuss and consider an Ordinance amending Chapter 2, Article 2.01, "General Provisions," of the City of Forney Code of Ordinances regarding the definition and offense of noisy animals, the limitation of number of dogs and cats, and to amend the section title for nuisance.**

City Attorney Jenni Smith Barnes discussed this item. City staff has been in the process of reviewing the City's Animal Control ordinances specifically related to noisy animals and disturbance by animals. The proposed amendments coincide with current ordinances and notices of violation issued by the City's Animal Control. The proposed Ordinance amends Section 2.01 of the Code of Ordinances, 2.01.009 Noisy Animals, to update certain definitions, elements of the offense, and reporting procedure for noisy animals. Additionally, Section 2.01.011 is proposed to be amended to update regulations for the limitation of number of dogs and cats. The number limitation does not apply to dogs or cats under the age of six (6) months. Finally, the title of Section 2.01.016 is proposed to be amended from Nuisance to Disturbance by Animals. Staff recommends approval of the Ordinance.

Mayor Lewis called for a motion. Council Member Schlensker made a motion to approve the Ordinance and Council Member Chambers seconded the motion. The Ordinance caption was read as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 22-15

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORNEY, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 2.01, "GENERAL PROVISIONS," OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FORNEY, TEXAS, BY AMENDING THE DEFINITIONS AND OFFENSE RELATED TO NOISY ANIMALS, BY AMENDING THE LIMITATION ON NUMBER DOGS AND CATS, AND BY AMENDING THE TITLE OF SECTION 2.01.016; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING REPEALING AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSES; PROVIDING A PENALTY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

3. **Discuss and consider an Ordinance amending Chapter 2, Article 2.04, "Care and Protection of Pets and Other Animals," of the City of Forney Code of Ordinances adding definitions, exceptions, penalties and additional language to coincide with newly passed legislation.**

City Attorney Jennie Barnes Smith discussed this item. City staff has been in the process of reviewing the City's Animal Control ordinances specifically related to the unlawful restraint of a dog. The proposed amendments coincide with newly passed legislation under the Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 821, Subchapter E. "Unlawful Restraint of Dog." The proposed Ordinance amends Section 2.04 of the Code of Ordinances, 2.04.004 Restraint of Dogs, to add definitions, update legislative language, provide exceptions to the offense, and provide penalty for violations and continuing violations of the Ordinance. Staff recommends approval of the Ordinance

Mayor Lewis called for a motion. Council Member Powers made a motion to approve the Ordinance and Council Member Schlensker seconded the motion. The Ordinance caption was read as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 22-16

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORNEY, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 2.04, "CARE AND PROTECTION OF PETS AND OTHER ANIMALS" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FORNEY, TEXAS, BY ADDING DEFINITIONS, EXCEPTIONS, PENALTIES AND ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE TO COINCIDE WITH NEWLY PASSED LEGISLATION; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING REPEALING AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSES; PROVIDING A PENALTY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

4. Discuss and consider an Ordinance amending Article 12.03 of the City of Forney Code of Ordinances by amending Section 12.03.032 "Speed Limits on Specific Streets" to provide additional speed restrictions for new school zones in the City of Forney.

City Engineer Karl Zook discussed this item. The Forney Independent School District has opened Jackson Middle School located at 651 Innovation Boulevard, Forney, Texas 75126 and Rhodes Intermediate School located at 775 Innovation Boulevard, Forney, Texas 75126. The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has conducted the prescribed engineering and traffic investigations to determine reasonable and safe prima facie maximum speed limits for the FM 740 roadway located near Jackson Middle School and Rhodes Intermediate School.

To proceed with the changing of the speed limits, TxDOT requires a signed city ordinance matching the zones on the speed study. Upon receipt of the ordinance from the City of Forney, TxDOT will furnish and install the necessary signs at the proper locations.

Mayor Lewis called for a motion. Mayor Pro Tem Traylor made a motion to approve the Ordinance and Council Member Schlensker seconded the motion. The Ordinance caption was read as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 22-17

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORNEY, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 12, ARTICLE 12.03, "OPERATIONS OF VEHICLES" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FORNEY, TEXAS, BY AMENDING A SECTION 12.03.032 "SPEED LIMITS ON SPECIFIC STREETS" TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SPEED RESTRICTIONS FOR NEW SCHOOL ZONES IN THE CITY OF FORNEY; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING REPEALING AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

5. Discuss and consider an Ordinance amending Article 12.03 of the City of Forney Code of Ordinances by amending Section 12.03.032 "Speed Limits on Specific Streets" to provide additional speed restrictions for new school zones in the City of Forney.

City Engineer Karl Zook discussed this item. The Forney Independent School District will be opening the Willet Elementary School this Fall located in the Gateway Parks subdivision. This school will be located along several new public streets. The default speed limit within the City of Forney is set at 30 mile per hour, unless set by the City Council by ordinance. The proposed ordinance establishes the school zones and effective times as designated by appropriate signage. Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

Mayor Lewis called for a motion. Council Member Roberson made a motion to approve the Ordinance and Mayor Pro Tem Traylor seconded the motion. The Ordinance caption was read as follows:

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432 **ORDINANCE NO. 22-18**
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434 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORNEY, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 12, ARTICLE 12.03,**
435 **“OPERATIONS OF VEHICLES” OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FORNEY,**
436 **TEXAS, BY AMENDING A SECTION 12.03.032 “SPEED LIMITS ON SPECIFIC STREETS” TO**
437 **PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SPEED RESTRICTIONS FOR NEW SCHOOL ZONES IN THE CITY OF**
438 **FORNEY; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING REPEALING AND SEVERABILITY**
439 **CLAUSES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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441 The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.
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443 **6. Discuss and consider board and commission appointments: Parks and**
444 **Recreation; North Texas Municipal Water District Board.**
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446 Mayor Lewis opened the floor for nominations for the Member 6 position on the Parks Board. Council
447 Member Salgado nominated Samuel Bankhead. Mayor Pro Tem nominated Cory Wiggins. Mayor
448 Lewis called for a motion. Council Member Powers made a motion to appoint Cory Wiggins to the
449 Member 6 position on the Park Board with a term ending June 30, 2022 and Mayor Pro Tem Traylor
450 seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5 ayes and 2 nays [Lewis and Salgado].
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452 Discussion ensued regarding the appointment to the NTMWD Board. City Secretary Brooks
453 suggested that each Council Member submit an applicant’s name to her and she will contact the
454 applicants and provide them more information about the NTMWD Board to see if they are still
455 interested in serving considering the depth and time commitment of this position. Council Member
456 Chambers made a motion to table this item to the next meeting and Council Member Roberson
457 seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.
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459 **IX. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

460 THE CITY MANAGER WILL DISCUSS CURRENT CITY ACTIVITIES, UPCOMING MEETINGS,
461 FUTURE LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES, AND OTHE RELATED MATTERS FOR POSSIBLE ACTION,
462 INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING:
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464 Early voting for the May 7, 2022, General and Special Elections starts on Monday, April 25, 2022.
465 The Kaufman County Elections Administrator handles our elections. For more information regarding
466 the election please go to their website at kaufmancounty.net.
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468 The City of Forney and the Forney Arts Council will be hosting a wine and arts festival in Downtown
469 Forney on May 7th from 12PM to 5PM. There will be several art vendors, wine, food, and live music.
470 For more information, residents can go to forneytx.gov/WineAndArts.
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472 This Thursday at 6:30 p.m., the city will be hosting a meet and greet for the Police Chief finalists here
473 at Forney City Hall. Residents are encouraged to come and meet the three finalists and ask them
474 questions. Residents will be able to submit their questions in person or online. The online form is
475 available at forneytx.gov.
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477 City Engineer Karl Zook gave an update on the Quiet Zone. Zook stated we thought we had received
478 the approval for the Quiet Zone; however, it turns out that we are starting the 60 day review process
479 again and at the end of that time we will have the Quiet Zone.
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481 **X. ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMUNITY EVENTS**

482 This section is used to communicate items of community interest, specifically, reminders about upcoming
483 events organized or sponsored by the government body or other information regarding a social,
484 ceremonial or community event organized or sponsored by any entity other than the government body
485 that may be of interest to the citizens of Forney.
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